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#### The Allentown Association headquarters at 61 College is decorated and ready to welcome spooky visitors to the neighborhood.

The Spooky Allentown Festival premieres Saturday, October 25, 2025 on 169 Allen Street at 2-8pm.

Western New Yorkers are invited to take a self-guided stroll through the Allentown Historic District and discover more than 25 "spooky porches" that have transformed into been haunted, whimsical, and eerie displays. Residents have gone all out to decorate their front porches

for the season to see who can create the spookiest display. Visitors are invited to explore and vote for their favorite Spooky Porch between October 19 and October 28. A map of participating porches will be available online at www.

gallery of photos and downloadable list of addresses to visit. Awards for Spookiest Porch (juried) and People's Favorite (online voting) will be awarded on October 29. Porches will remain decorated until October 31.

Join the Allentown Association for a frightfully fun event at the Spooky Allentown Festival. From 2-5pm, a family-friendly celebration filled with carnival Continued on page four.

# City Of Buffalo Launches Educational Program To **Expand Tree Canopy In Underserved Neighborhoods**

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The City of Buffalo today announced the launch of Buffalo Street Trees, a new educational initiative aimed at helping residents learn about the many benefits of street trees and encouraging them to contact the city to bring more trees to their neighborhoods. This effort is part of the city's commitment to environmental health, neighborhood resilience, and quality of life for all Buffalo residents.

A cornerstone of the ini-

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tiative is its strong presence in the community. Working in partnership with the University at Buffalo Regional Institute (UBRI), the city will meet residents where they are at block club meetings, neighborhood gatherings, and community events—to share information about the benefits of trees and make it easy to request a free street tree for the areas in front of their homes.

strengthen grassroots effort, the city

through UBRI is also launching a Street Tree Ambassador program. Ambassadors—local neighborhood leaders—will be recruited and trained to help carry out the outreach. They will engage residents directly, attend events, and build connections with civic associations and block clubs, extending the program's reach across Buffalo's neighborhoods.

The initiative is also supported by an informa-Continued on page six.

# **Christmas In The Country** Returns For Its 41st Year!

The popular and highly anticipated Christmas in the Country Artisan Market returns for its 41st year at the Hamburg Fairgrounds from Nov. 6-9! This cherished Western New York tradition brings together more than 450 artisans from across the country offering an unparalleled array handcrafted, made-in-the-USA treasures.

Mark your calendars! Christmas in the Country runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 6 and 7, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 8, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 9. Discounted tickets are available from Oct. 22 to Nov. 5 at select locations throughout

Erie County. For more information, including ticket locations, visit wnypremierpromotions.com.

For more than 40 years, Premier Promotions has produced high-quality, extremely successful artisan events including

Springtime in the Country, Christmas in the Coun-Yuletide in the Country and Christmas in the Country Rochester.

Last year, more than 130,000 visitors attended these events, purchasing more than \$10 million in high-quality, handcrafted goods from juried artists and artisans. These events have also helped raise more than \$3 million for Western New York charities.



From the Buffalo Rocket archives



October, 1993. ANOTHER HAUNTED LAWN HIT ORTH BUFFALO LAST WEEKEND...Move over Millers, there's a new haunted lawn in town! John Caligiuri, at right with the shovel, becomes part of his haunting creation at 58 Homer Avenue. Another spooky entry for the annual Miller family's annual Haunted Lawn on Wellington.

# **Local Weather**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23RD FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

High 58°

Low 37°

Partly Cloudy High 61° Low 46°

High 69° Low 58°

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH** 

Rain High 68° Low 56°

Rain High 60° Low 55°

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27TH** 

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# CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS FOR ST. MARK'S!



Back Row (players): Naveen Ladori, Carter Tronolone, Luke Kuwik, Liam Provino, Colin Kleeh, Patrick Donoghue. Front Row: James Bevilacqua, Tommy Amar, Dean Riordan, Oscar Hildebrant, Gwilym Brick, Patrick Romanowski. Coaches - Chris Riordan, Keith Kuwik and David Ladori.

