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School's Back In Session!



Kids get ready for another exciting school year starting September 3, 2025.

It's school time again! Kids are probably feeling excited and maybe a little sad that summer is over so soon. Some kids feel nervous or a little scared on the first day of school because of all the new things: new teachers, new friends, and maybe even a new school. Luckily, these "new" worries only stick around for a little bit. Let's find out more about going back to school.

Here are a few final tips

for a fantastic school year:

- Get enough sleep.
- Eat a healthy breakfast.
- Try your best.
- Get Oriented; the first day of school is your first chance to find your way around a new school, or learn the pathways to new classes in your old school. It's a lot to learn in one day, so don't be surprised if you need a reminder or two.
- Use good work habits, like writing down your as-

signments and turning in your homework on time.

- Take your time with school work. If you don't understand something, ask the teacher.

- Keep a sense of humor. One teacher we know shows his new students a picture of himself graduating high school — a grinning ape in a red graduation cap and gown. This usually makes the kids laugh, and it's a good way to remind them that school is fun!

Botanical Gardens And Gerard Place Celebrate Farm Garden

The Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens and Gerard Place celebrated their ongoing partnership through their Farm Garden initiatives that provide healthy food for the East Side of Buffalo with an end-of-season harvesting day on Wednesday, August 27. To celebrate the successes of the summer, seniors from Gerard Place's Senior Circle and Botanical Gardens staff and volunteers came together to harvest the abundant produce and celebrate the Farm Garden



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Botanical
Gardens

that has provided for the community all summer long.

Since 2019, the Botanical Gardens and Gerard Place have held a long-standing, fruitful partnership surrounding their Farm Garden initiatives. Each growing season, the Botanical Gardens' team of horticulturalists and volunteers grow, harvest and deliver hundreds of pounds of fresh produce that is donated weekly to Gerard Place, a local organization that provides a variety of

food distribution and support programs for families in need in the Bailey-Delavan community in Buffalo. To date, 8,425.2 pounds of fresh produce have been donated to Gerard Place equating to over 50,000 servings of fresh produce. The produce is used in Gerard Place's community kitchen, takeout meal programs, and cooking classes that empower and encourage individuals to experiment with the produce in new recipes and cooking techniques. This year, over 1,281.43 pounds of food have been donated already.

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Downtown Country Market Launches Chef Series: September Samples



Senek Farms set up at the Downtown Country Market with beautiful locally grown fruit and vegetables.

Buffalo Place is proud to announce a new activation at the Downtown Country Market this fall. The Downtown Chef Series: September Samples will debut Thursday, September 4th and continue weekly through September 25th. Each Thursday, a featured Downtown Buffalo chef will shop the

Market, create a dish using fresh vendor ingredients, and offer 100 free bite-sized samples to Market guests between 11:30am and 1:30pm at Fountain Plaza.

This new initiative celebrates the strong connection between local farms and Buffalo's vibrant restaurant scene. *Continued on page six.*

Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



September, 1993. ST. MARGARET'S TO HOLD JUBILEE CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF SERVICE... Mayor James Griffin presents Monsignor James G. Kelly, pastor of St. Margaret's Church, with a proclamation naming Sept. 26, 1993, St. Margaret's Roman Catholic Church Day. Jeanne Ryan, left, is the general chairperson of the church's Diamond Jubilee, and MaryEllen Keohane is chairperson of the dinner.

Local Weather

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SPORTS
By Bill Snyder

A Dream Come True!



Congratulations to the Rebels team for winning the Championship in the Rookie Girls Division of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League. Pictured, holding their winning trophies after the game are front row Denim Norman Row two Zerimer Ramirez, Maddie Rush, Silvana Scaglione, Luna Zerrate-Sandel, Victoria Perez, Blake Kurtz, Elizabeth Ruhlmann Row three Emma Filadora, Tori Lang, Vienna Letzelter, Sarai Ahmed Back row Assistant Coach Scot Sandel, Head Coach Laura Kurtz, Assistant Coach Caitlin Rush and Serafina Sweeney.

With as many as nine girls returning from last year, the six and seven year old Rebels team in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League, won the Championship in the Rookie Girls Division with a 10-3 victory over the Devils in late July, in front of family and friends to claim their first title in the Park's history.

Led by second year Head Coach Laura Kurtz, 13 softball girls, clad in blue and white Rebel's jerseys showed girls on seven other teams in the Rookie Girls Division just how to play the game by winning as many as fifteen games without a loss and just one tie. The Rebels won ten games in a row during the regular season and captured first place in the Division. A 4-4 tie with the Devils back on

June 18 was the teams only blemish to a perfect season.

