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Zeus, a rescued Pit Bull mix, is recovering at the ANNA Shelter at 1555 E. 10th St. in Erie.

**From the Editors****The dog days of summer**

If you're awake (even barely) just before dawn this week, look to the eastern sky. There you'll find Sirius, aka "The Dog Star," bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, ready to cozy up to the rising sun. In reality, it's 8.6 light years away (a little far for fetching slippers, even for the most devoted pet), but to some ancient observers it appeared as if the two stars were teaming up to bring on some of the hottest days of the year — what are popularly known as the "Dog Days of Summer."

Since the Dog Star is about twice as massive and 26 times more powerful than our sun, things would be a lot more *Sirius* if that were the case. The ancient Egyptians both feared and eagerly anticipated the early morning appearance of Sirius, knowing the Nile would soon flood, destroying property but also leaving behind fertile ground for crops. Typical entrance for a dog — messy at first, but quick to grow on you.

Generally speaking, we love our pets — canine, feline, or otherwise. According to the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), it is estimated that Americans collectively own approximately 78 million dogs (with 44 percent of households owning at least one) and 85.8 million cats (with 35 percent of households owning at least one). However, not every pet-owner relationship is as fuzzy as it should be, as 6.5 million animals enter U.S. shelters annually. Some are surrendered by owners that can no longer physically or financially care for them, while others are rescued from abuse or abandonment — but all need new homes.

Animal lovers rallied to their cause in a big way during the most recent Erie Gives Day, with three area shelters — The ANNA Shelter (No. 3), Because You Care, Inc. (No. 4), and Orphan Angels Cat Sanctuary & Adoption Center (No. 9) finishing in the top 10 in terms of unique donors. In total, over 1,200 bipeds chipped in on behalf of their quadruped counterparts. In this issue, you'll meet some of the lovable pets you can adopt from shelters and the dedicated people behind them, volunteering countless hours and buckets of energy to bring these animals back from some pretty desperate situations. If opting for a canine companion, Cara Suppa provides a list of places Spot might best explore his or her new *leash* on life.

It's a good thing to invest our favorite pet projects — whether literally in the form of a pet or in manifest in some other hobby or passion (pickles anyone?) But as the Amazon rainforest burns and the community's poor suffer, we mustn't forget about our planet and our people either. Sniff around and see how you can help.

Cover model: Slim, a six-year-old beagle adopted from Because You Care, is the beloved pet of Co-Editor-in-Chief Brian Graham and an occasional visitor to the Reader offices.

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## Erie At Large: The Homecoming

Carson, GOP continue attack against public housing



Republican Congressman Mike Kelly (left-center) and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson (right-center) shake hands at Erie City Hall. Carson was in town to deliver the keynote address at the Erie Homecoming, an event designed by the Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership to lure investors.

likely to have additional means of income as a result of age or disability — would have seen their rent increase to \$152 per month under the Carson proposal. The typical family living at this rate would have less than \$50 left each month for food and additional expenses.

Why? Carson argued that restricting income by raising rent — thereby leaving less money for basic necessities like food, toothpaste, and soap — would force people to look harder for work.

In March 2019, Trump and Carson doubled down on raising the rent on residents in publicly subsidized housing, to cut all funding for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), and to pull federal oversight of public housing maintenance in rural and urban communities. As has become standard operating procedure, Congress mitigated the cuts to CDBG funds and other programs that are instrumental to the health and welfare of Americans in communities large and small.

Nevertheless, those who receive HUD-regulated housing are increasingly living in dangerous conditions with nowhere to turn. A 2019 study by NBC News found that more than 1,000 of HUD's 28,000 federally subsidized private housing developments failed basic inspections for health and safety violations. The failure rate increased by 30 percent between 2016 and 2018. Inspectors and tenants reported rodents and bugs, including cockroaches and mice, mold covering walls and furniture, and burst pipes that have caused ceilings to collapse and drywall to rot while residents face a choice between homelessness or squalor.

Federal inspectors give the property managers deadlines to correct problems, but the deadlines come and go without follow-up inspections, in part, because HUD has lost hundreds of staffers since Trump took office and mandated a hiring freeze. Those who have remained with HUD have been reoriented toward the enforcement

of immigration policies that are used to prorate housing subsidies for poor immigrants based on the ratio of documented to undocumented people living in an apartment, but now threatens them with eviction. The Boston Globe reported that most mixed-status families try to stay out of public housing; those who live in subsidized housing pose one of the largest impacts on the already large and growing homelessness crisis in the United States.

