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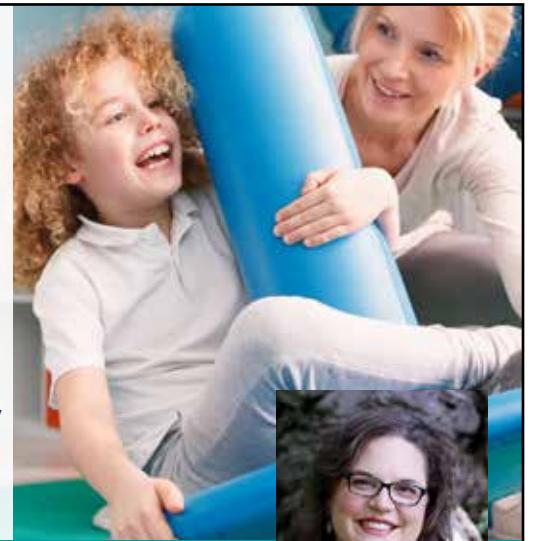
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NICK WARREN

## From the Editors

### The greatest love of all

**A** long time ago, Whitney Houston sang us the line "I believe the children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way."

That song came out in 1985, and even the youngest of children Houston sang about at that time would now be well into their 30s. The inevitable march of time makes leaders out of infants, and sees the rise and fall of cities large and small. The world, including Erie, was a very different place in 1985.

"Things were better back then," some might say. The ever-growing nostalgia attached to days gone by is something that young people today are all too familiar with. Maybe things were better back then, and maybe they weren't. There isn't a singular barometer we can look at to determine the answer to that question. Certain things were better back then. Certain things were worse too. There are countless lessons that we can learn from the past. Younger generations need to listen in order to avoid the problems we experienced if they want to replicate our successes.

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Eventually, all leaders must pass the torch to the next generation. When both parties involved are doing their job well, this should be a fairly smooth transition. If one side fails, then both sides have a greater challenge ahead of them. There's responsibility on both ends.

The question, then, is did the previous generation "teach them well?" Judging from our current crop of 40 Under 40 honorees, we can safely say the answer is "yes."

Congratulations to those on both sides of that arbitrary age marker. You've done well.

Every year, the editorial board at the Reader is thoroughly impressed by the swath of candidates nominated for the yearly honor. This year is certainly no exception. The group of leaders honored this year represent the best in a wide variety of fields. Entrepreneurs, artists, activists, and innovators populate the list, every one of them notable for their own specific reasons.

Maybe you see someone that you think should have made the list? Well, just stay tuned, because nominations for 2018 will open soon enough. Maybe you're reading this right now and you're thinking that you should have made the list, well. Well, our humble reader, maybe this year might be the year to really step things up a notch. After all, there's no time like the present.

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# Erie's 2017 "40 Under 40"

Innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders shaping the future of Erie

Where is Erie going and who will take it there? Our annual "40 Under 40" feature seeks to answer these questions, giving a face to the present as we face an uncertain future. However, if these 40 young men and women are any indication, that future is not without promise. Whether it's making a difference one-on-one in a classroom setting or lobbying for change on a national level, these electees prove that, yes, success can (and does) happen here. These are passionate individuals intensely dedicated to their crafts, trades, and causes, working hard to rewrite our narrative and reroute our course. A better tomorrow is not as far away as you may think — in fact, it may reside in an ambitious friend or neighbor today.

We will now introduce the torchbearers that will help light our way in the years to come — from recent high school graduates to businesspeople in their professional primes. What lies at the end of the corridor remains to be seen, but with clear vision and steady leadership, it is surer to be a future Erieites of any age can live with.

## Emily Antolik, 26

Director of Communications, the Erie Zoo



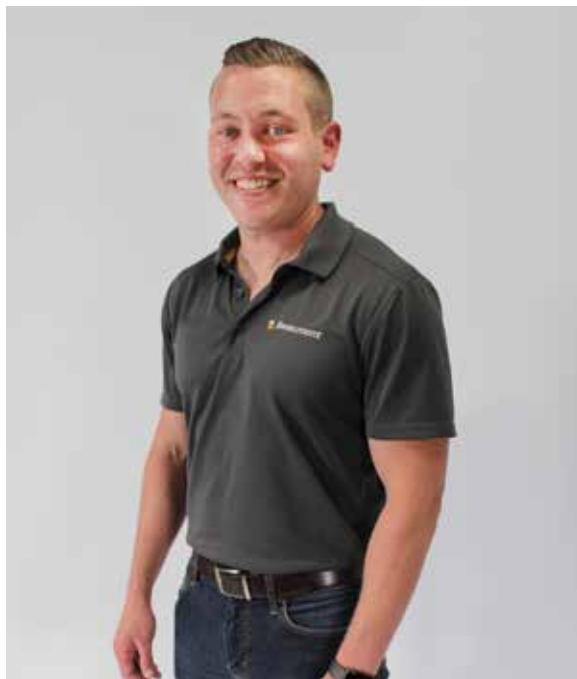
While some may recognize her as "the zoo girl" (an unofficial title she is proud to don), there are plenty of reasons Emily Antolik belongs in our "40 Under 40" this year. Her official title is Director of Communications at the Erie Zoo, a place where she can share her passion for animals, specifically endangered species. She is the youngest director at the zoo, taking it upon herself to coordinate massive fundraisers such as GalapaZOOza and even creating the newly popular Lions, Tigers and Beers event.

Elsewhere, Antolik works as the game time arena

hostess for the Erie Bayhawks and has joined the Erie Otters in the same role this season. Her love for animals comes full-circle in her volunteer work with Therapy Dogs United and her beagle, Dodge. Through these outlets, this "zoo girl" provides the community with both service and entertainment.

## Alex Beaumont, 33

Director of Business Development, Beaumont Technologies



Alex Beaumont's dedication and creativity set him apart, making him a noteworthy business leader in the community.

Beaumont graduated from Harborcreek High School before attending Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, where he earned a degree in plastics engineering and technology. He now works for Beaumont Technologies and the American Injection Molding Institute. Based out of Erie, Beaumont manages sales, marketing, and customer relations on a global scale.

"Erie used to be a very large hub for plastic injection molding and tool manufacturing," Beaumont said. "It has recently started to make a comeback and a reputation for itself, and I want to do whatever I can to help that get back to what it used to be."

Outside of work, Beaumont continues to give back to his community. He volunteers with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, inspired by the fact that his 5-year-old daughter, Millie has Type 1 Diabetes. He is also volunteer coach with the Erie Youth Soccer Association.

## Levi Black, 37

Director, UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia/Gannon University's Registered Nurse Anesthetists Program

Anna Paquin, Theodore Roosevelt, and Levi Black: What do these three have in common? They were all impressively young when they reached the first pin-



nacle of what would go on to become long, illustrious careers.

In Black's case, that includes serving as a highly specialized certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) in the operating room since 2010, counting himself among the first graduates of Gannon's Doctor of Nursing program in 2014 and, as of this year, leading the UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia/Gannon University's registered nurse anesthetists program as director. This makes him one of the youngest program directors of his kind in the entire country, an impressive accolade that Black, the product of a public-school upbringing, nonetheless describes with an almost vocational sense of humility. A devoted family man and outdoorsman, Black believes not only in the quality of care he and his students provide for Erie residents, but in all the "ambitious young leaders of tomorrow" who call Erie home.

## Jaimee Black, 39

VP of Operations, Hamot Healthcare Foundation

Jaimee believes there are two ways to react to "F.E.A.R." — "Forget Everything and Run or Face Everything and Rise."

The choice to face everything and rise has kept Jaimee, along with her husband and three children, in Erie. After graduating from Edinboro University with her BA in administration and marketing, she has built a successful career with the Hamot Healthcare Foundation, where she is currently the Vice President of Operations. She is a key member of the team and has been instrumental in beginning new fundraising events and strategies.

Jaimee explains how these funds affect the Erie area, "What people may not know is that...Hamot Health Foundation places a greater focus on community health initiatives...to support many of our community's greatest challenges including education, the opi-



oid crisis, poverty, crime and job development. I am proud to work for an organization that has made this a priority and has chosen to embrace this community..."

Along with her family and profession, Jaimee also serves on various community boards and is an active member of the Rotary Club of Erie.

**Melanie Brewer-Teetzel, 31**

*Campaign Strategist; Realtor, Coldwell Banker; Data Analyst, Wellsville, USA*



**M**elanie Brewer-Teetzel isn't afraid of work, neither in degree, amount, nor difficulty. Her early entry

to the workforce illustrates that.

"I started working when I was 12," says this Erie native, who got her start at Urbaniak Brothers Quality Meats salting pork bellies and never looked back.

"I truly believe in the management approach, where if I ask people to do something, I better be willing to do it alongside," says the Collegiate Academy alumna who went on to study at both Penn State Erie, the Behrend College and Penn State Beaver.

That lateral leadership style likely speaks to how Brewer-Teetzel juggles the host of responsibilities she's undertaken, from managing rental units in Edinboro, to working as a realtor, to serving as a data analyst, to starting a business, to working with political campaigns.

To date, she's seen success on the campaign trail, having worked on Congressman Mike Kelly's 2012 re-election bid and State Senator Dan Laughlin's 2016 ousting of incumbent Sean Wiley. She's now working on John Persinger's bid to become Erie's next mayor in November 2017.

"I believe that the youth of this town – not determined only by age, but by energy – is what will make Erie thrive once again," she says. "In the meantime, I encourage all of the first-timers entering into the workforce to work hard and stay humble but dream big."

**Sarah Brown-Millspaw, 39**

*Clerk, Erie County Public Library; Co-creator of the Erie Library Local Music Project*



**S**arah Brown-Millspaw is an undeniably positive force in our community. Certain people effortlessly radiate an honest, cheerful energy; Millspaw might be one of the greatest examples of that. With an infectious smile and a colorful wardrobe palette, she's literally able to brighten up the Blasco Memorial Library simply by showing up to work. Together with "40

Under 40" alum Jessica Makowski, Millspaw helped to found the Erie Library Local Music Project, a comprehensive collection cataloguing local original music. Evolving her role as a librarian, Millspaw has been able to collect an important (and often hard-to-find) part of Erie's cultural landscape. Not only does she observe her community, she loves it. In addition to overseeing the library's regular "talent shares," she founded the exceptionally active facebook group "Raising Erie's Self-Esteem," a group full of like-minded individuals approaching our city with some much-needed enthusiasm. Fostering creative thinking amongst all ages, Millspaw exclaimed that "young people are the ones who have the power to make Erie AMAZING! If we all did one teeny tiny thing to better our city it would be the coolest place on Earth!"

**Jenesia Buschman, 33**

*Teacher, Erie Rise Leadership Academy*



**D**id you ever accidentally call a teacher "Mom"? For some of Jenesia Buschman's students, that motherly moniker ("School Mom," to be exact) is no accident at all, but instead a powerful testament to the bond this Erie area-native is forging with her students at Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School.

After obtaining both her bachelor's degree and master's degree in Pennsylvania, Buschman journeyed to Diboll, Texas to teach kindergartners for three years, then returned to Erie to help shape, instruct, challenge and engage the minds of her first grade girls. For Buschman, this clearly involves more than memorizing times tables or learning to diagram sentences.

"I have exposed my students to yoga, mindfulness, music and dance in order for them to build confidence, self-control and self-esteem," she says, because "teaching is developing the whole student, not just academics." In return, Buschman reaps what she so thoughtfully sows, spending her days among students whom she describes as "energetic, joyful and expressive" — in short, the leaders of tomorrow.



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**Joelyn Bush, 31**

*Director of Marketing and Communications, United Way of Erie County*



Sometimes life has a way of coming full circle. For Joelyn Bush, that circle is the United Way of Erie County.

When this Erie native began working part-time at Wegmans at 15, she donated a portion of her paychecks to United Way. Fast-forward 16 years: Not only is she one of the organization's youngest loyal contributors, she's now serving as its director of marketing and communications – a role she took on in 2014 after having held director-level positions at both the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership and the Erie Community Foundation.