Jace Petti, a stand out player in Hertel North Park Youth Baseball, threw a complete game shutout on only 66 pitches and allowed just two hits on the mound for St. Mark's Boys Varsity Baseball team in a 1-0 victory over St. Gregory's this past Saturday in the semi-finals of the Diocesan League Playoffs. The victory enabled the Lions to seek their third consecu-

tive Championship in a row against St. John the Baptist in a game played this past Tuesday night at Demske Field after this Paper's deadline.

"It was truly an epic game," said Head Coach Kevin Pritchard, the long-time leader for the Lions Baseball team for close to 20 years. "Petti was just incredible for us on the hill and his team defense was stout throughout the whole game."

Two other Hertel

Park players North helped Petti keep the Cougars of St. Greg's off the base paths with stellar defensive plays. Second Baseman Dominic Sabia made two amazing defensive plays in the middle of the diamond and Jack Kleeh handled the "hot corner" at third base to preserve a shutout win. Both Boys have played together with Petti for

a number of years in North Buffalo Baseball and a part of the Travel Blaze teams in Shoshone Park.

Ward Linus doubled home teammate Adam Martin from Second Base, grabbing an early 1-0 lead and the Lions just shut down the Cougars the rest of the way. The victory kept the St. Mark's team undefeated on the season and helped set up the team's fifth Championship in the last nine years.

With three Junior Varsity teams formed now under Pritchard's Varsity squad, the Woodward Avenue School has been the beneficiary of boys who began playing t-ball in the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League. Nearly all the players at St. Mark's play at Shoshone Park in the summertime and it makes for a great pipeline to the School.

In grades four to six, two JV teams finished in the top four to obtain the gold bracket. The JV Lions won the 4th-6th grade Baseball Championship, their second year in a row over St. John the Baptist of Kenmore, 11-4 this past Saturday, October 18 in Shoshone Park.

The team went undefeated at 13-0 against the likes of St. Amelia, St. Benedict, St. Christopher, St. Greg and St. Peter. Head Coach David Ladori, a long-time volunteer coach in the Hertel North Park League helped lead the Lions to another impressive season as

Champions. Twelve players all contributed on the diamonds, fielding, pitching and hitting the ball all over the place. Pitchers Dean Riordan, Naveen Ladori, Luke Kuwik and Colin Kleeh all threw strikes and led an offense with teammates Patrick Donoghue, Patrick Romanowski, James Bevilacqua, Oscar Hildebrant, Liam Provino, Gwilym Brick, Tommy Amar and Carter Tronolone.

The Lions outscored their opponents 151-17.

With Halloween fast approaching, the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball and Softball League is welcoming all players and families to their first annual HNPYB Little Leaves at Shoshone Park on Friday, October 24th from 5pm-8pm. Check out the HNPYBL website, www.hnpybl. com for more information. It's sure to be a howling good time.

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# The Blotter **Felonies**

From "D" District

# **Assailant Breaks Into House,** Throws Candle At Homeowners

#### **North Buffalo** October 20, 2025

Delaware Avenue - The defendant did merchandise valued at \$163.98 and did pass all points of purchase. Merchandise recovered by asset protection.

#### October 20, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Victim states defendant did strike her with a closed fist about the face causing pain and bleeding to nose.

#### October 19, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Person 1 stated that the suspect did attack him in an elevator after the two had a verbal argument about loud music. Person 1 stated the suspect did strike him with his fist multiple times on his head. Person 1 did have multiple bruises but declined medical attention.

#### October 19, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did walk past all points of purchase, out the fire exit with \$789.40 worth of merchandise. Officers apprehended defendant behind 187 Hinman Avenue and recovered products.