Both Trump and Carson have stroked nativist tendencies by arguing that they need to “clear” public housing “for Americans.” But according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, nearly 75 percent of the people who qualify for some form of public assistance don't get it. Shamelessly, for Trump and Carson, it seems the only priority is to clear public housing.

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Maybe that fits into the investment narrative of Erie, but I don't think it does. And it goes without saying that it shouldn't. The time has long passed for our elected officials and business leaders to stop allowing this sociopath of a president and his administrative stooges to use Erie as a backdrop against which to frame their regressive policies.

Erie is better than that and investors need to know that it's true.

Ben Carson may have grown up in public housing but he's long outgrown his understanding of what it means to be poor.

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Homecomings are an important institutional moment. They are, at once, nostalgic and forward-facing. They represent the values of the past and serve as an illustration of how those values inform the future.

So what values were on display when Dr. Ben Carson — the pediatric neurosurgeon turned Republican presidential candidate turned Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) — came to town last week as the keynote address to the Erie Homecoming, an event designed by the Erie Chamber and Growth Partnership to attract the attention and investment of Erie ex-patriots?

Flanked by Congressman “White Mike” Kelly, Carson championed Opportunity Zones and, separately, announced that Erie was one of the locations nationwide that would receive grant money for lead abatement in Section 8 housing. The program for which he used Erie as a prop to discuss is part of HUD's general budget and was included in the bipartisan budget bill, which Kelly voted against. It was all pre-election year theater.

There was little added value in an invitation to an underqualified cabinet official.

Sec. Carson is eminently qualified to talk to the staff and hospital administration at any one of our local medical centers about the nuances of pediatric neuroscience. He's far less qualified to

talk about a subject related to his role in Housing and Urban Development. His tenure has been marked by blind-eyed support for this administration's assault on poor people and the underinvestment in resources that HUD is tasked to distribute and regulate.

Among its myriad responsibilities, HUD serves many critical functions of the federal government's interactions with, primarily, poor people in this country. Upon announcing in December 2016 that Carson would be the next HUD secretary, both President Trump and Carson acknowledged that the housing shortage for poor people was nothing but catastrophic. Trump pointed to Carson's childhood living in public housing in Detroit as merit enough for Carson's nomination.

HUD oversees the Section 8 program, which helps provide assistance for private and public housing to nearly 8 million people. But under Carson's leadership at HUD and at the direction of the Trump White House, financial support for Section 8 is under attack. The administration proposed budget cuts of nearly 20 percent, although those were later restored by Congress. And, according to the Los Angeles Times, both the agency and the administration has used the program to target immigrants and justify the displacement of tens of thousands of Americans in the process.

In 2018, Sec. Carson pitched a plan to triple the rent on the poorest people living in public housing. People paying the minimum rent of \$50 — those least

## Gem City Playbook: United Aircraft Technologies

Aviation startup achieves liftoff through Secure Erie Accelerator



The team at United Aircraft Technologies – Rhiannon Reynolds (left), Evaguel Rhysing, and Darian Rhysing – developed a lightweight interconnecting clamp that has the potential to replace the heavy metal clamps used in everything from Black Hawk helicopters to commercial airplanes. Investors are noticing, as the company has garnered the support through the Sikorsky Innovations Entrepreneurial Challenge and the Secure Erie Accelerator.

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By: Rebecca Styn

**D**on't just start a business, solve a problem.

That is exactly what the founders of United Aircraft Technologies (UAT) did. For 12 years, Army veteran Darian Rhysing served as an aircraft electrician for the Army and Navy — working on Black Hawk helicopters and Boeing Chinooks. As a result of the repetitive stress he experienced installing metal clamps used in aircraft wiring, he now lives with permanent carpal tunnel syndrome.

However, inside every problem lies an opportunity.

Darian and his wife and partner, Evaguel Rhysing [who is also an entrepreneur, with a passion for physics and aerodynamics — and fluent in four languages], ultimately developed a lightweight interconnecting wiring clamp to replace the heavy metal clamp that is currently used in everything from helicopters to commercial airplanes. Once fully utilized, this device will help improve fuel economy, increase safety for the aerospace industry, and decrease the occurrence of repetitive strain injuries among the workforce.

And today, this veteran-owned, woman-led business is starting to make a big impact in the aviation industry.