"These girls came ready to play," said assistant coach Scot Sandel recently. "They were focused on what they had to do, all season long and just went out there and did it."

By season's end, every girl was just hitting the ball and driving in more runs."

Second year girls like Maddie Rush, Victoria Perez, Emma Filadora or Tori Lang were just a part of the total team offense at the plate that scored an average of six runs a game and sent teams like the Wolfpack, Shamrocks, Ravens or Comets scrambling to get runners on base. Against teams like the Angels or Diamonds, scores were close on any given day but the Rebels lineup proved too strong for an upset all

season long.

"Our biggest competition were the Devils," said Sandel. They were the defending Champs in the Division and they sure played like it in our games. They were solid just like us from top to bottom and gave us a real fight. Our girls never gave up though."

Sandel shared a message that Head Coach Kurtz told all the girls throughout this season. "In our games, Laura told all our girls: 'every game matters, every girl matters, every hit matters and every play matters.' The girls really listened and played for each other."

With an 11-0-1 record in the Regular season, the Rebels got ready for the Playoffs and quickly shut out the Wolfpack in round one back on July 8. Four days later, the team sent the Diamonds to the loser's Bracket with an 18-4 victory. That set up the team's first meeting with the Devils. Sandel explained:

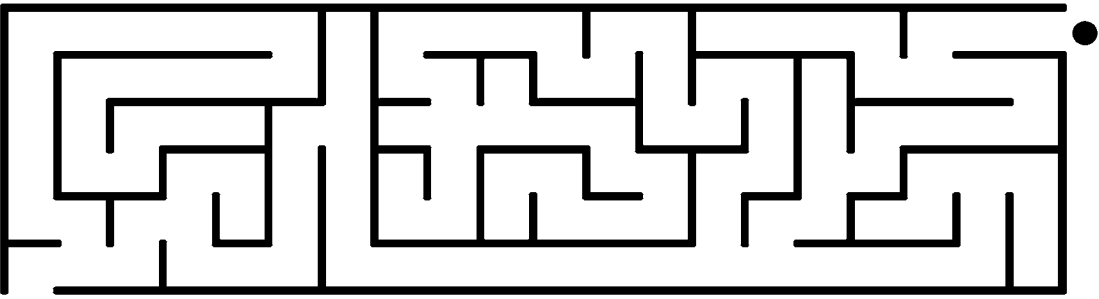
"We were down by five runs in the last inning against the Devils, 11-6, but we fought back in the bottom of the sixth to tie it and won it in extra innings, 12-11. It was incredible! That's when I knew this season was ours."

In the Final, Silvana Scaglione, Luna Zerrate-Sandel, Blake Kurtz, Vienna Letzelter and Sarai Ahmed all came together to defeat the Devils again, convincingly, 10-3 and end a season where a girls dream becomes a reality if they stick together and play hard.

"It was like a dream come true," said Sandel afterward. "It was a total team win. The girls all improved from last season and it was truly a joy to watch these girls celebrate. They deserve it."

Other girls on the team included Denim Norman, Elizabeth Ruhlmann, Zerimer Ramirez and Serafina Sweeney. Besides Sandel, Caitlin Rush, another second year coach, helped Kurtz lead this team to the Championship.

Kids' Maze



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The Blotter

Felonies

From "D" District

Man Steals 5 Credit Cards, A Purse, And Drives Off In A Stolen Car Then Crashes

North Buffalo
August 31, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Officers responded to a gun call at 2439 Delaware Avenue at approximately 20:41 hours upon arrival a witness pointed out the suspect with the gun to officer. Officers did then approach the defendant and perform a safety patrol down for weapons and officer did feel what appeared to be a firearm in their right shorts pocket. Officer did then recover a Taurus G3 9mm with serial number loaded with one round in the chamber and 14 rounds in the magazine. Patrol officer did then recover a plastic baggie containing a white powdery substance and one containing a white rock like substance. Patrol officer did then recover a plastic baggie containing 2 pink pills believed to be in ecstasy from the defendant's right sock. The firearm was made safe and clear by patrol officer and submitted by same. Narcotics submitted by patrol officer. The firearm was reported stolen on 11/05/20 from previous case.