### October 19, 2025

Amherst Sreet - Defendant did enter 7Eleven after being previously advised by officers during a previous incident that he was permanently banned from the store. While inside the store defendant did pick up a fountain soda, 2 slices of pizza, and bbq sauce valuing \$10.00 and left the store without paying for said items. The defendant was apprehended by patrol officer. The defendant was positively identified by officer and the store manager via store camera. Footage provided by the complainant.

#### October 17, 2025

Delaware Avenue - Defendant did enter 2121 Delaware Avenue (Zoom Tan) and take a bottle of tanning lotion. The defendant did pass all points of purchase without paying and without

permission. Incident is on video. The bottle of lotion is approximately \$37.00.

### October 16, 2025

Avery Avenue - Defendant did enter home without permission, entering through a front window, ripping window screen, estimated damage \$100.00. Defendant then went to victim's bedroom throwing a candle at victim 1 and victim 2, getting hot wax on both, causing both

#### October 16, 2025

Delaware Avenue - The defendant is observed on camera arriving in parking and exiting stolen New York registered vehicle. The defendant was identified by patrol officer and detective on scene. Video and supporting deposition by detective.

#### West Side October 16, 2025

Hoyt Avenue - Defendant did punch the victim in the face causing pain and swelling above victims eye. The defendant did also strangle the victim using his hands to apply pressure to victims neck. Defendant did also hit victims head onto the porch which caused swelling to the back of her head.





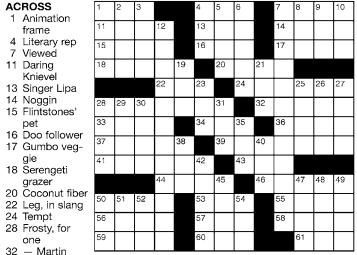
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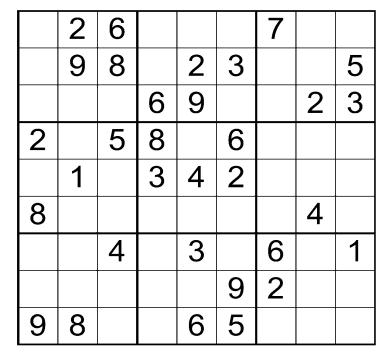
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FREE PIZZA: Betty Cantillon, 1188 Hertel Ave. Apt. 307, 14216

# Weekly SUDOKU



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# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

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# Do I Need To Sign Up For An Online Social Security Account? - Ask Rusty

**Dear Rusty:** I recently I heard the tail end of a radio program which was discussing "signing up for my Social Security account." I am now 76 years old and have been receiving my SSA monthly amount directly into a credit union account for years. Since the time when I applied to begin receiving Social Security, I have had no need to contact SSA again since everything is working fine. I do not like having to use the Internet. It seems the government is just giving me busy work and requiring me to remember usernames, passwords, etc. just when I am trying desperately to simplify my life. Can you shed any light on the need to sign up for an online SSA account by answering this:

1) What is the back-

ground regarding this "call" by the SSA to create an online account?

2) Why is the SSA wanting us to have "accounts"? Mysteriously, no one I have asked is able to give me a reason why we should have "accounts" on-line.

3) What happens if I do not sign up for an "account"?

4) Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"?

Thanking you in advance for any light you can shed on this issue. **Signed: Concerned Senior** 

**Dear Concerned:** While creating an online Social Security account is recommended by the Social Security Administration, doing so is more of a convenience than a necessity. It is mainly a way to confirm your iden-

tity to Social Security in advance, in case you need to contact them in the future to make changes to your SS account. If you don't plan to make any changes, then it is not mandatory for you to create an online "my Social Security" account. Nothing will change for you – you will continue to get your monthly benefits as you have been doing all these years.