This Lake City resident serves as a board member for the Whole Foods Cooperative and Public Relations Society of America - NWPA Chapter. Adding that she's "rooted here and committed to making daily choices, big and small, that make Erie a better place," the Edinboro University alumna with a degree in speech communications is also as a member of Erie County Technical School's Public Advisory Council, the Athena PowerLink Panel and Leadership Luncheon Committee, and the Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy

2017 cohort.

"Being a fan of Erie is contagious," says the strong advocate and actor in shaping Erie's positive narrative. "Remain consciously and daringly optimistic that you can make a difference right here, right where you are. We need you!"

**Nanda Chuwan, 39**

*Case Manager, International Institute of Erie*



Nanda Chuwan has been called "the pulse of Erie's New American community." Born in Bhutan, Nanda spent nearly two decades in a refugee camp in Nepal before arriving in Erie, where he has become a community leader among Erie's more than 4,000 Bhutanese and well-regarded among other New American groups as well. He became an American citizen in 2015. Now he works with those who have suffered from war, were deprived of basic human rights, and were displaced, but now call Erie home. "Everyday," he says, "I work with refugees to unite their families, rebuild their lives through employment, and pave a pathway to social integration through the adoption of mainstream American values and norms."

**Daniel Doubet, 33**

*Executive Director, Erie Organizer, Keystone Progress*



Daniel Doubet returned to Erie in 2013 to do two things: Start a family and work to empower the people of Erie. As a proud father residing in North East and as the executive director and Erie organizer for Keystone Progress, he's succeeding at both in short order.

This Meadville, Pennsylvania native, who jokes he often supplants "California" with "Pennsylvania" in popular songs, has worked for a decade organizing and mobilizing communities around the country and is now a driving force behind local progressive movements, organizing various rallies (of recent note and both boasting large turnouts: Erie's Women's March and the Erie Stands for Immigrants and Refugees March), taking direct action, and training community members. A graduate of Marymount Manhattan College, Doubet now leads Keystone Progress, Pennsylvania's largest multi-issue progressive organization.

Of Erie's youth, this 2016 Democratic National Convention Bernie Sanders delegate says: "We are more than Erie's future; we are Erie's present. Millennials are the largest group in the region, and we have the power to build the community that we want."



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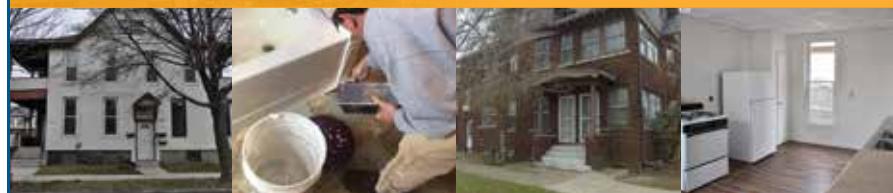
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**Rick Fetzner, 33**

*Physics Teacher, McDowell High School*



Teaching is in all ways, shapes, and forms admirable, but it's the extra mile Rick Fetzner goes that lands him on our "40 Under 40" list this year. In his nomination, Fetzner was noted as a "role model to his students." As a physics teacher at McDowell High School, he motivates his students to reach top AP physics scores, and because of these scores, Fetzner has been enlisted by the National Math and Science Initiative as a consultant for both students and teachers coast-to-coast. He also works as an adjunct professor at both Penn State Erie, The Behrend College and Gannon University.

Though some of his students leave Erie for college, Fetzner believes the time they spend here "directly affects their future accomplishments."

"Every day I am privileged to be surrounded by students with profound intellect and merit," Fetzner says. "It makes me proud to have guided them on a path to become contributors to Erie's prosperity as future leaders of the community."

**Miranda L. Galbreath, 37**

*Licensed Professional Counselor, Community Activist*



Miranda L. Galbreath acquired masters degrees in California (Argosy University, MA in Forensic Psychology) and Colorado (Adams State University, MA in Clinical Health Counseling) – but her education began and continues here in Erie. Galbreath works as a Psychological Services Specialist at Albion State Correctional Institution, where she provides routine mental care and runs therapeutic groups with adult male sex offenders. Most women would be reluctant to lend support in that direction, but Galbreath doesn't wince. In fact, she doesn't hesitate to lend her support to several causes.

"Kindness, respect and authenticity are my superpowers. They make everything and everyone around me (and all of us) better."

Beyond the prison walls, she is an international presenter on topics regarding sexual assault, victim

advocacy, and LGBTQ social equality. She volunteers at schools, youth groups, and numerous nonprofits, most notably Canine Partners for Life (CPL). CPL is a volunteer program in which inmates raise and train service dogs for people with disabilities. The dogs help both their inmate handlers and their eventual owners discover new purpose. Whatever your passion, Galbreath encourages you to unleash it. "Do what you love...that's how you meet amazing people."

**Alayna Getchell, 29**

*Human Resources Coordinator, The Regional Cancer Center, and President of Progressive Leaders of Tomorrow*



By day, she works attracting talent to the Regional Cancer Center. By night, her passion and motivation turns to transforming Erie, her adopted home, through a myriad of progressive activism. "Change is incremental," says Bloomington, Illinois native Alayna Getchell, "but change is happening in Erie!" She helps

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mentor, empower, and connect young progressives in her roles as secretary for Keystone Progress and President of Young Democrats, Erie Chapter, which is in the process of receiving its national charter. Proudly self-identifying as “Congressman Kelly’s worst nightmare,” Getchell knows she may need to ruffle feathers once in awhile to be heard and to help others find their voice. “I will do whatever it takes to make sure the youth is recognized and heard,” she says. “We are fighting tooth and nail against the status quo and self-serving politics. And I promise you, the best has yet to come!”

**Brandon Grimshawe, 36**

*Founder, Millcreek Animal Hospital*



**D**r. Brandon Grimshawe founded Millcreek Animal Hospital less than a year ago in August of 2016, but the path that took him there may surprise you. Dr. Grimshawe first spent six years as an infantry rifleman in the U.S. Marine Corps before deciding to study biology and chemistry at the University of Alabama Birmingham, located near his hometown. After moving forward to receive a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, he packed everything and moved to Erie, where he would eventually start his business and a family with his wife, Erie native Dr. Jenny Grimshawe.

“As a veterinarian in Erie, I hope to be able to provide a better veterinary experience for animal owners through education, quality medicine and strengthening the human-animal bond.” His story is a humble reminder of the diverse paths that often bond us in Erie.

**Gregory Hall, 35**

*Director of Business Development, Shriner’s Hospital for Children*

**I**f you need to raise money to provide quality children’s healthcare while simultaneously seeking to



employ someone who is enormously handy during a move, Gregory Hall is your man. The Zelienople native, who holds both a B.S. in Chemistry and a J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, currently serves as the Director of Business Development for Erie’s renowned Shriner’s Hospital for Children (SHC). In addition to his metaphorical professional heavy lifting, Hall can deadlift 500 real, literal pounds!

Some might argue that his heart is the strongest muscle of all; by leading the team which grows the donation pool, directs PR and marketing initiatives, and drives the strategic and operational goals of SHC, Hall’s impact on the lives and health of children is unparalleled. The published co-author, husband, and father of twins, who also volunteers his time with the Second Harvest Food Bank and Safenet, loves seeing all the people whom he describes as “personally committed to Erie” and its success. They’re in good company, Gregory.

**Melanie D. Hetzel-Riggin, 39**

*Professor of Psychology, Licensed Clinical Psychologist*

**M**elanie D. Hetzel-Riggin isn’t from Erie, but the city has found a special place in her heart.

“I have never lived in a place before with so many people from different sectors of the community who are all dedicated to improving the lives of the youth in the community,” said Hetzel-Riggin, a professor of psychology at Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

Hailing from Whitewater, Wis., she attended Quincy University in Quincy, Ill. and later earned her master’s and doctorate in clinical psychology at Northern Illinois University.

Outside of the classroom, Hetzel-Riggin works with local social service and community agencies, such as SafeNet, the Crime Victim Center, and the Office of Children and Youth (OCY). She uses her abilities to



make a difference in the lives of youth, survivors of violence, and at-risk groups.

“The young people of Erie are innovative, collaborative, connected, resourceful and energetic — they see the amazing potential Erie has and are working tirelessly to revitalize and grow this community.”

**Paul Hoffman, 20**

*President, Hoffman United*



**T**he youngest person in the field of this year’s nominees, Paul Hoffman is actively seeking to rebuild Erie. A business owner at 20 years old, he oversees Hoffman United, a company that specializes in de-

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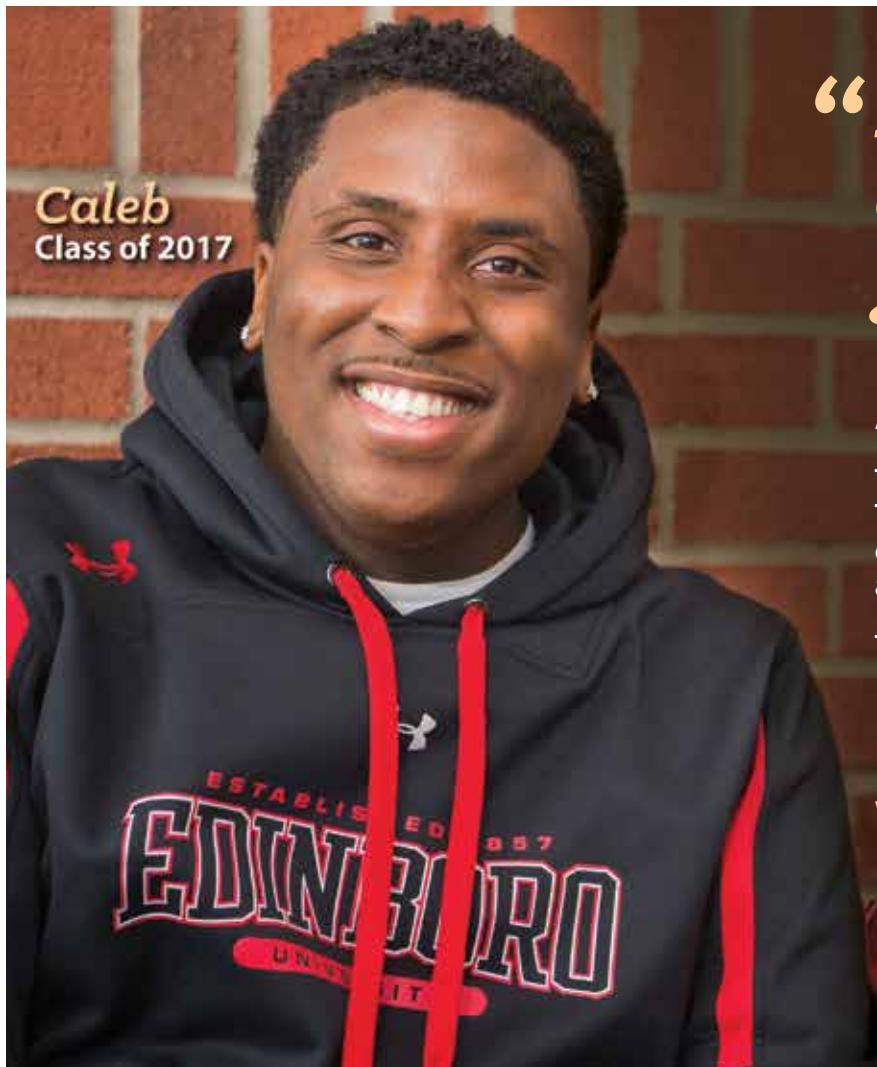
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velopment, construction and property management. The goal of Hoffman United is a noble one: combating blight. By procuring property and rehabilitating it, Hoffman's business is improving the city "one home, one street, one block at a time." Hoffman started his first business at the age of 12 mowing lawns. From there he went on to Cathedral Prep, and later Penn State as an accounting major. Seeing a problem in the community, he sought a direct solution. Founding any company is risky, as Hoffman explained "we started with conviction instead of rational thinking because rational thinking said it was impossible, but nothing is impossible and anything can be built as long as you truly believe in yourself." So far, that belief has led to more than half a million dollars in profit, with a bright future ahead.