I had the opportunity to meet the group during their time with the Erie Innovation District's Secure Erie Accelerator (SEA). SEA companies go

through an extensive pre-vetting process, and ultimately out of the near 100 applications received, only up to ten are chosen. This year, there were seven. Each is provided with a financial investment and given training, mentoring, and networking opportunities that will hopefully help scale their business. This year's cohort showcased companies from Troy, New York to Varna, Bulgaria. The hope is that some will remain in Erie. Last year, five companies stayed in some capacity.

UAT is already committed.

As the final week of the accelerator came to a close, I sat down with Evaguel (founder and CEO), Darian (founder and CTO), and Rhiannon Reynolds (business developer). We met on the second floor meeting room at Velocity Network headquarters (which houses the Innovation District). Surrounded by the natural light drawn in from the floor to ceiling windows that surround the room, I perched upon the high desk while the others nestled into the contemporary half circle sofa to talk about all things UAT and Erie. Having very little knowledge about the aviation industry, I wanted to know more about the product — but also how they got here, and where they were going next.

Evaguel tells me, "We were looking for an accelerator focused on defense. There are currently not many resources, and Darian came upon the Secure Erie Accelerator and we decided to apply. We were already active in the accelera-

tor ecosystem and had met the founder of SimpleSense (part of last year's SEA cohort) through the MassChallenge." MassChallenge is a global, zero-equity startup accelerator where companies selected represent the top nine percent of high-impact and high-potential startups from around the world. After UAT made the final round for SEA, "We opted to come to Erie when we learned about the many opportunities for plastic manufacturing."

I learned that this is no small project. Because aircraft modifications and repairs come into play every 90 days, the wiring bundles held by clamps have to be undone and reattached over and over, and one can multiply that by thousands. According to Darian, "A Black Hawk helicopter needs over 1,000 metal clamps and a commercial-size airplane such as the 737 or Airbus needs up to 20,000 or more clamps." UAT's design does not require the use of hardware and makes it up to 65 percent lighter than its existing counterparts.

"One of the things that got us excited and really opened up our minds to seriously consider moving part of our operations to Erie, was when we toured Plastek," asserts Evaguel. "We had toured several other facilities but none of them have compared to the facilities that Plastek offered. And while the capabilities they have are important, they are also family-oriented and received us with such a warm welcome."

The three of them note that this project will unfold in phases, and there will also be a "smart" version of the clamp. Plastek will be working with engineering students at Penn State Behrend to help develop the technology to go inside the clamps. "It's an amazing collaboration with Penn State. They sponsored a plastics program with the university, and one of the research projects is to develop the equipment for us," Evaguel tells me.

The smart clamps will be part of an augmented reality system to pinpoint where wiring has issues and needs to be repaired. "In the end there will be two different styles as not all clamps need to be smart. We also plan to have the clamp fully certified by the end of the year." Darian notes. The group is also currently working with Ben Franklin Technology PArtners. Evaguel adds, "Once we secure additional funding, we will also be looking at taking more operations to Erie."

Looking forward, the group already has plans.

"Many of our entry points have been through Sikorsky. We plan to use that connection to hopefully expand into Boeing [one of their partners] and get into commercial aviation." Back in 2018, UAT was an awardee of the Sikorsky Innovations Entrepreneurial Challenge (owned by Lockheed Martin), which is designed to accelerate innovators and disruptive technology concepts with applications for the vertical flight market. Sikorsky manufactures the Black Hawk helicopter — which is UAT's initial test market.

Moving from technology to Erie, I inquire about their experience in our fair city.

"I really love it here," Rhiannon tells me. "I didn't even know it existed before the accelerator, but I was surprised by the quality of the beaches and there are a million things to do. The amenities are pretty great for the city of this size."

Evaguel adds, "Getting to know folks was the best part — everybody here is connected, very welcoming, and they opened their doors to working with us. All of this and the connection with Penn State Erie, made us feel very welcome. It was one of our best experiences — normally you don't encounter that. Oh, and the tour of Wabtec was great too — we loved the opportunity and learning more about the locomotive history."

Rhiannon adds, "I feel spoiled now."