August 31, 2025
Weber Avenue - At 18:56 hours the defendant did go into victim's vehicle that was in the parking lot and did steal a Louis Vuitton purse containing 5 of the victim's credit cards while her juvenile son was in the back seat. Defendant did then flee in stolen vehicle which eventually crashed at Delavan and Weber. A short time later, the defendant was apprehended at 115 Weber. Detective did recover all 5 of the victims credit cards in the yard at 115 Weber and a wallet and purse from the vehicle, valued at approximately \$3000. Defendant did damage a fence while police were chasing him valued at \$400.

August 29, 2025
Hertel Avenue - Defendant did unlawfully enter the enclosed porch which is enclosed and designed to exclude intruders and did take without permission one men's bicycle approximately \$200 in val-

ue. Investigation, video collection, and supporting deposition by detective.

August 29, 2025
Delaware Avenue - Defendant did walk past all points of purchase with \$170.05 worth of merchandise without attempting to pay. Defendant has been previously trespassed from the store for a year period on 12/08/24 under previous incident.

August 29, 2025
Lincoln Parkway - Defendant did have without permission 3 Dove deodorant spray bottles and a plastic gold chain (value \$45). Defendant was apprehended at Lincoln and Fordham. Both bottles re-

covered and returned to Wegmans.

August 29, 2025
Amherst Street - The defendant did unlawfully enter Tops market at located at 345 Amherst Street after being trespassed on 02/27/2024. The defendant did then conceal \$128.07 worth of store merchandise in a reusable bag and did pass all points of purchase without payment before exiting the store. Camera footage available.

Riverside
September 1, 2025
Henrietta Avenue - Defendant did start trash fire near a vacant house. Defendant did place house and neighboring house in danger



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Pitcher's pride

4 Country great McEntire

8 Chew (on)

12 Singer Rawls

13 Holiday lead-ins

14 Peregrinate

15 Belief

16 Tide variety

17 Currier's partner

18 Dick Tracy's sweetie

21 Method

22 Gear tooth

23 Daisy part

26 "Incidentally," in a text

27 Lass

30 Crooned

31 Hosp. areas

32 Pizzazz

33 Boy king

34 Coach

35 Used a stop-watch

36 "Exodus" hero

37 007 creator Fleming

38 Classic Hank Williams song

45 Dutch cheese

46 Ovid's 53

47 "A pox upon thee!"

7 Features

8 "Peer Gynt Suite" composer

9 Bright star

10 Say it's so

11 Compass point

19 Booty

20 Explanation

23 Calif. clock setting

24 Water (Fr.)

25 Blaster's need

26 Bikini top

27 Tiara jewel

28 Enzyme suffix

29 British "Inc."

31 Baltimore baseballers

32 Fan publication

34 Rainbow

35 Sesame paste

36 Fess up

37 Figure of speech

38 Prison room

39 Praiseful pieces

40 Volcanic flow

41 Low-calorie

42 Miles away

43 Ready for harvest

44 Ticked (off)

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Answers on page seven.

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 I Claim My Own SS Benefit Now and Get Half of My Husband's Benefit Later? - Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I would like to get an answer concerning taking my Social Security benefit soon and switching to my spouse's benefit when he begins to take his. I am 64 years, 9 months old and my husband is 65 years, 7 months. My benefit is low due to the fact that I did not work for about 25 years while raising our children. My benefit would be \$573 at age 65. My husband's benefit at age 67 will be \$3,326. My first question is: can I receive half of my husband's benefit once he begins drawing his? Secondly, if I draw my benefit now will that reduce the amount I can draw from his benefit later? **Signed: Uncertain Spouse**

Dear Uncertain: As you may know, the full re-

tirement age (FRA) for both you and your husband is 67. If either of you claim before your FRA your monthly SS retirement amount will be permanently reduced and, if you are currently working, you will be subject to Social Security's Annual Earnings Test (AET) which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit for early filers is \$23,400 for 2025 (changes yearly) and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away some of your benefits (\$1 for every \$2 over the limit). They "take away" by withholding future payments until the penalty is satisfied.

That said, if you claim your personal SS "soon" (e.g., at age 65), you will get about 87% of the amount

you would get by waiting until your FRA to claim. You would, indeed, get a "spousal boost" when your husband claims, but you would not get 50% of his age 67 amount. That's because of the way spouse benefits are calculated. When your husband claims, you will get a "spousal boost" added to your early benefit amount (\$573?). The amount of that spousal boost will be computed as ½ of your husband's FRA amount (e.g., \$1663), minus your FRA entitlement (likely about \$661) for a spousal boost of about \$1002. But since you won't have yet reached your FRA when your husband claims, the amount of the spousal boost will also be reduced (to about \$926), which will be added to your age 65 amount of \$573 for a total monthly spousal benefit of about \$1499.