Regarding your specific questions:

- 1. What is the background? Social Security has, for many years, been encouraging people to do business with them "online." This is, essentially, a way to improve the efficiency of a) getting your needs handled more quickly, and b) improving SSA's internal efficiency so as to handle more transactions with fewer staff.
- 2. Why does SSA want you to have an online account? SS fraud has become an issue, with nefarious individuals constantly trying to get at a person's Social Security (and other) government benefits. As part of its process for online access, SSA has evolved to a quite secure online identification process, which includes modern security techniques. These include things like "Two-Factor Identification" and use of certain specific identification measures through two main programs for access to government systems (known as LOGIN.gov and ID.me). These create a single pre-verified way to access multiple government systems (such as SSA, IRS, VA, etc.). It means that only one ID and password are required to access numerous government systems and ensures that those who access the account are the correct person. It is primarily a way to protect your benefits from others and prevent fraud.

3. What happens if I do not sign up for an "account"? Nothing will happen, unless you have a need to change something with Social Security. For example, if you for some reason wanted to change the financial account to which your SS benefits are deposited. With a secure LOGIN.gov account you could make that change quickly using your online account. Without a secure online account, you would,

instead, need to make an appointment to visit your local Social Security office to make the change and provide proof of who you are. Again, this is to reduce fraud.

4. Is there a window of time during which we must "sign up"? As indicated above, there is no time in which you must "sign up." If you do not sign up for on-

line access, and don't need to change anything with respect to your SS benefits, then you do not need to create an online account.

So, while creating an online SSA account is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for those who have no need to interact directly with the Social Security Administration.

# **Spooky Allentown Festival**

Continued from page one. games, tractor hayrides, pumpkin crafts, and food vendors will take place. Guests can also experience a guided walking tour of Spooky Porches at 5pm. Then from 5pm - 8pm the festival will feature more adult oriented activities including tarot and psychic readings, a haunted Allentown tour, and a beer and wine tent. This is an opportunity to meet neighbors and enjoy the charm of Allentown under the glow of Halloween lights.

"These events bring to-

gether everything we love about Allentown – creativity, community spirit, and a touch of weird," said Laine Walnicki, President of the Allentown Association. "We can't wait to see the neighborhood come alive with spooky decorations and quirky fun."

Both events are free and open to the public. Costumes are highly encouraged! For event details, porch map, and voting information, visit Allentown. org or follow the Allentown Association on Facebook and Instagram.



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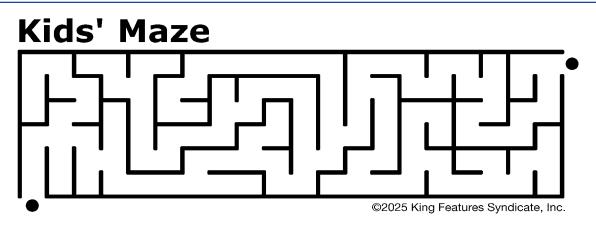
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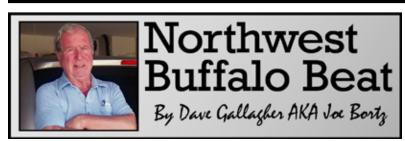
- 1) What is Thor's home planet?
- 2. Which of Charles Dickens' novels has a character named Miss Havisham?
- 3) What is the largest muscle in the human body?
- 4) In the movie "Zombieland," what sweet treat is Woody Harrelson's character searching for?
- 5) What is the largest moon of Jupiter?
- 6) How does George Costanza's fiancee die on "Seinfeld"?
- 7) What is a quahog?
- 8) How many countries does the Amazon River and its tributaries flow through?
- 9) Where is Elvis Presley's home, Graceland?
- 10) What is the study of clouds called?

Answers on page seven

FREE NORTH PARK PASSES: Clancy Seymour, 785 Crescent Ave.,  $14216\,$ 



Answers on page seven.