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# Lake Erie's Harmful Algal Blooms Dangerous to Dogs

Why pet owners should heed recent environmental warnings



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By: Chloe Forbes

Dog owners are becoming more concerned as reports of harmful algal blooms (HABs) in the lake are reported unsafe for pets. Recently, a dog swimming advisory was posted by The Erie County Department of Health for Presque Isle's Vista 3, Sturgeon Bay, Ferry Slip, Marina, Niagara Boat Launch, Horseshoe Pond, Boater's Beach, Perry Monument, Beach 11, and other locations including the Lake Cliff Boat Launch in Lawrence Park, Shades Beach, the Erie Yacht Club, Grahamville Reservoir, and Eaton Reservoir in North East.

The poisonous algae did not test high enough to concern humans, but dogs can suffer liver damage, respiratory paralysis, gastrointestinal disease, and other fatal issues. Social media was quick to pick up on these warnings following viral posts of dogs in North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas dying after swimming in local ponds and lakes.

Breanna Adams, director of environmental health services at the Erie County Department of Health, said "dogs are more susceptible because of their body mass and the way they use the water (i.e. licking it off their fur, opening their mouths underwater)."

Known as cyanobacteria, the HAB is caused by fertilizer run-off into the lake, which provides extra nutrients to the biological growth. With calm winds and abundant sunlight, the bloom has increased considerably in the past few weeks. The Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention asks that people use only the recommended amount of fertilizer in their yard to prevent further runoff.

In an article for The Erie Times-News, DEP aquatic biologist Nate Irwin said, "they (cyanobacteria) are a normal part of the system. They're in every water body around the globe."

In their Lake Assessment Report, The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) stated that the main water quality concerns in Pennsylvania lakes are due in part to eutrophication, a process resulting from gradual nutrient accumulation (sometimes referred to as "lake aging"). Although it is usually a slow process that happens to all lakes, the bigger problem is "cultural eutrophication" when what would've taken thousands of years is sped up to just decades because human influences are severe.

Adams said that E. coli can often indicate the presence of other harmful bacteria. The HAB tests are not regulatory but as a part of a HAB taskforce, they do test for it once a week from 25 different sites in the area to be proactive and raise awareness about the issue.

As reported by the DEP, a HAB often appears as blue or green scum on the surface of the water or as foam and can lurk beneath other plants. Dogs pick up the bacteria by ingesting it when swimming, licking it off wet fur, or eating any sand that could have remnants of the toxins.

It may physically show as the "pea-soup" color, but Adams said, "sometimes

Harmful algal blooms, such as those that have been appearing in Lake Erie, are caused by excess fertilizer in run-off, fueling a profusion of biological growth. Sometimes they exhibit a telltale "pea-soup" color, but other times they can be virtually invisible. Either way, the cyanobacteria within them can be deadly when ingested by swimming or splashing pets.

after a rainstorm or a windy night they might move away" as they are broken up and dispersed, not showing. Adams said that is why it is important to pay attention to the signs posted in the area because there may still be toxins in the water.

Recently in North Carolina, two dog owners took their three dogs to a local pond that was seemingly clear, but 15 minutes after leaving the water, one of the dogs started having a seizure. The other two dogs also became infected by the toxic algae and within hours, all three dogs were dead.

Although there have not been any deaths reported in the Lake Erie area, if you suspect your dog has ingested or come in contact with any algae, wash your dog with clean water immediately and wear protective gloves while doing so.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, early symptoms of HAB poisoning in dogs may include staggering, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, and convulsions.

In their statement regarding the Lake Erie HAB, The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said if your dog is showing these signs, take them to a vet or animal hospital immediately.

Irwin said there are efforts being taken to reduce the amount of nutrients going into the lake, but his advice is, "if in doubt, stay out."

The advisories will be lifted once the toxin levels have decreased to a safe level. If the concentrations were to increase, recreational advisories would be put in place.

Stay updated by looking at the Google map put out by the Erie County Department of Health: <https://www.eriecountypa.gov/county-services/health-department/environmental-services/beaches/current-beach-sampling-results.aspx>

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Five paw-some places to take your dog in Erie (that aren't PI)



**Luna the Labradoodle poses at Brown's Farm, located off Sterrettania Road in Fairview. Its lush, wide meadow trails make it a prime dog spot.**

JESSICA HUNTER

By: Cara Suppa

The good people of Erie love their dogs. They love them even as they take up a significant portion of their beds and bark at all hours; they love their friends' and neighbors' dogs; and they love all the dogs that aren't necessarily part of their lives, like when Ultimate Good Boy corgi Waffles went missing on PI in the coldest weather of the year and was miraculously found alive and well, 60 hours later.