### **Mike Jaruszewicz, 34**

*Director of Community Building, United Way of Erie County*



When it comes to resumes, Mike Jaruszewicz's is lengthy, detailed, and impressive. As the current Director of Community Building at United Way of Erie County, Jaruszewicz has been noted for his "transformational work" as a "point-person implementing community schools" within Erie. He also serves on two boards, HANDS (Housing and Neighborhood Development Service) and Our West Bayfront, of which he is a resident.

Jaruszewicz first moved to Erie in 1987, when he was just four years old. After earning a master's degree in international studies from the University of Melbourne, he joined the U.S. Peace Corps and served as a community development volunteer in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. During his time there, Jaruszewicz says he met a dog named Blue, for which he arranged safe passage to the U.S. "Blue is now a proud resident of Erie," Jaruszewicz says.

### **Aaron Lewis, 32**

*Licensed Project Manager, Inventor, & CEO*



One day, Aaron Lewis's job at General Electric came to a screeching halt. The retired captain from the PA National Guard wanted something different. He was ready to accelerate into a new journey.

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Instead of being an employee, he strives to create jobs in his hometown.

"I've been blessed to work alongside young entrepreneurs, military officers, soldiers, and political leaders that can and will bring dramatic change to Erie," Lewis said. "And I'm going to support my peers all the way."

### **Gisele Littrell, 36**

*Owner, French Maids LLC*

An endlessly busy entrepreneur, Gisele Littrell is really cleaning up. In 2012 Littrell founded the professional cleaning service, French Maids. The company services Erie and its surrounding area, offering full-services in every room of the house. After moving the company to a new, larger location on midtown Peach Street, Littrell also founded Moxie Investments LLC, specializing in investment properties, as well as Strongman Services, a property maintenance agency that winkingly claims that it's "not a job for just ANY man!" Raised in a military family, she moved around the country before settling in Erie and graduating from McDowell High School. For several years, Littrell owned and oversaw a Curves franchise with locations in Edinboro as well as Meadville. She was able to put herself through Edinboro University thanks to French Maids, and has proudly remained debt free. Littrell also been an active songwriter for years, crafting her



own indie-pop tunes with her own personal touch. She's also an avid rider and jokes that "I own a horse to remain stable, and a jeep to stay driven."

### **Matt Machuga, 30**

*Technical Development Manager, Imagine Learning; Owner, Ourtists LLC (a software consultancy) and Bits and Trees (a website aimed at teaching computer science theory to web developers); Organizer, Coderie Software Development Meetup and Erie Day of Code*



Erie native and Edinboro University graduate Matt Machuga lives life by his code. That's how he got hundreds of software developers from across the region together last year for the Erie Day of Code, a day-

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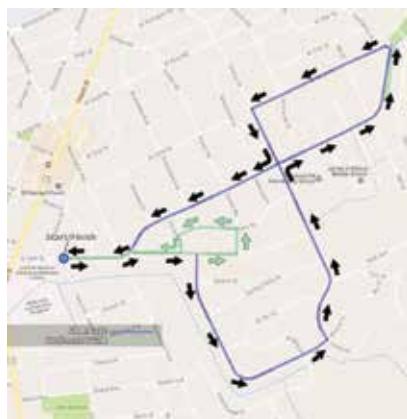


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## LOCATION & TIME

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8:00 a.m. Registration and packet pick up  
8:30 a.m. Registration closes  
8:55 a.m. Pre-race instructions  
9:00 a.m. 5K Begins  
9:05 a.m. 1 Mile Wellness Walk Begins  
10:15 a.m. Awards Ceremony



## RACE PACKET PICK-UP

Race packets will be available for pickup at the LECOM Medical Fitness & Wellness Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, August 4th, 2017. Packet pick up is also available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on race-day.

## 5K RUN/WALK AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the top three overall male and female finishers. Age group awards will be presented to the top 3 finishers in the following age groups: 12 & under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+. The 1 mile wellness walk is non-competitive but results will be recorded.

## COURSE

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long conference for software developers. This June, the Erie Art Museum will be the site of the 3rd annual Erie Day of Code. "I organize these events to help the tech community come together and collaborate," he says. "Since we started the meetup and conference, I've learned that Erie has tons of developers; we just never had a great way of connecting. The amount of collaboration and collective pride in our community is one of the best things about our culture. We believe that Erie can become a great place to foster new businesses and stories of success."

**Jeff McCullor, 36**

*Account Manager, Werkbot; Co-Founder, President, Erie Ale Works*



Many folks look forward to relaxing after the workday – perhaps even with a pint of local craft beer. Jeff McCullor, after his Werkbot workday's done, puts in another shift, brewing up an array of options for those both thirsty and looking to unwind.

"People won't want to live in a community that doesn't have fun and cool things to do," says the co-founder and president of Erie Ale Works, a rising star with a DIY, punk-rock attitude in Erie's craft beer scene. "We're trying to provide a venue for exactly that through good product and entertaining events."

Along with fellow co-founder Steve Anthony, McCullor, who serves as an account manager at a lo-

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cal website design and digital marketing company, does practically everything at the 12th-and-Chestnut streets brewery – from creating the crafts to sweeping the floor.

"Hard work pays off, for yourself and your community," says the Falconer, N.Y. native who moved to Erie in 2004.

The first in his family to graduate from college, earning a bachelor's in marketing from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and the first to start his own business, McCullor isn't afraid of hard work or to raise a pint in salute to it.

"Celebrate the wins, but not too much," he adds, "because there's still more work to be done."

**Michelle Mioduszewski, 39**

*Founder, Niagara Therapy*

With 10,000-plus square feet at her disposal, Michelle Mioduszewski heads up the impressively grand Niagara Therapy, LLC, an occupational therapy outfit on West Eighth Street whose expansive size indicates not only Mioduszewski's success in her field, but the immense need in the Erie area for such client-focused services.

After building Niagara Therapy from the ground up, and funding her initial foray into small business own-



ership out-of-pocket, Mioduszewski brings years of OT expertise and cutting-edge technology to her practice; but it is always the client at the forefront of her thinking and philosophy. For Mioduszewski, serving as an advocate for her patients is the key. She also supports the wider Erie community by instructing at Gannon and sponsoring events such as the NWPAA Autism Walk, Stride and Ride for Muscular Dystrophy Association, Barber Beast on the Bay, MSQuarade Ball for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

She is the youngest person to receive the Delta Sigma Award for the Marguerite D'Youville College Honor Society, and is a published writings on occupational therapy. Despite her many achievements and honors at such a young age, Mioduszewski is always striving for the next goal, saying, "I believe there are no plateaus in therapy, which drives my desire to facilitate a client's ability to reach for the stars and beyond!"

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**Stephen Orbanek, 29**

*Marketing Communications Specialist,  
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College*



Stephen Orbanek manages social media for Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, often writing for the university's print and online publications, doing graphic design, and managing website content. He also uses his communications skills for the betterment of Erie as the current President of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), as member of the Junior Achievement of Northwestern Pennsylvania Awareness Committee, and as a member of ATHENA Powerlink Advisory Panel. He values the use of social media as a marketing tool while teaching students how to maintain a social media presence that will benefit them as they build their future and seek jobs. Stephen has also volunteered as a Big Brother for the past five years.

Orbanek reminds young people to believe in the Erie area, "When someone puts down Erie or refers to the city as a 'sinking ship,' you have to wonder, have they ever stepped foot inside Radius CoWork? Have they

ever been to Lavery Brewing Company following an Erie Otters victory? ...It's the believers — the young leaders — who are leading the charge to ensure that this city reaches its full potential."

**Jenny Poff, 37**

*Founder, Presque Isle Designs and the Designers Roundtable*



Jenny Poff is an entrepreneur who loves helping other Erie entrepreneurs.

The Ashtabula High School graduate and Ohio University graphic design alum has spent the past decade as a solo woman business owner. After working for elite advertising agencies, she started Presque Isle Designs, an Erie-based ad agency that works with local businesses to create results through marketing and other services. To further aid her business and others, she founded the Designers Roundtable, a national membership-based community for freelancers.

"Starting my own creative business was easy be-

cause of my entrepreneurial parents and witnessing the highs and lows of business ownership," Poff said.

Besides being a businesswoman, Poff is also a mother, wife and friend to many. Poff encourages others to follow their passion and achieve their own unique goals. "Take advantage of a variety of opportunities and experiences to empower you to build an authentic career path."

**Michael Pruzinsky, 36**

*Inside Sales Office Manager, Reed Manufacturing*



If life is a marathon, then Michael Pruzinsky has the experience, both professionally and personally, to go the distance and stay the course (and then some). Pruzinsky, an accomplished marathon runner and cyclist, began his academic studies here in Erie at Mercyhurst Prep, completed his academic career here in Erie at Mercyhurst University, and went on to estab-

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lish a career here in Erie with the area's oldest manufacturing company, Reed Manufacturing.

That was 14 years ago, and Pruzinsky's dedication and longevity on the job — and to his hometown community — have proven mutually beneficial. At only 36 years old, the goal-oriented professional recently became the inside sales office manager, taking on a leadership position in an industry which has seen its share of struggles, but he is determined to keep alive.

As an active community leader, Pruzinsky has also enhanced awareness of cycling and pedestrian safety through his board membership on Bike Erie, as well as promoting LGBTQ rights and equality with the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality.

**Matthew D. Reichert, 28**

*Manager of Operations and General Counsel, Director of Business Development and Strategic Initiatives, Private Attorney*



Lake City native Matthew D. Reichert, Esq. graduated from Cathedral Prep High School before continuing his education at Gannon University, studying political science. He earned his law degree from the Western Michigan School of Law.

While in school, he worked as a DJ to pay his bills and reach his goal. He became a PA Bar Certified Attorney in 2015.

Reichert now manages domestic and international services at Logistics Plus Linguistic Solutions (LPLS) as manager of operations and general counsel. He said that LPLS works directly with local refugees and immigrants.

He also provides legal advice regarding revenue streams in his role as Iron Empire Clothing's (IEC) director of business development and strategic initiatives.

"IEC is the spirit behind Erie's drive for growth and revitalization," Reichert said. "Many of the products reflect on local businesses and aspects of the region everyone can be proud of."

As if that's not enough, he serves as a private attorney to some small businesses and gives back to his alma mater, Cathedral Prep, as the debate coach.

**Nicole Reitzell, 33**

*Development Director, Erie Zoo*



In addition to her work at the Erie Zoo, Nicole serves as the vice president of the Nonprofit Partnership board of directors and as the secretary of the NWPA chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals board of directors. Her mission is to help donors create meaningful change through philanthropy. Nicole does all of that while raising her two young sons alongside her husband and she serves on the Board of the Pennsylvania State Police Camp Cadet program.

Nicole has helped raise millions of dollars for important projects such as life-saving medical equipment, the School-Based Health Center at Wayne School, the opportunity for inner-city students to attend a philharmonic concert at the Warner Theatre, and an exhibit that will more than double the space available to the Erie Zoo's African lions.

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the School-Based Health Center at Wayne School, the opportunity for inner-city students to attend a philharmonic concert at the Warner Theatre, and an exhibit that will more than double the space available to the Erie Zoo's African lions.

Nicole enjoys the diversity around Erie and says, "I'm really proud to have many very close friends who are so different from me, but who are such good people." Borrowing a quote from Dr. Suess' *The Lorax*, she concludes, "Erie is special because of the good people who 'care a whole awful lot.'"

**Jess Royer, 23**

*Musician*



Some artists are able touch your lives in ways you wouldn't expect. Writing songs that come directly from her heart, Jess Royer is able to forge connections with fans of all genres. Last year, the community voted her Erie's Favorite Singer. With a rich alto, Royer draws upon jazz divas of yesteryear, blending that sound with modern indie flair. Whether solo, with her band Pine Diary, or providing hooks for hip-hop artists like Tone Fach, Royer is immediately able to find her niche. After graduating from McDowell, Royer was trained in herbal medicine. In addition to her work with music, Royer also works part time at the Whole Foods Co-op, and bartends at Scotty's Martini Lounge, where she hosts an open jam every Wednesday. On that note, and regarding her connection to Erie as a whole, she said that "I've found family in the music and art communities, and I've been connected with people that I would never have known so intimately, had I not stepped out of my comfort zone by performing." A genuine, welcoming presence wherever she goes, Erie is happy to say the same about her.