# **Christmas In Downtown** Buffalo, Late 40's.



#### A Christmas In Downtown Buffalo, late 40's. Photo provided by Buffalo Stories.

There are good and bad things about growing old. Of course the good things are the pleasant memories that one can recollect. The bad is that physically you cannot do what you used to do, but still have the desire to do. That is just the way it is, take it or leave it. Today, I would like to share some really great things that happened back when. So hard to believe how good it was compared to the turmoil we now are facing in this country.

I would like to go back to the late 40's, early 50's. Yes, I was around back then but there are few left that were. Think about it, a terrible war had just ended and happiness was everywhere. Our boys were coming home and the death and destruction

was over. No more rationing, no more sacrificing, no more gold stars in the windows signifying the loss of a family member, just joy in the world. We all loved each other as we survived as a nation doing what was the right thing.

What I would like to focus this column on is downtown Buffalo at Christmas time back in that decade. It was magical. Main street was lined with large Department stores who tried to outdo each other with Christmas window displays. Everything had a touch of Christmas. You have to be old to remember huge stores like J.N. Adams, Kobackers, Hengerers, Adam Meldrum, and Anderson to name a few. Their street level windows were fully decorated with the

spirit of Christmas. Seasonal music filled the air as you strolled up and down to view and enjoy the moving window displays that gave you that feel good spirit of the season. Kobackers notably had a giant Santa sitting in a chair and just laughing continuously. As you stood there watching him you could not help but laugh along. Laughing is contagious. As a child to go downtown on Main Street was an annual treat. The street was loaded with shoulder to shoulder people, laughing, singing, and greeting each other with a "Merry Christmas". Everyone said it no matter your race, religion, or party. We were all Americans under one flag, especially at that war's end. Like I said, it was magical and I am so glad I lived in one of the happy times.

Just want to add that to produce these displays done for the enjoyment of the people, they had to have a huge cost. J.Ň. Adams always had the biggest and best display. Mr. Adams was a special man and he in a way touched my family. He was instrumental in building a magnificent facility in Perrysburg, New York for patients with tuberculosis. A large rest hospital, as continued rest was one of the remedies for TB. The structures are no longer in use and abandoned and vandalized but still there. My connection to this facility is that my aunt passed away there after a long stay at this hospital at no cost. She suffered with TB, back then it was a common and often a life ending illness. The good memory here is that there are men and women like Mr. Adams who were really good people and contributed to the elimination and cures of deadly diseases. People who leave a legacy. Had the ability and desire to help mankind. We should appreciate men and women like this. At least I do.

So that is my trip down memory lane for today. It is too bad we did not have

TV and recorded those days downtown. Wish there were some way to bring back that magic, it was fun, it was great. Those of us old enough, can still enjoy this trip, even if it is just a memory.



JN Adams Memorial, Perrysburg, NY.



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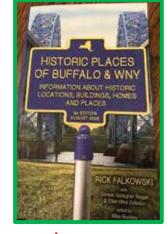
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| Faso Restaurant             | 2126 Niagara Street   |
| Fast Stop Food Mart         |                       |
| First Niagara Bank          | 2141 Elmwood Ávenue   |
| First Niagara               | 201 Amherst Street    |
| Hearts Thrift Shop          | 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 |                       |
| Pat's Pizzeria              | 544 Ontario Street    |
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Fruit of the City fka FruitBelt Coalition, Inc. Saturday, October 25, 2025 10:00am - 3:00pm Mind, Body, and Spirit... an individuals mental, physical and emotional/spiritual health is intertwined Reverend Dr. Bennett Smith Family Life Center 833 Michigan Avenue Buffalo, New York 14203 Prayer and continental breakfast, made possible by: Erie County Legislator Mr. Lawrence Dupre and the FruitBelt Coalition aka Fruit of the City All events are free to include: Healthcare proxies, LEGAL SER-VICES, prostate education, nutrition, cpr training, flu and COVID shots (bring insurance card!), wellness programs, medical coverage servicing, blood pressure, community resources, and more...all are welcome please register to assure your accomodations. Contact Dr. Cashaw at (716)893-6428 or email: cncbus@yahoo.com to RSVP.