So, the answers to your two questions are:

1. Because you claimed your Social Security retirement benefit early and won't yet be your full retirement age when your husband claims, you will not get half of your husband's benefit when he claims. You would likely get about 45% of his benefit.

2. If you take your own SS retirement benefit now, you will get a higher benefit when your husband claims, but the amount you get will be less than half of his FRA

entitlement.

The only way you can get the full 50% of your husband's FRA benefit entitlement is to wait until your own full retirement age to claim Social Security.

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Senior TRIVIA

Pop Quiz

Test your knowledge!

- 1) The Middle Eastern dish called falafel is made mostly of what ingredient?
2. Which country has the most UNESCO World Heritage sites?
- 3) What is the name of Hawkeye's living quarters in the "M*A*S*H" sitcom?
- 4) What is a male swan called?
- 5) Which Irish author wrote his last novel in crayon?
- 6) How many square feet are in a square yard?
- 7) What's the main function of red blood cells?
- 8) Streaming movies became eligible for the 2021 Oscar awards for what reason?
- 9) What type of acid is found in the human stomach?
- 10) Which city was named for a British prime minister?

Answers on page seven.

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Rules Of The Road When It Comes To School Bus Safety

As summer winds down, children across Erie County are heading back to school and the “Yellow School Buses” once again dot our roadways. For a majority of the over 121,000 students throughout Erie County, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. Many children will be going to school for the first time and may not be as careful when crossing the street or running to catch the bus. Older children know the routine, but may forget in their excitement to catch up with friends. Unfortunately, each year some bus trips to school end in tragedy -- children are injured or killed in school bus incidents when motorists fail to follow the rules of the

road. Data has shown that on a single school day, an estimated 50,000 drivers throughout New York State illegally pass stopped school buses. Although drivers are required to stop for a school bus when it is stopped to load or unload passengers, children should not rely on them to do so, a fact that parents should discuss with their children prior to the start of the school year. The rules of the road in New York State are specific when it comes to school buses. Drivers need to know and obey the “flashing signal light system” that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions. Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload

children. That is the time to slow down and prepare to stop your vehicle. Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off the bus. Motorists must stop their cars at least 20 feet away from the bus and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again. When a school bus stops and flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction must stop before reaching the bus: on a two-lane road, on multi-lane highways, or on divided highways. All drivers should know that the fine for passing a stopped school bus ranges from a minimum of \$250 and up to \$400 and/or up to 30 days in jail for the first violation. Additionally, a conviction places 5 points on your driver’s license and may result in increased insurance premiums. If convicted of three violations in three years, your license will be revoked for a minimum of six months. It goes without saying that even

one instance of passing a stopped school bus is not only reckless, but also unacceptable, and it could mean the life of a child. Parents, it is important to talk with your child, or children, about school bus safety. Children need to know to stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb when waiting for the bus to arrive. Children must also wait until the bus comes to a complete stop, the doors open, and the driver says it is okay before stepping onto the bus. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the greatest risk is not while riding on

the school bus, but getting on or getting off. Children need to be reminded to be cautious in and around the “danger zone” of the school bus, which is the 10 feet in front, behind and on each side of the school bus. When the new school year begins in the coming weeks, I remind motorists not to drive distracted, slow down around school zones and be alert for children approaching or exiting school buses. If we all exercise a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist and together, we can all enjoy the upcoming school year safely.

Botanical Gardens And Gerard Place Celebrate Farm Garden

Continued from page one. Gerard Place received funding support this year from the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York’s Age-Friendly Go Local project, which addresses the issue of nutrition and the livability issues of loneliness, isolation, poverty and civic engagement among older adults living in the Bailey-Delavan community. At the end of last growing season, seniors from Gerard Place were surveyed to better understand what type of produce they would like to grow or learn more about in their cooking classes. In total, 35 crops were planted, with some new vegetables that came highly requested like squash, okra, collards, and a variety of melons. Seniors enrolled in Gerard Place’s Senior Circle visited the Farm Garden on Wednesday morning at the Botanical Gardens to see the growing vegetable garden that they helped to design and interact with the volunteers and staff that helped make this initiative possible.