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**Jess Michael Scutella, 26***Professional tattooist, author, studio musician*

For most, the muse is a fickle beast, waking in fits and starts, often in need of prodding. For the indefatigable Jess Scutella, however, the tables are turned. An artist to the core, the muse goads Scutella ever onward, whether he is brandishing a tattoo gun (at Steadfast Tattoo Parlor under Joel “Sugar Bear” Brennan), drum sticks (as a studio drummer for local acts Brooke Surgener, Tuesday’s Too Late, and Optimistic Apocalypse), pen (one collection of poetry already published and another on its way), or paint brush (exhibitions at various art shows and galleries). Said nominators: “He is one of the few people that doesn’t rest and doesn’t mind it.”

His endeavors are numerous and wide-ranging, beginning here in Erie and extending as far away as Nicaragua, where he taught art and music to children. “Knowledge is nothing without mileage. Get out and travel, and bring home your newfound wisdom.” His philanthropic efforts in the capital city of Managua and beyond (Mark Our Memories – Alzheimer’s awareness and research) have imparted his livelihoods with unprecedented joy and fortified his commitment to sharing his gifts with others – as himself or in costume (he is an avid cosplayer).

There’s no disguising credentials like these.

**Rebeka Seelinger, 38***Attorney*

Rebeka Seelinger is the junction where success meets compassion. Through her law practice she serves as a role model for local women, attorneys and area entrepreneurs. Seelinger has a deep-rooted desire to help people. She understands that bad things happen to good people and serves not only as an attorney for her clients, but also as a counselor, offering education, compassion, and direction. Rebeka ex-



presses it by saying, “Through my practice, I hope to change the way people look at bankruptcy, and in so doing continue to be a part of improving the future of both my clients and our wonderful community.”

Originally from Cooperstown, N.Y., Seelinger served as an assistant district attorney in Pittsburgh before she and her husband chose to raise their two sons and to build successful careers in the Erie area. She is also a member of the Erie County Bar Association and serves with ATHENA, the Children’s Museum, and the Women’s Roundtable.

**Jamey Stewart, 32***Owner, Mega Media Factory*

Maintaining a state-of-the-art media presence is essential for today’s businesses. From website creation to video production to audio engineering, the

full-service company Mega Media Factory is able to showcase their clients’ best face. With multiple Addy Awards under his belt, owner Jamey Stewart is at the helm of it all. A Pittsburgh native, Stewart received his bachelor’s and master’s from Duquesne University. In a refreshing narrative, Stewart founded his company in Pittsburgh, and later moved it to Erie. Now at home in the Gem City, Stewart noted that “Young professionals are the heartbeat of Erie, leading, growing and building our community. I’m very honored to be a part of such a vibrant community and happy to have my business located in Erie.” In addition to his multimedia company, Stewart is on the board of governors for the Erie Philharmonic, himself a classically trained pianist, and thanks to a former employer, he’s even a certified coal miner.

**Nathan Sulecki, 29***Freelance Fine Art Photographer*

There is an ethereal and often surreal quality to Nathan Sulecki’s photographs, human forms and nature intertwined almost like something out of a myth. A master of composition, Sulecki achieves maximum impact with a minimum of inputs – often just a female subject and an untamed expanse of Earth. A woman standing in a sundrenched field might speak to nature’s clemency and life’s, while a woman’s body twisted amidst the gnarled branches of a tree alludes to its cruelty. A lover of the outdoors, Sulecki scours “in, around, and below Erie searching for pockets of hidden beauty to share with the world.”

His art is in part instructional – “teaching [Erie] just how unique and beautiful an area we live in.” Even if it means “hanging off a 90-foot cliff to get a shot” despite being “terrified of heights.” With a camera in his hand, no feat is too daring. Sulecki is as likely to forget himself while taking pictures as we are to forget ourselves while looking at them – and to forget that this is our own backyard.

**Ashley Sullivan, 34**

*Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College*

Ashley Sullivan may be an assistant professor of early childhood education, but her passion carries her to help children of all ages – both inside and outside the classroom. Originally from Farmingdale, New York, Sullivan obtained her Masters of Social Work and Ph.D. from Arizona State University. Sullivan trains Pre-K through 4th grade teachers, many of whom intend on staying in Erie, and works to instill “a lifelong commitment to service” in her students.

Perhaps most importantly, Sullivan takes a special interest in social justice and equity, working with LGBTQ children as well as studying issues such as poverty and literacy. Soon, a book based on her dissertation and co-authored by Laurie Urraro will be released, titled *Voices of Transgender Children in Early Childhood Education: Reflections on Resistance and Resiliency*.

“Young people are the future of Erie,” Sullivan says, reinforcing the philosophy behind her actions. “Their energy, fresh perspectives, and innovative ideas will take a precious gem and continue to polish it to reveal its stunning luster.”

**Kelly Tapper, 34**

*Customer Advocate (Erie Insurance), MS Activist*



Kelly Tapper was barely out of her twenties when she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a degenerative disease that strips the insulation from the brain’s wiring. Despite the dire prognosis (MS has no definitive origin or known cure), there is no short-circuiting Tapper’s will to overcome – not only for herself, but for others. Since 2013, she has raised over \$10,000 for the Erie Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

and been actively involved in education and advocacy efforts on the local, state, and national levels.

Most recently, she attended the MS Public Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. as the Erie area’s sole representative. There she convened with the staff of five Congress members to discuss MS patient’s needs and push for initiatives to facilitate a better life for all those affected with the disease. As it progresses, it can cause numerous perception, sensation, coordination issues – for instance, Tapper cannot see out of one eye and still deals with constant numbness in her extremities.

She never complains; she only acts. She’s run a half marathon and earned a master’s degree while working full-time at Erie Insurance. She’s participating in an FDA trial for stem cell transplantation (to re-grow the myelin sheaths covering the nerves) and giving speeches (the 2017 MS Walk). Tapper proves the only true disabler is the excuse.

**Tyler James Titus, 33**

*Clinical Therapist in the Therapeutic Foster Care Program, Harborcreek Youth Services*



Titusville native Tyler James Titus has been busy. In addition to running a successful write-in campaign for Erie School Board in the 2017 Democratic primary election, he works with children who have been placed in therapeutic foster care in efforts to reintegrate the child back into their home; he has a private practice specializing in trauma resolution and in working with LGBTQ+ youth and their families; and he has developed community trainings on suicidality as it pertains to LGBTQ+ youth, consulted and worked with several local agencies and schools on creating supportive and competent services for LGBTQ+ youth. He is also an active board member and current board vice-president at the Crime Victim Center, and he serves on the

advisory council of the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE). “Erie is full of brilliant, passionate, driven, and unique beings,” he says. “We are full of vision and have the skills to create a community that is thriving on all fronts.”

**Matt Wachter, 33**

*Attorney, MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP*



“There are people in the community that fly under the radar,” wrote one of Matt Wachter’s nominators. “They help different organizations in many ways but never ask for anything in return. Matt is one of those people.”

An attorney at MacDonald, Illig, Jones & Britton LLP, Wachter specializes in business transactions. The 33-year-old Cathedral Prep alumnus decided to return to his hometown to make a difference here, where he volunteers as a youth mentor and serves as the treasurer of the Erie County Bar Association. After earning his bachelor’s degree from Penn State University, he completed two law degrees – his juris doctorate from Duquesne University and his master’s of law from Villanova University School of Law.

“The generation that chooses to live and work in Erie realize that this city is exceptional with opportunity and the chance to succeed, but the overall narrative needs to change,” Wachter says of his hometown. “A status quo of gloom and despair about our future persists that needs to be replaced with optimism and hope for the city’s future.”

**Yuanheng (Arthur) Wang, 23**

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Arthur Wang’s childhood in Kunming, the capital City of Yunnan, a province known for its ethnical



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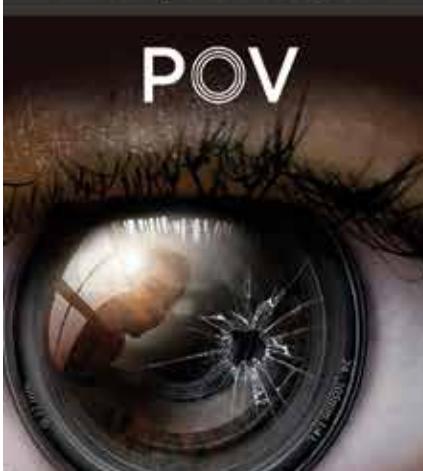
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and linguistic diversity in Southwest China, helped him develop a passion for language, culture, and communication. That passion also helped him to become a cultural ambassador for the rising number of Chinese students moving to Erie to attend Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

For two summers, Arthur volunteered to travel throughout China, meeting with incoming international students and their parents, to provide information about Behrend and helping students to prepare for their transition to studying in the U.S.

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### Anna Rose Welch, 28

Web Editor, *Biosimilar Development*; Violinist, *Erie Chamber Orchestra*

Anna Rose is the editor of *Biosimilar Development*, a website that is part of Erie-based Life Science Connect. Biosimilars are FDA-approved analogues of preexisting drugs, distinguished from generics in that they are formulated from living organisms and do not contain the same ingredients as their brand-name counterpart (although they must have the same mechanism of action). She is also a contributor to *Life Science Leader* magazine, a publication of Life Science Connect. She is currently authoring a chapter for a book in the industry profession entitled "An Introduction to Biosimilars." But that is only a piece of



Anna Rose's life here in Erie.

Anna Rose also serves as a violinist in the Erie Area Chamber Orchestra. She shares her musical talents with the Erie Philharmonic and the Dolanc String Quartet occasionally as well. She completed her MFA in poetry at Bowling Green State before coming back to Erie to work and will be publishing her first book of poetry next spring.

She believes it is the dedication and drive that young people have for enriching and giving back to Erie that helps Erie to remain a place where young people wish to spend their lives. You just might catch her reading and writing at one of Erie's quirky cafes in her spare time.

### Jessica Yochim Taylor, 27

Owner, *MenajErie Studio*

MenajErie Studio owner Jessica Yochim Taylor has the eye of a cinematographer and the soul of a prospector, her cameras tilting, zooming, and panning for gold where others only see rust and ruin. A grad-



uate of Collegiate Academy and Penn State's Film & Video program, the Waterford native has dedicated herself to revealing Erie's hidden riches. "Erie is an antique – sometimes it takes fresh eyes to find value and beauty from age and make something new all together."

Recent appraisals have not been kind – a CBS News segment in February characterized Erie as a "sinking ship" which "you'd be crazy not to get off." Yochim Taylor and the rest of the MenajErie crew – Greg Happ, Nick and Leah Taylor – refuse to yield to the doom-and-gloom narrative. If Erie is an industrial relic, then its people are proof that it warrants restoration. MenajErie's lenses bring our community's revitalization efforts into focus, spotlighting local businesses, events, and culture (e.g., "This is #OurErie"). All of Erie may not glitter, but it is not without gold.

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### Uncanny advertising and meth-fueled hotwiring

By: Chuck Shepherd

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#### Government in Action!