**Art In The Open:** The University at Buffalo Center for the Arts (UBCFA) will once again open its doors to the public for Art in the Open — an annual celebration inviting the community to explore the creativity, energy and diversity of UB's arts hub. The event will take place Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5–8 p.m. and is free and open to all.



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# City Of Buffalo Launches Educational Program To **Expand Tree Canopy In Underserved Neighborhoods**

Continued from page one. tion-rich website, www. buffalotrees.org, which serves as a hub for program details, resources on the benefits of trees, and a simple way for residents to

request a tree.
UBRI brings extensive experience in public engagement to the initiative. The institute has led innovative efforts such as Imagine LaSalle, which engaged thousands of residents in shaping the future of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Centennial Park.

"Urban forestry is community forestry, and I'm excited about this effort and the direct engagement with those communities most in need of street trees," said Deputy Parks Commissioner Andy Rabb. "Every tree we plant represents an investment in public health, neighborhood pride, and environmental justice. By working directly with residents, block clubs, and local leaders, we're not only expanding Buffalo's tree canopy but also deepening the

connection between people and the public spaces that make our city thrive."

"This initiative about more than planting trees—it's about building healthier, more connected communities," said Bart Roberts, Director of the UB Regional Institute. "By being out in neighborhoods, partnering with local leaders, and equipping ambassadors to carry the message forward, we're helping to grow Buffalo's urban forest in a way that

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#### **NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF ERIE, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF LB-DWELLING SERIES V TRUST, PLAINTIFF, VS. RODERICK STEPHEN GARR, AS PURPORTED EXECUTOR AND HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF JEANETTE H. GARR, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on March 3, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the first floor closing room of the Erie County Clerk's Office, 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202 on November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 89 Eastwood Place a/k/a 89 Eastwood, Buffalo, NY 14208. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, Section 89.66, Block 3 and Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment is \$71,450.18 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #812623/2023.

John K. Rottaris, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 231232-1

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Forest Lawn Cemetery Dilapidated Stones To: The last known owner or owners of the following burial lots located in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, in the City of Buffalo, in Erie County, New York, and all persons having or claiming to have an interest in said burial lots: ? Asa Section H, Lot 7?/ Abel, Charles Section AA, Lot 72, South Part, Space 6/ Ansys, Andrew K. Section DD, Lot ~133/ Baker, Albert Section X, Lot 29, Sub 3, Space 1/ Baker, James Miller Section X, Lot 29, West Part, Sub 1, Space 2/ Barr, Mary Section B, 47, Space 3/ Barr, Charles Section B, 47, Space 5/ Berhart/Herwerth?, Caroline? Section C/CC, Lot/ Bers, Martha, Nikolajs, & Lucija Section E, Lot 78, Spaces 1-3/ Boedecker, John H. Section EE, Lot 43, Space 4/ Bonney, Mary & George Section B, Lot 67, Sub 1, Space 6/ Bonney, David Section B, Lot 67, Sub 1, Space 1/ Burch, Helen G. Section E, Lot 3, Space 5/ Carroll, Fannie E Section H, Lot 99, Space 2/ Chapin, William and Mary Section D. Lot 78. Space 2 (next to Agnes Spencer?)/ Clarke, Stephen C. & Eliza Section E, Lot10, Space 8/ Cook, Merritt & Harriet Section X, Lot 28, North Part, Spaces 9 & 12/ Couldock, Louisa Section D. Lot 136, Space 2/ Day, David F. Section C, Lot 13. Space 4/ Day, Abigail & Ebenezer Section C, Lot 14, Spaces 2-3/ Degner, Charles Section DD. Lot 145, South Part, Space 2/ Degner, Henrietta Section DD, Lot145, South Part, Space 1/ Dykeman, Almira & William Section EE, Lot 46, Spaces 1 and 2/ Eiss, Anna Section B, Lot 67, Sub 6, Space 6/ Eiss, Mary Louise Section B, Lot 67, Sub 6, Space 10/ Farnham, Thomas Section T, Lot 20, Space 3/ Ferris, William B. Section H, Lot 88, Space 10/ Flinn, John Section AA, Lot 75, North Part, Space 5/ Galloway, Alexander Section B. Lot 51, East Part, Space 2/ Galloway, Phebe Section B, Lot 51 East Part, Space 3/ Given, Nancy Section B, Lot A, Space 2/ Gott?, Section B, Lot 50/ Gunne, James Section C, Lot 6, South Part, Space 5/ Haller, Christina Section B, Lot B, Space 3/ Hevener?, Charlotte Section B, Lot 68, Sub 3, Space 8/ Ingalls, Elizabeth Section C, Lot 10,