Happy dogs need exercise and socialization, and Erie offers tons of locations to which dotting pet owners can bring their waggy-tailed friends — far beyond the myriad attractions at Presque Isle State Park.

Here are some of the best Erie spots for putting a grin on Spot's perfect, furry face.

### **McClelland Park/Larry R. Fabrizi Dog Park – 2438 E. 26th St.**

With shady, wooded trails, a creek for hot-weather splashing and a beautiful expanse of gently sloping grassy lawn as you drive into the park proper, Mc-

Clelland Park is a gem on the east side.

One of the best things about this park is that it is just as fun in the winter. Though excessive snow and/or ice can lead the city to block its hilled entrance off, patrons can still park on 26th and walk up and back into the recreational space; often, the foot traffic has left considerably packed-down snow trails to follow, with four-legged paw prints criss-crossing erratically, as dogs are wont to practically leap around in their excitement at a new adventure.

The Larry R. Fabrizi Dog Park opened to great fanfare on July 22, 2015 as the first city-owned dog park, and patrons were immediately wowed by the expansive, beautiful space. The planners and organizers clearly put a ton of thought into the park, including not just training/obedience equipment for the pups, but tons of seating for their human tagalongs.

The fenced areas are divided between space for dogs over 35 lbs. and dogs under that weight (though these guidelines aren't necessarily set in stone), plus ample leashing sections to discourage escape artists. One word of caution: the Fabrizi Dog Park does not

have a drinking water source, so you should bring a jug of cold water and a dish for your buddy, especially on hot summer days.

### **Frontier Park – 1501 W. 6th St.**

Frontier Park, nestled between West Sixth and Eighth streets and the Bayfront Parkway, is like Erie's Central Park, and it is a fantastic spot for taking Spot to get some exercise — and some sniffs, and a swim, too. Rather than give the illusion that you have left the city, Frontier often pulses with the same energy and excitement as the downtown area, just on a smaller and leafier scale.

If you have a new puppy to show off and socialize, your dog likes splashing around in a creek, or your pooch simply loves meeting new people and new four-legged friends, Frontier is the busy, on-leash place to see and be seen, especially this time of year.

### **Scott Park – W. 6th St. and Lowell**

Like the equally talented (but much lesser-known) little sister of an established celebrity icon, Scott Park is situated mere feet away from the opening of Presque Isle, and while it boasts no beaches, it is a dog-friendly delight in its own right.

Its trails are wide and easy-going (for the most part), plunging you into woods that make you feel as though you have left the city, until you keep walking and come across the outskirts of Sara's Campground. The northernmost portion of the trail leads you along a bluff that overlooks part of Lake Erie, a peaceful and contemplative sight. Just time your visit for dry weather, as the dirt trails can get muddy after rain.

### **Brown's Farm – Just past Thomas Rd. heading SW on Sterrettania Rd.**

Like so many of the dog-friendly parks and trails in our area, Brown's Farm gives the impressive illusion of being far out in the country, while the general area includes numerous housing developments and two Millcreek schools. Yet for all that, when you en-

ter the Brown's Farm trails, just a quick drive down 832, it feels as though you are leaving all of it far, far behind.

The trails themselves are grassy and extraordinarily wide — lots of ground to cover for devoted sniffers — with tall vegetation on either side that hums with the activity of busy insects. Further back, as you move toward Walnut Creek, things get a bit narrower and steeper, providing more rugged fare for a greater challenge — all the better to burn off that endless energy some of our furry friends always seem to have.

### **Humane Society Dog Park – 2407 Zimmerly Rd.**

Despite the ubiquity of the Erie Humane Society on the pet adoption scene, few people realize they do, in fact, have a dog park behind the main building on Interchange Road, and if you come on a good night, it is a pretty happening place to be.

Though it is smaller than Fabrizi Park on the other side of town, there is still plenty of room for play, with two separate fenced pens, each with their own leashing section. The larger side has some training equipment, plus a "back door" from the pen, giving dogs and their owners easier access to Walnut Creek, which meanders behind the park.

Another great bonus at the Humane Society facility is that there is access to running water, and if you forget a dish, there are a few typically lying around; all they need is a quick rinse.

And if you are lucky, you might get to meet the most famous and beloved of all Humane Society Park patrons: owner Tom and his round-eyed, long-eared basset Oliver, who sometimes visit multiple times throughout the day.