Harry Kraemer, 76, owner of Sparkles Cleaning Service in London, Ontario, was alone in his SUV recently and decided to light up a cigarette based on his 60-year habit, but was spotted by Smoke-Free Ontario officers and cited for three violations. Since his vehicle was registered to his business, and the windows were up, the cab constituted an "enclosed workspace." It took a long legal fight, but in May, the Provincial Offences Court cut Kraemer a break and dismissed the tickets. [National Post, 5-8-2017]

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) finally prevailed in federal appeals court in February in its Endangered Species Act designation that wetlands in Louisiana's St. Tam-

many Parish should be preserved as a safe habitat for the dusky gopher frog. Landowners barred from developing the land pointed out that no such frogs have been spotted there for "decades," but have been seen elsewhere in the state and in Mississippi. FWS concluded the St. Tammany area could be a place that dusky gopher frogs might thrive if they decided to return. [The Daily Caller, 2-14-2017]

#### The Job of the Researcher

From the abstract of California State Polytechnic assistant professor Teresa Lloro-Bidart, in an April academic paper, comparing behaviors of native-California western gray squirrels and disruptive (to residents' trash cans) eastern fox squirrels: "I juxtapose feminist post-humanist theories and feminist food study scholarship to demonstrate how eastern fox squirrels are subjected to gendered, racialized and speciesist thinking in the popular news media as a result of their feeding/eating practices (and) their unique and unfixed spatial arrangements in the greater Los Angeles region...." The case "presents a unique opportunity to question and re-theorize the ontological given of 'otherness' that manifests in part through a politics" in which "animal food choices" "stand in" for "compliance and resistance" to the "dominant forces in (human) culture." [New York Observer, 5-12-2017]

#### The Continuing Crisis

Japan is in constant conflict over whether to become more militarily robust (concerned increasingly with North Korea) even though its constitution requires a low profile (only "self-defense"). When the country's defense minister recently suggested placing females into combat roles, constitutional law professor Shigeaki Iijima strongly objected, initiating the possibility that Japan's enemies might have bombs capable of blowing women's uniforms off, exposing their bodies. The ridicule was swift. Wrote one, "I saw something like that in Dragon Ball" (from the popular comic book and TV productions of Japanese anime). [Japan Today, 5-26-2017]

Took It Too Far: Already, trendy restaurants have offered customers dining experiences amidst roaming cats (and in one bold experiment, owls), but the art house San Francisco Dungeon has planned a two-day (July 1 and 8) experimental "Rat Cafe" for those who feel their coffee or tea is better sipped while rats (from the local rat rescue) scurry about the room. Pastries are included for the \$49.99 price, but the rats will be removed before the food comes. (Sponsors promise at least 15 minutes of "rat interaction," and the price includes admission to the dungeon.) [SFGate.com, 5-18-2017]

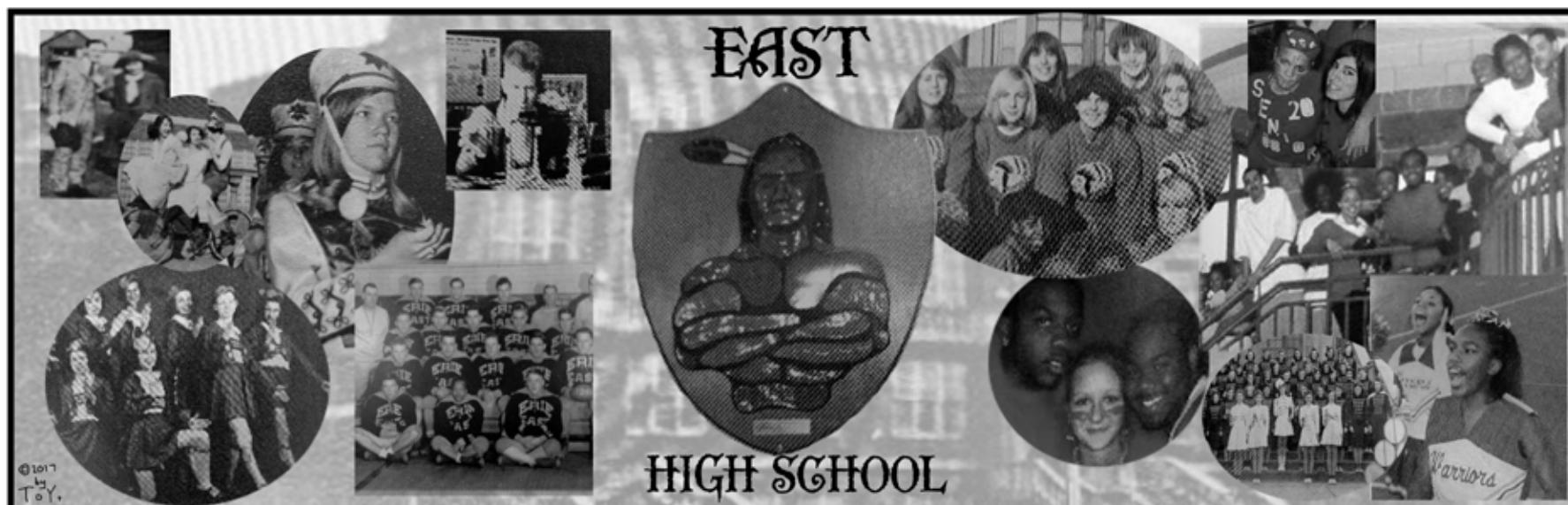
#### Bright Ideas

Organizers of northern Germany's Wacken Open Air Festival (billed as the world's biggest metal music extravaganza) expect the 75,000 attendees to drink so much beer that they have built a nearly 4-mile-long pipeline to carry 105,000 gallons to on-site taps. (Otherwise, keg-delivery trucks would likely muck up the grounds.) Some pipes were buried specifically for the Aug. 3 to Aug. 5 festival, but others had been used by local farmers for ordinary irrigation. [Deutsche Welle (Bonn), 5-23-2017]

#### Smooth Reactions

Robert Ahorner, 57, apparently just to "win" an argument with his wife, who was dissatisfied with their sex life, left the room with his 9mm semi-automatic and fired four shots at his penis. (As he said later, "If I'm not using it, I might as well shoot it off.") Of course, he missed, and police in Elkhorn, Wisconsin, said no laws were violated. (2) In a lawsuit filed against an allegedly retaliating former lover, Columbia University School of Public Health professor Mady Hornig said her jilted boss tried repeatedly to harm her professional standing, even twice calling her into his office, dropping his trousers, and asking her professional opinion of the lesion on his buttock. [GazetteExtra (Janesville), 5-15-2017] [New York Post, 5-20-2017]

## JUST TOYIN' WITCHA by B. TOY



## NEWS & VIEWS

### Fine Points of the Law

Convicted murderer John Modie, 59, remains locked up (on an 18-to-life sentence), but his several-hours-long 2016 escape attempt from Hocking (Ohio) Correctional Institution wound up unpunishable because of a "technicality." In May 2017, the judge, lamenting the inflexible law, found Modie not guilty of the escape because prosecutors had, despite numerous opportunities, failed to identify the county in which Hocking Correctional Institution is located and thus did not "prove" that element of the crime (i.e., that the court in Logan, Ohio, had jurisdiction of the case). (Note to prosecutors: The county was Hocking). [Athens Messenger via WOAB-TV (Athens), 5-24-2017]

### Bluffs Called

In May, Charles Nichols III, 33, facing charges in Cheatham County, Tennessee, of sex with a minor, originally was tagged with a \$50,000 bail until he told Judge Phillip Maxie to perform a sex act upon himself and dared Maxie to increase the bail. That led to a new bond of \$1 million, then after further insubordination, \$10 million, and so on until the final bail ordered was \$14 million. (2) Jose Chacon, 39, was arrested in Riviera Beach, Florida, in May after allegedly shooting, fatally, a 41-year-old acquaintance who had laughed at Chacon's first shot attempt (in which

the gun failed to fire) and taunted Chacon to try again. The second trigger-pull worked. [WKRN-TV (Nashville), 5-19-2017] [Palm Beach Post, 5-15-2017]

### Drugs Is There Anything They Can't Do?

Sheriff's deputies in Dade City, Florida, nearly effortlessly arrested Timothy Brazell, 19, for trespassing in May. Brazell (high on methamphetamine, he said) attempted to commandeer a stranger's car by hot-wiring it, but only by uselessly connecting the wires of a voltage meter and even though the key was already in the car. According to the owner, the door lock was jammed on the inside, and Brazell could not figure out how to open it. (2) On May 19, Carl Webb and his wife left a nighttime barbecue festival in downtown Memphis and headed home. They drove 14 miles on an interstate highway before a police officer pulled them over to ask if Webb knew there was a body on his trunk. The man was clinging to the lip of the trunk but was still unconscious (from drinking) and had to be jarred awake. [WFLA-TV (Tampa), 5-7-2017] [WHBQ-TV (Memphis), 5-19-2017]

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# Spotlight on Erie

June 21 – July 4, 2017

**Friday, June 23**

## All Paws on Deck for Yappy Hour



Unmuzzle your inhibitions at the Brewery's Yappy Hour, which brings man and man's best friend together for 180 minutes of interspecies bonding on the Trackside Patio. That's right, people – although dogs' years are seven times shorter, their happy hours are three times longer. That should be music to everyone's ears, no matter your effective audible frequency range (humans: 31 Hz-19 kHz, dogs: 64 Hz-44 kHz).

In a gesture of nonpartisanship, acoustic guitarist Matthew J. Thompson will operate somewhere in the middle (82 Hz-1.4 kHz). Likewise, the

ANNA Shelter will be making a pitch that should equally resonate with attendees – that is to help save lives. An estimated 6.5 million animals nationwide enter shelters annually, according to the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). Of these, approximately 3.2 million are adopted and 710,000 are returned to their original owners. Unfortunately, 1.5 million of those shelter animals end up being euthanized.

We can't just take that lying down. So stand up, take a walk, or go for a ride to support a great cause. — Matt Swanseger

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. // 123 W 14th St // Free admission

**Friday, June 23**

## Abbey Road Runs Through Venango

The members of Erie-based Abbey Road don't look like the Beatles — never have, and have never tried to.

But man, they sure do sound like the Fab Four, and have for the past 20 years, bringing the iconic, amazing music of the Beatles to life on stages



for audiences all over the tri-state area.

Abbey Road makes its summer 2017 debut — with some great new (old) Beatles songs added to their live-play catalogue — at Sprague Farm & Brew Works in not-too-far-away Venango.

Maybe just picture yourself in a boat on a river, then baby you can drive my (well, your) car out that way to see what's on Abbey Road. Just remember, if you're planning on imbibing some of that great Sprague beer while you're there, tell someone you wanna hold their hand, and hand over those keys.

Goog goog g'joob. — Ryan Smith

6 to 9 p.m. // 22113 US Highway 6 & 19 // 398-2885 // facebook.com/SpragueFarmBrewWorks

**Friday, June 23**

## Marbin Brings Indescribable Sound to Rook



How do you define what something like "progressive jazz-rock" really is?

That's not necessarily an easy thing to do; but saying one word — "Marbin" (or, three words: "listen to Marbin") — is a fine place to start.

The hard-working, beautifully-all-over-the-place Chicago-based quartet have played Erie before, making a Monday-night stop at Basement Transmissions in the early fall of 2016. It was one of the well over 1,000 shows that Marbin's incredibly talented members had played over the past

## MUSIC

### Mid-Day Art Break

June 21, 28 — noon to 1 p.m.  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. [erieartmuseum.org](http://erieartmuseum.org).

### Sirsy and The Dock Boys

June 21 — 5:30 p.m.  
Beach 1 at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [discoverpi.com](http://discoverpi.com).

### Jay Baumgardner

June 21 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### The Concert Band of Northwest Pennsylvania Concert

June 21 — 7 p.m.  
Louis C. Cole Auditorium in Memorial Hall at Edinboro University, 205 Meadville St. [events.edinboro.edu](http://events.edinboro.edu).

### Aaron Work

June 22 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Gem City Jazz Concert

### Band Summer Concert on the Lawn

June 22 — 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church of Girard, 260 Main St. [gemcitybands.org](http://gemcitybands.org).

### The Light in the Dark, Nythis, Rotting Cadaver and Sudden Frost

June 22 — 7 to 11:30 p.m.  
Bobbys Place, 1202 W. 18th St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### The Groove

June 23 — 6 p.m.  
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row [cjoes.com](http://cjoes.com).

### Abbey Road

June 23 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
Sprague Farm & Brew Works, 22113 US-6 [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Patio Drive

June 23 — 6 to 7 p.m.  
The Cork 1794, 17 W. Main St. Waterford St. [cork1794.com](http://cork1794.com).

### Clever Norman

June 23 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Moonshine

June 23 — 9 p.m.  
Presque Isle Downs, 8199 Perry Hwy. [presqueisledowns.com](http://presqueisledowns.com).

### Marbin

June 23 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. [facebook.com/kingsrookclub](http://facebook.com/kingsrookclub).

### Vulgar Display of Pantera

June 23 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Sherlocks, 508 State St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Jackson Station

June 24 — 6 p.m.  
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row [cjoes.com](http://cjoes.com).

### Spring Concert Series 2017

June 24 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
Lakeview Wine Cellars, 8440 Singer Rd. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Shameless Hex

June 24 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Whiskey Road

June 24 — 9 p.m.  
Presque Isle Downs, 8199 Perry Hwy. [presqueisledowns.com](http://presqueisledowns.com).