compassion of the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens has made such a big difference in the lives of the people we serve,” said a representative from Gerard Place. “We are overwhelmed by the success and growth that our Farm Garden partnership has made over the past several years. Each year, we are so grateful for the collaborations with Gerard Place and being able to further our mission of connecting people with plants in this really impactful way. Today’s event is the perfect example of how plants and food bring people together, and we are inspired by the joy that is shared from our garden to our community,” said Erin Grajek, President and CEO of the Botanical Gardens. With over 30% of Buffalo’s population facing food insecurity and the rising costs of groceries, the Botanical Gardens has been able to continue expanding the efforts of the Farm Garden spaces with support from funders, foundations, and donors. What began as a small garden in 2019 has since transformed into two large garden spaces with more than twice as much produce, four dedicated staff members, four volunteers, and a more diverse and abundant selection of produce. The team has also been able to experiment with composting, irrigation systems, and crop cover to maintain high quality and efficiency. The Farm Garden was made possible in 2019 by the Josephine Goodyear Foundation, PlantWNY, private donors, and has continued to be supported by the Urban Agriculture Resilience Program, Western New York Foundation, Lawley Insurance, Linde, and the Josephine Goodyear Foundation.

“Gerard Place is so appreciative of the partnership with the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. The beautiful produce that we receive from them has a huge impact on the people involved in our programs. The Seniors in our Senior Nutrition Program learn how to cook healthy meals in our culinary kitchen using the produce plus receive some of the produce weekly. We have a Food Distribution program twice a week that in addition to the hot take-out meals, we pass out the produce to over 300 people. The fourteen families that live on the Gerard Place campus also receive some of the produce and attend healthy cooking classes as well. The generosity and

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Farewell To Summer Eve-

ning Returns: The annual Farewell to Summer gala evening returns on Thursday, September 4, 2025. The annual event will be held at Kloc's Grove & Banquet Hall, 1245 Seneca Creek Rd., West Seneca, NY, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. All proceeds will benefit seminarians of the Diocese of Buffalo. Rev. Richard Augustyn, director of Pastoral Care/Nolunteer Services at the Buffalo General Hospital and director of the St. Jude Center for Pastoral Care and Wellness, is chairperson. This event in-

corporates a sit down dinner, Chinese auction and split club raffle with all proceeds to be used to prepare men for the priesthood. Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 per person and are available by mail. Please include a self addressed envelope together with check payable to St. Jude Center Seminarian Scholarship Fund, do Edward J. Reska, 4654 Kingswood Lane, Hamburg, NY 14075 or call 716.648.0370 for more information. Deadline for reservations is August 25, 2025. Split Club

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Downtown Country Market Launches Chef Series: September Samples

Continued from page one. scene. By bringing chefs into direct partnership with Market vendors, the series reinforces the Market's role as a cornerstone of Downtown life while providing fresh inspiration for the lunch crowd.

Each week, the September Samples Series will spotlight one Downtown Buffalo chef, who will purchase fresh vendor ingredients, then prepare and distribute 100 free bite-sized samples for Market guests to enjoy. The activation will highlight the featured

chef, restaurant, and vendors. The lineup includes Queen City Bistro at 42N @ The Flats on September 4th, The Bijou on September 11th, Johnny D's on September 18th, and Graylynn on September 25th. By celebrating Downtown dining and its ties to regional agriculture, the series reinforces the Market's role as a connector in the community.

The Downtown Country Market has been a fixture on Main Street for over four decades, providing fresh, locally grown produce and goods to residents, work-

ers, and visitors. This series builds on that tradition, connecting farmers, chefs, and the community in an engaging and delicious way.

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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, judg-

ment 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 16 th 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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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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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. 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 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 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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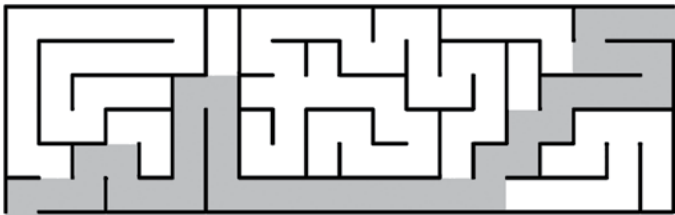
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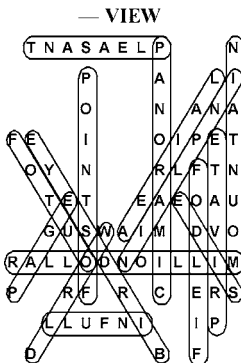
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- Italy.
- The Swamp.
- A cob.
- James Joyce.
- 9.
- To carry oxygen.
- COVID-19 pandemic.
- Hydrochloric acid.
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