### **A few other wonderful dog-friendly spots in the area:**

Wintergreen Gorge, 3399 Cooper Rd.  
Pleasant Ridge Park, Barker Rd., Girard

Lake Erie Community Park, 10192 West Lake Rd., Lake City

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# How To Make 'Erie Pickles'

Nineteenth-century author's advice on putting summer produce to good use



Today's pickled cucumbers are synonymous with dill. However, prior to the early 20th century, gourmands such as author Laura C. Sterrett (*The Erie Cook Book*) had much different recipes for pickles.

seed ... one handful small green peppers, two pounds sugar, a few onions, and a small piece of alum. Pour the vinegar while hot over the cucumbers, let stand a day, repeating the operation three or four mornings."

Mix together one-fourth pound of mustard with vinegar and dump it over the concoction before sealing and you'll have chow-chow pickles to gift to your friends and family.

I love food and I love history, so it's likely not a surprise that I've always enjoyed a little history with my meals. Food and history are intertwined and food history is an important and growing interdisciplinary field. Time after time I continue to open *The Erie Cook Book* and each time I feel a little more connected to the Erie of the past. Other times, I simply use it as an excuse to play around in the kitchen.

Enjoy your pickles, folks.

Jonathan Burdick runs the historical blog *Rust & Dirt*. Follow them on Twitter @RustDirt, and on Instagram @RustandDirt.

By: Jonathan Burdick

Tired of the same old Vlasic Dill Pickles? Did you miss the deadline for the Pickle-of-the-Month Club from French Street Farms? If so and you are craving some unique pickled goodness, Laura C. Sterrett has just the solution for you: homemade 19th century Erie pickles.

I have written about Sterrett's rather remarkable *The Erie Cook Book* before (see: "Bake a Heart Like You Would Roast Beef: Practical Advice for 19th Century Erieites"). The cookbook, compiled and arranged by Sterrett for publication in 1881, is a collection of Erie recipes, some from her well-known family's kitchens and some from other locals.

So, if you're looking to make some pickles with those late-summer cucumbers of yours, why not heed the advice of those who were here in Erie long before us and use some historic local pickle recipes? In her chapter dedicated to the food, Sterrett begins with some practical pickling advice.

"[U]se none but the best cider vinegar and boil in a porcelain kettle—never in metal," she advises.

Want to get extremely authentic with your pickle-making? She provides a recipe for her homemade vinegar:

"Boil slowly for one hour three pounds of very coarse brown sugar in three gallons of water, work it with a little yeast, the same as you would beer; then put it into a cask, and expose it to the sun ... and it soon will become fine vinegar, fit for pickling or any other purposes."

Once the homemade vinegar is made, it's time to choose a pickle recipe. There are recipes for pickled tomatoes, pickled strawberries, peach pickles, pickles

a la France, pickled onions, pickled raisins, pickled cabbage, bean pickles, and sweet pickled beets—but the pickled cucumbers receive the most attention.

One recipe calls for a mixture of black pepper, cinnamon, sugar, mustard seeds, green peppers, and horseradish topped with grape leaves. Perhaps her most interesting pickled cucumber recipe though is listed fourth:

"Cut large, ripe, solid cucumbers in rings, pare, divide into smaller pieces and remove the seeds; cook pieces very slightly in weak vinegar, with salt enough to season well, drain, and put in stone jar in layers, with a few slices of onions, some cayenne pepper, whole allspice, whole cloves, bits of cinnamon bark, and celery seed (according to taste) between the layers of cucumber. Then cover with a syrup made of one pound brown sugar to one quart cider vinegar, boiled for about five minutes."

Cover and store it somewhere cool—only "in glass or stoneware" she advises—and before long, you'll have some authentic and historic Erie pickles. There are many other recipes as well and noticeably none contain dill, as dill pickles wouldn't spread in popularity for another two decades beginning in New York City's Jewish delis.

There's also a recipe for chow-chow pickles, a type of pickled relish that was a staple of Pennsylvanian Dutch cuisine (a company called Wos-Wit located in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania is one of the few still mass-producing it today).