### The Clock Reads

June 24 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. [facebook.com/kingsrookclub](http://facebook.com/kingsrookclub).

### These Two and Me

June 25 — 1 to 4 p.m.  
Arundel Cellars, 11727 E. Main Rd. [arundelcellars.com](http://arundelcellars.com).

### Obelus, Post Mortal Possession, Perdition

June 25 — 3 to 9 p.m.  
Bobbys Place, 1202 W. 18th St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Seann P. Clark

June 25 & July 4 — 5 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Blasco Concert Series: Edinboro Chamber Players

June 26 — 7 p.m.  
H.O. Hirt Auditorium at Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

### The O'Needers and The Groove

June 28 — 5:30 p.m.  
Beach 1 at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [discoverpi.com](http://discoverpi.com).

### Brooke Surgener

June 28 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Whitechapel Jack

June 29 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### The Great Blue Heron Music Festival

June 30 — 3:20 p.m. & July 1 — 10:20 a.m. & July 2 — 10:45 a.m.  
The Great Blue Heron Music Festival, 2361 Waits Corners Rd. [greatblueheron.com](http://greatblueheron.com).

### Geek Army

June 30 — 6 p.m.  
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row [cjoes.com](http://cjoes.com).

### Gem City Revival

June 30 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
The Cork 1794, 17 W. Main St. Waterford St. [cork1794.com](http://cork1794.com).

### CODA

June 30 — 6 to 9:30 p.m.  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. [eriephil.org](http://eriephil.org).

### Six Year Stretch

June 30 — 7 p.m.

Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. [edinborolakeresort.com](http://edinborolakeresort.com).

### Summer Music Series: Brenna Bone & Seann Clark Band

June 30 — 7 to 9 p.m.  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St. [goodellgardens.org](http://goodellgardens.org).

### Black Widow

June 30 — 9 p.m.  
Presque Isle Downs, 8199 Perry Hwy. [presqueisledowns.com](http://presqueisledowns.com).

### Brooke Surgener and Darah Appling

June 30 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. [facebook.com/kingsrookclub](http://facebook.com/kingsrookclub).

### Old School

June 30 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Sherlocks, 508 State St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Rolling & Strolling Music Festival

July 1 — 1 to 4 p.m.  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. [leaferie.org](http://leaferie.org).

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six years or so prior, making for an ever-growing fanbase. To date, they've sold more than 20,000 albums and garnered over 1.5 million hits on YouTube on a couple of their (amazing) videos thanks to their heavy internet presence.

Assuming you can make it, and assuming you like music — I mean really like music — then a visit from Marbin would certainly be something not to be missed, right?

Yeah, right.

Lucky for us, they're coming back around the Gem City once again. This time, they'll be landing at the Kings Rook Club, playing a no-cover show for members (don't worry, it's easy to become one on the spot if you're 21-plus) on Friday night.

If you caught them the first time around, we're guessing you're probably thinking about clearing your evening's schedule out now. If you weren't, you'd probably better start doing the same.

Marbin: One word, infinite sonic possibilities.

Listen up. — Ryan Smith

10 p.m. // 1921 Peach St. // facebook.com/kingsrookclub // Free for members

**Saturday, June 24**

**Eerie Roller Girls Seek to Stay Jamming**

Win or lose, there's never been a jam the Eerie Roller Girls



couldn't find their way out of. However, obstacles remain — namely the pesky dollar, screening would-be newcomers from enjoying their sport. As empowered women are wont to do, the Roller Girls have taken the lead on this one, organizing an evening of music, games, and prizes at the Brewer's Trackside Patio. Now they are asking you to be their pivot. The \$5 price of admission will score you your first beer — and score the new recruits their requisite gear.

Gritty, fast-paced, and fun, roller derby is contested among an estimated 1,250 leagues worldwide. The game is predicated heavily on contact and even more so on personality, with players sporting colorful nicknames and vibrant uniforms. The premise is relatively simple: A *jammer* designated by each team tries to break through their opponent's pack of *blockers* (of which there are four). Whoever's designee gets through the traffic first becomes the *lead jammer* and is eligible to score a point each time she laps an opposing blocker. Each play session, or *jam*, lasts a maximum of two minutes. The lead jammer can end the jam

earlier by tapping her hips twice.

This jam, however, is one you'll want to last. TomKat Black (acoustic guitarists Dan Blackman and Tom Morrison) will roll out tunes from the '60s through '90s, while indie quartet Pine Diary (vocalist Jess Royer, guitarist Nick Warren) skate through a soulful set of originals. The New Morning Sunrise, Hard Luck Story, and Jonathan Nolan will also grace the trackside stage. Passing this up would clearly be a point against you. — Matt Swanseger

4 p.m. to 10 p.m. // 123 W 14th St. // facebook.com/events/419927315058873 // \$5 general admission (includes first beer for adults 21+)

**Saturday, June 24**

**Pride in the Name of Love**



June is national LGBT Pride Month. It's a special time to recognize the struggle of the lesbian, gay, bisexual,

and transgender community in a positive and uplifting way. In 2009, President Obama declared June to be the official Pride Month, honoring the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in Greenwich Village, a monumental landmark at the dawning of the gay rights movement. The Northwest Pennsylvania (NWPA) Pride Alliance is helping to organize a handful of events around town to celebrate the LGBT community. So whether you're an active member of the community, or simply an ally with an open heart, here are a couple of fabulous events worth checking out.

The cornerstone of this weekend's events will be the 2017 Erie Pridefest. Participants are invited to meet at the Zone Dance Club at noon. At 1 p.m., a march will take place, heading down to Perry Square. There will be drag performances by the hilarious Michelle Michaels, Misty Michaels Kall, and Jill Jameson, as well as fire baton twirling from SnareBear and a musical performance from the The Honest Mistakes. The Erie HIV task force will be providing HIV and STI testing.

After the Pridefest celebration, there will be an official after party at the Bourbon Barrel. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. there will be free food for guests, as well as free mechanical bull rides for the Jack Twist in all of us. The event will be put on in coordination with the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality.

On Sunday, the 25th, Waldameer

**East Ave**

July 1 — 5 to 9 p.m.  
Penn Shore Winery and Vineyards, 10225 E. Lake Rd. pennshore.com.

**Earthquakers**

July 1 — 6 p.m.  
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row cjoes.com.

**Tony Kellogg**

July 1 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. edinborolakeresort.com.

**The Honest Mistakes and Zack Orr**

July 1 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. facebook.com/kingsrookclub.

**American Idiots**

July 1 — 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Sherlocks, 508 State St. facebook.com.

**Sam Hyman**

July 2 — 1 to 4 p.m.  
Arundel Cellars, 11727 E. Main Rd. arundelcellars.com.

**No Regrets Tour 2017: European artist Irenka**

July 2 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.

**Tommy Link**

July 2 — 5 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. edinborolakeresort.com.

**Erie Phil at the SeaWolves**

July 3 — 6 to 10:30 p.m.  
UPMC Park, 110 E. 10th St. eriephil.org.

**Singalong with Lori**

July 5, 12, 19, 26 — 11 to 11:50 a.m.  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St. goodellgardens.org.

**Guru and Stiletto**

July 5 — 5:30 p.m.  
Beach 1 at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. discoverpi.com.

**Fred Oakman**

July 5 — 7 p.m.  
Edinboro Lake Resort, 12670 Edinboro Rd. edinborolakeresort.com.

**Cosmic Rhythm**

July 5 — 8 to midnight

Rum Runners, 133 Dobbins Landing cosmichythband.com.

**DANCE**

**Dancing With The Stars Live: Hot Summer Nights**

June 21 — 7:30 p.m.  
Erie Insurance Arena, 809 French St. erieevents.com.

**Stardust Membership Appreciation Dance**

June 24 — 5:30 to 10 p.m.  
St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach St. facebook.com.

**Summer Dance Training**

July 3, 10, 17, 31 & Aug. 21 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sovereign Ballet, 2539 W. 12th St. facebook.com.

**FOOD & DRINK**

**Cocktail Hour: A Showcase of Wine Tasting**

June 22 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.  
The Cork 1794, 17 W. Main St. Waterford St. cork1794.com.

**Erie Food Tours**

June 22, 23, 24, 30 & July 1, 7, 8, 21, 22, 28, 29 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Like My Thai, 827 State

St. eriefoodtours.com.

**Picnic in the Park**

June 22, 29 — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Gibson Park, 31 W. Main St. facebook.com.

**Botanical Beverages**

June 24 — 7 to 10 p.m.  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St. goodellgardens.org.

**After Pride Party at Bourbon Barrel**

June 24 — 4 to 10 p.m.  
Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. facebook.com.

**Sandwich Sunday at the Isle House**

June 25 — noon to 3 p.m.  
Presque Isle Wine Cellars, 9440 W. Main Rd. facebook.com.

**Mind, Body, Beer**

June 27 — 7:30 to 9 p.m.  
Erie Ale Works, 416 W. 12th St. facebook.com.

**BBQ, Beer & Beards**

June 30 — 5 to 8 p.m. & July 1 — noon to 8 p.m.  
Erie Ale Works, 416 W. 12th St. facebook.com.

**FILM**

**Extreme Weather**

Ongoing — 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.

**Flight of the Butterflies**

Ongoing — noon & 4 p.m.  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.

**Mysteries of the Great Lakes**

Ongoing — 1 p.m.  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.

**Prehistoric Planet**

Ongoing — 2 & 5 p.m.  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.

**Night Patrol (1984)**

June 24 — 8 to 10 p.m.  
Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. facebook.com/ErieMovieHouse.

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June 25 — 1:30 p.m.

H.O. Hirt Auditorium in the Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. erielibrary.org.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**Photographs by Gary Cardot**

Ongoing through June 24  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. erieartmuseum.org.

**Dreams, Visions and Other Realities: Collective Works by Ann St. George**

Ongoing through June 30  
PACA, 1503 State St. annabellasdesign.com.

**94th Annual Spring Show**

Ongoing through July 9  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. erieartmuseum.org.

**Erie County Art Teachers**

Ongoing through Aug. 11  
Mercyhurst University Cummings Gallery, 501 E. 38th St. miac.mercyhurst.edu.

**Tin Plated Dreams: Sculptures by William Brady, Jr.**

Ongoing through January 7, 2018  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State

# CALENDAR

Park and Water World will be place to be. The local amusement park will be the site of Pride Day, offering discounted tickets and more. Go to [nwpa-pride.org](http://nwpa-pride.org) and follow the link to get a specially priced ticket, or reserve one at Pridefest the day before. When you arrive, head down to the pavilion at Coaster 2 to pick up your passes and set up home base for a day of pride, waterslides and carnival rides. - Nick Warren

Sat. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting from the Zone Dance Club to Perry Square // Sat. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Bourbon Barrel // Free // Sun. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Water World; 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Waldameer Park // for tickets and more information go to [nwpa-pride.org](http://nwpa-pride.org)

## Saturday, June 24

### Botanical Beverages A (Goodell) Garden of Delights

Lush and bursting with color, Edinboro's Goodell Gardens is bound to liven up at least a couple of anyone's senses this time of year.

In celebration of the Summer Solstice, Goodell and friends will once again add another layer (or two, or three) to that sensory delight as they present the gardens' third annual Botanical Beverages event.

Those who go will be invited to not only see and smell, but also touch and taste a variety of beautiful home-



grown herbs and blossoms, all expertly spun into unique, delectable cocktails by folks from the recently-opened Cart/Horse Distillery in Edinboro.

There will also be delicious event-themed hors d'oeuvres being offered up by Erie's Cali's West Catering, and, just so the ears don't feel left out, live music by local jam experts Special Guest.

Sounds like a fun — and interesting, and classy — way to elevate and transport the senses, as well as learn about just some of what's growing at Goodell and all around us.

As always, the event's proceeds will support educational and cultural programming offered throughout the spring and summer seasons at the historic, nonprofit venue.