Space 6/ Jones, Nettie E. Section H, Lot 20, Space 7/ Jones, Rebecca Section AA, Lot 57, Space 2/ Jones Day, Helen Section C, Lot 13, Space 13/ Kelley, Daniel Section D, Lot 92, Space 3/ Kenaga, Ada Section B, 69 West Part, Space 2/ Kent. William and Louisa Section DD, Lot 109, Spaces 5 & 6/ LaMarsh, Edward and Eleanor Section H, Lot 74, Spaces 1 & 3/ Loersch, Peter & Margaret Section H, Lot 41&42, Spaces 6 & 8/ Ludlow, Charles Section B, Lot 19, Space 2/ Lyport, Tobias Section B, Lot H, Space 1/ Maharg, Sarah Section C, Lot 37, North Part, Space 2/ Manos, Peter, Sappho, Georgia Section M, Lot 69, Spaces 1-3/ McMillan, Hester Section D, Lot 85. Space 7/ McMullen. Catherine Section H, Lot 41&42, Sub 10 South Part, Space 2/ McPherson, William & Agnes Section H, Lot 51, Spaces 2 & 3/ McVetty, Thomas Section EE, Lot 53, Space 3/ Miller, Fred & Sarah Section H, Lot 114, Space 6 & 11/ Milnor, George Milnor & Lucy Hawkins Section D. Lot 82, Space 4/ Mitchell, Sarah Section V, Lot 4, SW Part, Space

1/ Morgan, William & Anna Section B, Lot 67, Sub 3, Space 8/ Mullen, William Section W, Lot 40, North Part, Space 4/ Newman, Elizabeth Section AA, Lot 56, Space 3/ Phillips, George Section EE, Lot 17, Space 1/ Ransom, John Section B, Lot 42, Space 7/ Register, Susan Section D, Lot 94, Space 2/ Reinhardt, Christina Section B, Lot 72, East Part, Space 7/ Reinhardt, Lyman Section B, Lot 72, East Part, Space 6/ Saurwine, Peter Section H, Lot 79, Space 2/ Saurwine, Sarah Section H, Lot 79, Space 1/ Schwarz, Section D, Lot 169/ Smith, John Section C, Lot 28, Space 1/ Smith, Charles Hoyt Section V, Lot 2, North Part, Space 1/ Smith, James & Mary Section W, Lot 39, North Part, Spaces 1 & 3/ Stiles, Charles A. Section EE, Lot 37, Space 4/ Sutor, Augustus Section B. Lot 73, South Part, Space 5/ Tryon, Marshall H. Section AA, Lot 20, Space 4/ Vollmer, Katharina Section B, Lot 75, South Part, Space 3/ Wadsworth, Theodore Section X, Lot 44, Southeast Part, Space 7/ Ward, Amanda Section V, Lot 8, Northeast Part, Space 7/