For ticket prices (including those for designated drivers) and more information about Botanical Beverages, visit [goodellgardens.org](http://goodellgardens.org). — Ryan Smith

7 to 10 p.m. // 221 Waterford St., Edinboro // [goodellgardens.org](http://goodellgardens.org)

## Monday, June 26

### Instruments Join with Voices For Independence



MCKENZIE SPRAGUE & JESS ROYER

Sometimes you need just the right thing to snap you out of the Monday blues. If you're looking to catch some of Erie's best original musicians, you can do that while helping to support a great cause at Scotty's Martini Lounge. Proceeds for the evening will go to Voices For Independence, specifically promoting equality in health care for women with disabilities. With six different acts taking the stage, the festivities will start off early, with doors opening at 4:30 and music beginning shortly after 5 p.m.

Singer-songwriter Jess Royer will host the evening, herself no stranger to working with the non-profit in question. Royer exclaimed that she's "looking forward to working with

Voices for Independence, beyond playing at their Midday Cafe," at the VFI coffeehouse. She went on to add that "I'm thankful to be a part of something that represents such a significant message."

Chelcie Gette and Matt Crays will kick off the event. Crays, who organized the event, has been regularly hosting a Scotty's Songwriter Showcase, every Monday at Scotty's. Playing second will be Brooke Surgener, with her enchanting folk-pop melodies. The Wildeyes will bring their trademark dose of rock and roll. Justin Moyar will entertain the crowd with his jazz-inspired loops. Pine Diary will share a set with Flora, with Royer and McKenzie Sprague trading off their inspiring original creations. Closing out the evening will be the LEC, lighting up the venue with their



MATTHEW CRAYS

[St.erieartmuseum.org](http://St.erieartmuseum.org).

#### Ancient Ink: Mark Perrott

June 23 through January 28, 2018  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. [erieartmuseum.org](http://erieartmuseum.org).

#### Recent Painting by Jason Lewis

June 23 through July 25  
Glass Growers Gallery, 10 E. 5th St. [glassgrowersgallery.com](http://glassgrowersgallery.com).

#### Pairing Similarities: D.W. Martin

June 30 through Oct. 21  
Erie Art Museum, 411 State St. [erieartmuseum.org](http://erieartmuseum.org).

#### Girard's Got Art: Grand Opening of Main Street Art Gallery

June 30 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
Main Street Art, 138 Main St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

## THEATER

#### Sex Please, We're Sixty

June 21 — noon & June 24 — 5:30 p.m. & June 25 — 2:30 p.m.  
Station Dinner Theatre, 4940 Peach St. [canterburyfeast.com](http://canterburyfeast.com).

#### Little Shop of Horrors

June 21, 22, 23, 24 — 7:30

p.m. & June 25 — 2 p.m.

Erie Playhouse, 13 W. 10 St. [erieplayhouse.org](http://erieplayhouse.org).

#### The Marvelous Wonderettes

June 23, 24 — 7:30 p.m. & June 25 — 2 p.m.  
The Academy Theatre, 275 Chestnut St. [theacademytheatre.org](http://theacademytheatre.org).

## COMMUNITY

#### Yoga

Ongoing through Aug. 28 — 5:30 & 7:15 p.m.  
Barracks Beach at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

#### Evening Lagoon by Pontoon

Ongoing through Sept. 1 — 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Lagoon Boat Launch at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

#### Lagoon by Pontoon

Ongoing through Sept. 4 — 10 a.m.  
Lagoon Boat Launch at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

#### Tai Chi

June 21, 26, 28 & July 3,

5 — 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Wednesday Walks in the Woods

June 21, 28 & July 5, 12, 19, 26 — 11 a.m. to noon  
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. [asburywoods.org](http://asburywoods.org).

#### Erie SeaWolves vs. Portland Sea Dogs

June 21 — noon  
UPMC Park, 110 E. 10th St. [erieevents.com](http://erieevents.com).

#### Labyrinth Celebration: Joyful Solstice Celebration

June 21 — 1 to 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. [leaferie.org](http://leaferie.org).

#### Farmers Market

June 21, 28 & July 5 — 3 to 6 p.m.  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St. [goodellgardens.org](http://goodellgardens.org).

#### Beginner Tap

June 21 & July 5, 12 — 4:30 p.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### The Older Adult Driver

June 21 — 6 p.m.

Millcreek Municipal Building, 3608 W. 26th St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Dandelions and Bees Canvas Class

June 21 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
Claytopia, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. [heathercash.com](http://heathercash.com).

#### Beach Party and Vinyl Night

June 21 — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Jekyll & Hyde's, 8 E. 10th St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

#### Pastime Tournaments: Super Select T.O.C.

June 22, 23, 24, 25  
Mercyhurst University, 501 E. 38th St. [pastimetournaments.com](http://pastimetournaments.com).

#### Weight Lifting/Cardio Fitness Class

June 22, 29 — 9:30 a.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Children's Art Classes

June 22, 29 — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 to 2 p.m.  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. [leaferie.org](http://leaferie.org).

#### June Work Day For Operation Christmas Child

June 22 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Grace Church, 7300 Grubb Rd. [whoisgrace.com](http://whoisgrace.com).

#### Scambusters 101

June 22 — 12:30 p.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### American Short Stories

June 22 — 4 to 5:30 p.m.  
Jefferson Educational Society, 3207 State St. [jeserie.org](http://jeserie.org).

#### New Horizons Music Project

June 22, 29 — 4 to 6 p.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Block Party

June 22 — 6 to 10:30 p.m.  
Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E. Front St. [eriedowntown.com](http://eriedowntown.com).

#### Erie Frost: Battle of Lake Erie

June 23, 24, 25  
Walnut Creek Complex, 5901 Sterrettania Rd. [eriesportscommission.com](http://eriesportscommission.com).

#### Erie Poker Run

June 23, 24, 25  
Wolverine Park Marina, 34 State St. [erie.elitepokerruns.com](http://erie.elitepokerruns.com).

#### Getting Creative with Acrylics: A Painting Residency

June 23, 30 — 9 to 11 a.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Excel I

June 23 — 9 a.m. to noon  
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### Tai Chi

June 23, 30 — 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.  
Regency at South Shore, 322 Washington Pl. [lifeworkserie.org](http://lifeworkserie.org).

#### Morning Ecopaddle of the Lagoons

June 23 — 10 a.m. to noon  
Lagoon Boat Launch at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

#### Yappy Hour

June 23 — 5 to 8 p.m.  
The Brewerrie at Union Station, 123 W. 14th St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

#### All Star Monster Truck Tour

June 23, 24 — 5 to 9:30 p.m.  
Lake Erie Speedway, 10700 Delmas Dr. [lakeerispeedway.com](http://lakeerispeedway.com).



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blend of hip-hop and funky rock. The night will be a showcase of some of the area's best local artists, all united to help those in need that too often find themselves unrepresented. In addition to the music, guests will get two raffle tickets as well as refreshments including a hot dog and nacho bar. Royer gave due credit for the night, citing a "big thanks to Matt Crays for setting it up, and for rallying all of the musicians to come together for a worthy cause." - Nick Warren

5 p.m. // 301 German St. // \$15 suggested donation // facebook.com/ScottysMartini

**Thursday, June 29**

**Fighting Against the Epidemic with Humanity Against Heroin**



SIX YEAR STRETCH

Don't Blink Photography and Design along with The Box will be

putting together Humanity Against Heroin, a benefit to raise money for families in Erie who have lost a loved one to heroin this year and for future prevention of this ongoing epidemic. According to cdc.gov, heroin-related overdose deaths in the United States have more than quadrupled since 2010, and Erie county has been no exception. Erie County Coroner Lyell Cook confirmed that there have been 17 deaths through March of this year due to heroin, with 15 other cases awaiting tests to confirm the suspected cause of death. The coroner went on to say in that same statement that in recent weeks it is averaging out to at least one overdose death per day.

With this problem ravaging our area, a benefit is more vital than ever before. Playing an eclectic mix of multiple genres ranging from hip-hop to metal, Of Shadows, Justin Moyar, DJ Voto, Casper & Cradle, DC, Brotherhood of the Jam, Dysmorphia, Doc Proto, Six Years Stretch, Bass Bandage, Joose, and Eric Brewer & Friends will combine forces in fighting the epidemic at Basement Transmissions. The event will be free of charge, but donations are welcome with Don't Blink Photography and Designs goal set at \$5,000. You can also donate items between June 2nd and June 29th to Basement Transmissions for the event. Art, jewelry, clothing and more will be sold or auctioned for proceeds benefitting Gaudenzia Addiction Treatment and

Recovery. — Austin Mitchell

2 p.m. to 8 p.m. // Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. // Free // All ages // facebook.com/events/1519250998148103/

**Friday, June 30 - July 2**

**Blue Heron Music Festival Takes Flight for 26th Year**



Since 1992, thousands of music enthusiasts from all across the country have flocked to the hills of western New York each July for the Great Blue Heron Music Festival. For 26 years now, Sherman, N.Y. has treated festival- and original-music-lovers alike to a great time the whole family can enjoy. With activities like instrument workshops, dance lessons, drum sessions and songwriting circles, you're never going to have to look for something to do at the festival.

Though the music associated with "The Heron" is generally bluegrass and folk, if those aren't your go-to genres, don't fret! They have something for everyone. Reggae, Irish music, and



jam bands have been represented in past lineups and in recent years, the festival has featured contemporary national acts like the Avett Brothers and Rusted Root. This year's lineup is characteristically stellar, with Donna the Buffalo, Rusted Root (returning), Jim Lauderdale, and Suitcase Junket headlining. The festival grounds cover over 300 acres and contain three stages: The Main Stage, the intimate Tiger Maple Stage, and a big-top Dance tent that "swings through the night", with music playing on one of the stages almost at all times throughout the three days.

If you're looking for something fun and affordable to do this Independence Day weekend, you couldn't do much better than camping out in the beautiful landscape of Western New York listening to authentic American music. — Austin Mitchell

9 a.m. Friday - 10 p.m. Sunday // 2361 Waits Corners Rd., Sherman, N.Y. // http://greatblueheron.com/wp/tickets // Pre-sale weekend pass: \$95. At gate: weekend \$110, Friday \$45, Saturday \$50, Sunday \$40. Youth ticket (ages 12-15)- \$50. Children under 12 - free

**Varsity Cup Awards**

June 23 — 6 p.m.  
Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafraas Pier erieevents.com.

**Arundel Trivia Night**

July 23 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
Arundel Cellars, 11727 E. Main Rd. arundelcellars.com.

**Erie SeaWolves vs. Bowie Baysox**

June 23, 24 — 7 p.m. & June 25 — 1:30 p.m.  
UPMC Park, 110 E. 10th St. erieevents.com.

**Speakeasy Soiree**

June 23 — 7 to 10 p.m.  
Watson-Curtze Mansion, 356 W. 6th St. eriehistory.com.

**Flyboard National Tour**

June 24, 25 — 9:15 a.m.  
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 55 W. Bay Dr. eriesportscommission.com.

**Sunshine Storytime**

June 24 & July 8, 22 & Aug. 5, 19 — 10 to 10:30 a.m.  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. leaferie.org.

**Primitive Skills Series: Fire Starting**

June 24 — 10 a.m. to noon

Pine Tree Trail Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

**Creek Stomp**

June 24 — 10 a.m. to noon  
Browns Farm Barn, 5774 Sterrettania Rd. asburywoods.org.

**Women's Health: Medicinal Herbs to Support Women's Health**

June 24 — 10:30 a.m. to noon  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

**2017 Erie Pridefest**

June 24 — noon to 1 p.m.  
The Zone Dance Club, 133 W. 18th St. nwpapride.org.

**Men's Health: Medicinal Herbs to Support Men's Health**

June 24 — 3:30 to 5 p.m.  
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

**Erie Roller Girls Jersey Fundraiser**

June 24 — 4 to 10 p.m.  
The Brewererie at Union Station, 123 W. 14th St. facebook.com.

**Spotlight Spectacular 2017**

June 24 — 7 p.m.  
Warner Theatre, 811 State St. erieevents.com.

**Scouts and their Families: A "Hoot" of an Evening**

June 24 — 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.  
Browns Farm Barn, 5774 Sterrettania Rd. asburywoods.org.

**PA B.A.S.S. Nation State Qualifier**

June 25  
Presque Isle State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. eriesportscommission.com.