Williams, Edward and Eliza Section C, Lot 23, Space 2/ Williams, Richard Section EE, Lot 45, South Part, Space 4/ Williams, Addison Section X, Lot 36, Southeast Part, Space 1/ Wuest, John Section B, Lot 73, South Part, Space 3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That (1) the monuments or markers are so badly out of repair or dilapidated as to create a dangerous condition, (2) the persons to whom this notice is addressed must repair or remove said monuments or markers by January 31, 2026 and, (3) if the persons to whom this notice is addressed fail to repair or remove said monuments or markers by the previously-stated deadline, the Forest Lawn Cemetery/ The Forest Lawn Group may remove or repair said monuments without further notice to the persons to whom this notice is addressed. If you have questions, they should be directed to Leilon Duff at The Forest Lawn Group: 1990 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14208 or at (716) 885-1600 and sent so that they are received by the previously stated

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 813120/2022 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff. vs JENNIFER G. FLANNERY, ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN SMART, LYNDON SMART IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION: SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE. WIDOW. HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS. DEVISES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS. TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS. ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOAN SMART, DEBORAH BRISBANE IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS. ADMINISTRATORS. DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, SUCH ASSIGNEES OF DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES. COMMITTEES. LIENORS. ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AND AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOAN SMART, ANDREA SMART AKA ANDREA BANNISTER IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD. ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION: SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, ADMINISTRATORS. EXECUTORS. DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH

DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS. ADMINISTRATORS. DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOAN SMART, CHRISTOPHER SMART AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOAN SMART, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs. distributees. executors. administrators, trustees. guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 79 Andrews Avenue Cheektowaga, NY 14225 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Erie. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Lyndon Smart, Deborah Brisbane, Andrea Smart AKA Andrea Bannister Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Dennis Ward of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eighth day of September, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Erie, in the City of Buffalo. The object of this action is to foredosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Joan Smart (who died on January 31, 2019, a resident of the county of Erie, State of New York) dated the December 9, 2009, to secure the sum of \$54,611.00 and recorded at Book 13476, Page 4864 in the Office of the Erie County Clerk on December 14, 2009. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 12, 2019 and recorded on June 17, 2019, in the Office of the Erie County Clerk at Book 13899, Page 6047. The property in question is described as follows: 79 Andrews Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY 14225 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: September 12, 2025

Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 8738

Notice of Formation of Strombroli Brothers LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on DATE OF FILING 9/13/2025. 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 265 Scamridge Curve, E1, Buffalo NY 14221 Any lawful purpose.

SUPREME COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF ERIE CITIZENS BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- GREGORY J. GIAMBRA, as possible heir and distributee of the Estate of Shirley A. Giambra, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York; JOHN ROE and JANE ROE, said names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being all other known and unknown heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of Shirley A. Giambra, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, and State of New York: DISCOVER BANK: ERIE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to Plaintiffs, the persons or parties intended being the tenants. occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint. Defendants. SUMMONS WITH NOTICE Index No. 808542/2025 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 the Estate of Shirley A. Giambra, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, 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,

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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 the Estate of Shirley A. Giambra, deceased, late of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York: The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Paula L. Feroleto, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, dated the 12th day of August, 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 Joseph G. Giambra and Shirlev A. Giambra to Citizens Bank, N.A., in the original amount of \$100,000.00 with interest, dated March 22, 2019, recorded April 10, 2019 in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Book 13892, page 5509. 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 58 Brantford Place, City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York 14222 (SBL#: 89.70-3-3). A copy of

the full legal description can be obtained by

contacting counsel below.

Notice of Formation of Summit Strategic Strategies, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/18/2025. 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 522 W. Ferry Street, Unit 2, Buffalo, NY 14222. Any lawful purpose.

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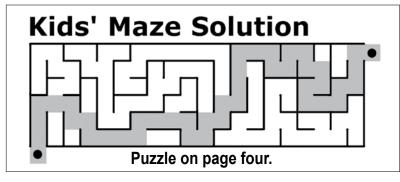
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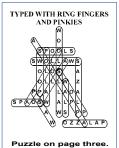
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