**3rd Annual Heart to Heart Blood Drive (In Honor of Jake Schwab & All Fallen Brothers)**

June 25 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Harley Davidson of Erie, 3712 W. 12th St. fourhearts.org.

**Pilates Class with Michaelee Curtze**

June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 — 11 a.m. to noon  
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St. goodellgardens.org.

**St. Boniface Parish**

**Old-Fashioned Country Festival**

June 25 — 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Saint Boniface Coleman Center, 9363 Wattsburg Rd. stbonifaceparisherie.org.

**Little Leaves Program**

June 26 & July 17 & Aug. 14 — 10 to 10:45 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. to noon  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. leaferie.org.

**Not What the Doctor Ordered: Drug Misuse in Older Adults**

June 26 — 10:30 a.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. lifeworkserie.org.

**Benefit for Women's and Civil Rights**

June 26 — 4:30 p.m. to midnight  
Scotty's Martini Lounge, 301 German St. facebook.com.

**Open Canvas Class**

June 26 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
Claytopia, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. heathercash.com.

**Explore Asbury Woods**

June 27 — 9 to 10 a.m.  
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. lifeworkserie.org.

**Fit for Life Fitness Class**

June 27 — 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. lifeworkserie.org.

**Branching Out**

June 27 & July 11, 18, 25 & Aug. 1, 8 — 10 a.m. to noon  
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. leaferie.org.

**Cactus Rock Garden**

June 27 — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

**Is Your Stuff Causing You Stress?**

June 27 — 1 p.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. lifeworkserie.org.

**Fur Babies For the Soul**

June 28 — 1 p.m.  
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. lifeworkserie.org.

**Humanity Against Heroin**

June 29 — 2 to 8 p.m.  
Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.

**Paint and Rock**

June 29 — 8 to 10:30 p.m.  
Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St.

facebook.com/kingsrookclub.

**Hedgehog in the Rain Canvas Class**

June 30 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
Claytopia, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. heathercash.com.

**Erie SeaWolves vs. Altoona Curve**

June 30 & July 1, 2, 3 — 7 p.m.  
UPMC Park, 110 E. 10th St. erieevents.com.

**Carson & Barnes Circus**

July 1, 2  
Lake Erie Speedway, 10700 Delmas Dr. lakeeriesteedspeedway.com.

**Olde Fashioned Fourth of July**

July 1 — 4 p.m.  
Heard Park, 40 N. Lake St. nechamber.org.

**LECOM Health Challenge**

July 3 through July 9  
Peek'n Peak Resort, 1405 Olde Rd. lecomhealthchallenge.com.

**Free Fireworks**

July 3 — 10 to 10:15 p.m.  
Waldameer, 220 Peninsula Dr. waldameer.com.

**Bleachers**

Gone Now  
RCA Records



Earlier this year, Jack Antonoff (as Bleachers) scored a public showing of The Breakfast Club, which should tip you off to the kind of album *Gone Now* tries to be. Filling the hole that his band fun. left, Bleachers is a strong and meticulously crafted dose of future-pop, filtering sounds of '80s radio through distorted vocals and bombastic drums at every turn. When it comes to writing hooks, Antonoff is a mad scientist (see: his work on Lorde's upcoming album) and Bleachers is a lab where he sets up his most ambitious experiments. One minute, he's layering vocals on the Beatles-esque highlight "Goodmorning," the next he's crafting summer-ready choruses backed by Carly Rae Jepsen ("Hate That You Know Me"). In fact, what makes *Gone Now* such a satisfying sophomore album is not that it's perfect, but that it follows through with everything it attempts. From the restrained balladry of "Nothing is U" to the all-out joyfulness of "Let's Get Married," no shortcuts are taken. Despite a few blush-worthy lyrical blunders, Antonoff lends his all to these songs, making them admirable (not to mention quite listenable). — Aaron Mook



**Wavves**

You're Welcome  
Ghost Ramp Records



Somewhat surprisingly, Wavves have been around for almost a decade now, which seems like an eternity for a band that stakes their claim on being eternally youthful. Additionally, over the span of six albums, they have changed very little (even on their aggressive Warner Brothers one-off, *V*), serving up snotty slacker-punk and surf-rock anchored by Nathan Williams' grimy hooks. They are, in a phrase, grunge enough for the grunge kids, indie enough for the indie kids. But Wavves' new album, *You're Welcome*, finds the band getting particularly weird for a band known for being historically weird. The riffs are cleaner, sometimes looped, and songs like the album's title track are notably slower and spacier than anything the band has written before. *You're Welcome* may very well be the most "out-there" album Wavves has released, providing a clean slate for the band to experiment with a number of (mostly successful) sounds and structures. And still, Williams is at his absolute best when he straightforwardly exclaims, "A million stars light up my face when you look at me." — Aaron Mook



**Beach Fossils**

Somersault  
Captured Tracks



For their third album since their 2010 eponymous debut, Beach Fossils continue to raise the bar for themselves. The Brooklyn trio fulfill the promise of 2013's *Clash the Truth* by expanding their musical vocabulary even further. Riding the initial wave (pun intended) of lo-fi, reverb-soaked throwback bands of the early 2010's, Beach Fossils carved out a spot as a well known, moderately respected indie band. As their former drummer, Zachary Cole Smith went on to front Diiv, it seemed like the band might start fading from the headlines. With *Somersault*, that trend may be all but completely reversed. Opening up with the jangly perfection of Real Estate, "This Year" sets the stage for one of the essential albums of the summer. The breezy spirit of the record inspires multiple listens. Standout moments include rapper Cities Aviv genre-breaking guest spot on "Rise," the oddly perfect jazz flute in "Saint Ivy," and the track "Tangerine." The latter is one of the stronger tracks of the year, and features a guest appearance by Slowdive's Rachel Goswell. — Nick Warren

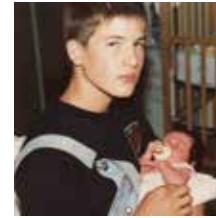


**Big Thief**

Capacity  
Saddle Creek



With a passionate intimacy that's almost startling, Big Thief are able to communicate emotions with heartbreaking accuracy. The opening track "Pretty Things" lays it all out on the table, filled with the unbreakable fragility that made Cat Power so deeply resonant. Singer Adrianne Lenker has absolutely outdone herself with this entire record. Aside from the aptly-titled titular track of last year's *Masterpiece*, their debut seemed to be adept, albeit mostly forgettable. *Capacity* suffers from none of that. It's brilliantly paced with up-and-down moments of pleasure and pain. Moving from light alt-country shuffles like "Shark Smile" to indie hits like "Mythological Beauty," the album finds a balance. Lenker is able to paint even the darkest, most intense subject matter with a delicate brush. Her lyrics cover subjects like sexual violence, familial struggles, and life-changing trauma. The warm, understated musicality of the band underscores an amplified femininity with an execution that's nearly perfect. This tender, personal record might just be one of the strongest of the year. — Nick Warren



**TOMMY IN TOON — BY TOMMY LINK**



## Sneaky Pete's Takes It to the House

Centenarian building serves criminally good drinks, eats



NICK WARREN

By: Matt Swanseger

Darrell Knopfel likes having people over. Whether they're familiar faces stopping by after a round of golf or complete strangers showing up after dark, he is eager to pour them a drink or strike up a conversation. Whereas others might sound an alarm for trespassing, Knopfel says, "make yourself at home," explaining, "Without the customers, I'm no one."

Sneaky Pete's is both Knopfel's living place and his livelihood, a historical relic and a modern-day revelation in a bar-and-restaurant industry lacking character. The unassuming two-story house looms much larger in local lore, dating all the way back before Prohibition as a "blind pig" establishment. The term originated in the late 19th century, when crafty saloon or bar proprietors would charge customers for "entertainment" (e.g., a pig) and slip them a drink as a courtesy for their patronage. In this way, "blind pig" owners circumvented li-

quor licensing laws because their basis of operation was the so-called "entertainment."

During Prohibition itself (1920-1933), the "blind pig" was the divier counterpart to the classier speakeasy, with a more relaxed dress code and emphasis on the beer and liquor (speakeasies typically offered full menus and booked bipedal entertainers over quadrupeds).

Knopfel pays respect to this tradition with the vintage striped pig plaques outside (the unofficial logo of the "blind pig" network), but otherwise models Sneaky Pete's after a speakeasy. After all, pouring 35 years of culinary experience down the drain would be a true crime, even if the authorities *do* come knocking. A not-so-anonymous tip: This place is an old-timey beauty, replete with Waterford crystal, Tiffany lamps, and Art-Deco flourishes straight out of the roaring '20s. The three menus – charcutERIE, pub (salads, flat breads, and sandwiches), and blackboard dinner specials –

are all thoughtfully composed, with descriptions for *everything*.

The charcutERIE menu includes cured meats and cheeses from Italy, Spain, and France and has proven especially popular with golfers from the nearby Kahkwa Club. Unique to Sneaky Pete's is a wine, beer, *and* spirit recommendation for each menu item. No matter your preference, you will not be excluded. That brings us to the Beverage Encyclopedia, a tome worthy of Solomon – the complex flavor notes and characteristics of each libation are all laid out, so you will always have a good idea of what you're getting into. And if you're still squeamish, either Knopfel or one of his very knowledgeable bartenders will give you the scoop.

There is a story behind every bottle prominently displayed behind the counter, and their historical reference points are often fascinating. Take, for example, Wigle Distillery's line of spirits. Did you know that Western Pennsylvania was

**Bartender Rebecca Wurst, of Girard, mixes the Fairview speakeasy's eponymously named cocktail, the Sneaky Pete, a foamy mint chocolate delight.**

the birthplace of American whiskey? In the 1790s, George Washington sentenced a Pittsburgh distiller named Philip Wigle to hang after he refused to pay taxes on the whiskey he produced, thus sparking the Whiskey Rebellion (he was eventually pardoned). By 1808, Allegheny County was producing a half barrel of whiskey for every man, woman, and child in the country – a spicy concoction known as Monongahela Rye. Those who fled the Rebellion for Kentucky favored corn, which led to the bourbon boom.

There's something about knowing the taboos behind your booze that makes sipping (or swigging) it all the more satisfying. Further proof: the Speakeasy cocktail selections, inspired by the days when America's alcoholics illicitly distilled gin in their own bathtubs (because priorities). Sneaky Pete's itself, on the other hand, has nothing to hide. Knopfel sums up his business as such: "It's a speakeasy that puts out damn good food and damn good drinks."

Nonetheless, it is a loving homage to a period when people did not feel the need (or have the means) to divulge absolutely *everything* about themselves outside of face-to-face interaction. To clarify: Sneaky Pete's is a screen – and smoke-free environment, making no attempt to appease technophiles. Of course there is nothing to prevent you from smuggling *your* electronic devices onto the premises (don't worry, we'll keep it on the hush-hush), but Bluetooth bootleggers will not get the most out of the experience. Prohibition is over (!), folks,

and conversations above a dull whisper are both welcome and encouraged.

If you're not talking, there's a good chance you'll be eating, because the plates are returning to the kitchen empty. Knopfel, a graduate of Mercyhurst's Restaurant Management program and former manager of Shakespier's (at the site of the current Sloppy Duck), instituted his Blackboard Dinner Menu in February. Each week's menu features 3 P's (a protein, a poultry, and a pasta entree) and an S (seafood) and the variety has been staggering – not a single repeat yet. On the first and third Tuesday of each month (excepting July), Sneaky Pete's continues to hold its pairing dinners (featur-

**Knopfel sums up his business as such: "It's a speakeasy that puts out damn good food and damn good drinks."**

ing wines, beers, or spirits on a rotating basis), which regularly sell out with no promotion.

Since Knopfel acquired the building from former owners Pete and Laura Ciacchini last year (with the help of investor Chuck Herron), it's become more and more difficult to find a place to sneak into Sneaky Pete's (10 bar stools and 35 restaurant seats, no reservations). Even a blind pig could see that both the host and his guests seem poised to stay a while.

*Sneaky Pete's is located at 6116 Swanville Road in Fairview and open for business Tuesday through Saturday nights from 4 p.m. to close. Call 790.5254 or visit [sneakypeteserie.com](http://sneakypeteserie.com) for more info.*

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