"Let two hundred small cucumbers stand in salt and water closely covered for three days," instructs Sterrett. "Boil for fifteen minutes in half a gallon best cider vinegar, one ounce white mustard seed, one of black mustard seed, one of juniper berries, one of celery

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## Adopt Your Forever Companion

Nine local canines to drool over

By: Matt Swanseger

Animal shelters have produced some pretty remarkable personalities — Rin Tin Tin, Spike (aka “Old Yeller”), and Higgins (aka “Benji”) were *bone a fide* Hollywood stars. Mochi, a South Dakota rescue, holds the Guinness World Record for The Dog With The Longest Tongue. Chanel, a white dachshund adopted in Newport News, Va. (often photographed wearing goggles and sweaters because of cataracts and cold sensitivity), died in 2009 as the World’s Oldest Dog at the age of 21 years and 114 days. Pabst, a boxer mix with a severe underbite, received the dubious honor of World’s Ugliest Dog in 2009.

Other shelter dogs garnered attention for amazing or heroic feats, such as Jake (a search-and-rescue dog who sniffed out survivors in the wreckage of 9/11) and Peety (a Shepherd/Border Collie mix who helped turn his morbidly obese owner into a regular marathon runner). As you can see, these cast-aside canines are capable of great things. Would we know their names if they hadn’t been adopted?

Of course, not all of the 3.3 million dogs that find their way into shelters annually will end up with its own IMDB or Wikipedia page, daytime talkshow spot, or viral video. However, 1.6 million will end up with owners eager to love them — and for them, that’s enough. The Reader got in touch with Erie’s local animal shelters to meet some of our city’s most eligible *barkchelors* and *barkcheloettes*. Who knows — if you’re lucky, one might go home with you and lick your face.

*[Disclaimer: Availability highly subject to change; although these dogs may find homes before or during this edition’s run, many other potentially wonderful companions are waiting to take their place. All pets featured here have been spayed or neutered.]*

### Vivian



**Vital statistics:** Whippet mix, 8-month-old female, 27 lbs.  
**Find her at:** Because You Care Adoption Center (6041 West Rd., McKean, PA 16426)  
**Good with:** Cats and other dogs

**Training:** House and crate

**About:** With all due respect to Kelly Clarkson, *Vivian* is Miss Independent, according to her caretakers. She is mature beyond her dog years (the equivalent of a nine-year-old human), and if you were to behold the grace with which she flings her stuffed toys around the Because You Care estate, you’d be apt to agree. Her self-possessed and even-keeled demeanor would make an excellent foil for a working single adult or couple, just as long as you don’t mind a cuddle buddy in your off time.

### Bo



**Vital statistics:** German Shepherd/hound mix, 11-month-old male, 61 lbs.

**Find him at:** Because You Care Adoption Center

**Good with:** Cats and older kids

**Training:** House and crate

**About:** Bo knows fetch-ball. This perky and playful pup loves to take the field with other large dogs and showcase his athleticism. He’ll need a few minutes to wind down before settling into his crate and may even issue a few barks of protest — just be patient and remind him that there’ll be another game tomorrow. He won’t impose his will on cats, but he would do well with another dog or an active young human to help disperse his energy.

### Pippa

**Vital statistics:** Black Labrador Retriever mix, 8-month-old female, 40 lbs.

**Find her at:** Because You Care Adoption Center

**Good with:** Other dogs and older kids

**Training:** House and crate

**About:** Pippa approaches life head-on, whether its tackling a new trick or hopping in the car for her next adventure. She already has “sit,” “lay down,” and “roll over” in her repertoire, and she’s eager for more. Would she bring you your slippers in the morning? Maybe eventually. Would she volunteer for your fundraiser’s kissing booth? Definitely—any time of day. “Stay” still, our beating hearts.



### Yoshi



**Vital statistics:** Siberian Husky/Shepherd mix, 1-year-old male, 60 lbs.

**Find him at:** The ANNA Shelter (1555 E. 10th St., Erie)

**Good with:** Unknown

**Training:** Minimal

**About:** A personality like Yoshi’s couldn’t be left chained up. Thankfully, his neglectful former owners surrendered him to the ANNA Shelter and he’s been letting it all hang out ever since, starting with his floppy tongue (like Super Mario’s famous dinosaur sidekick of the same name). Since he had zero formal (or informal) training in his formative months, Yoshi is a bit of a handsome rascal at this stage — so whoever adopts him will have to patiently refine his etiquette. If you’re fit for it (and ANNA director Ruth Thompson hopes you are — with both Husky and German Shepherd elements, Yoshi is very high energy), Yoshi could be the man for you.

## FEATURE

### Joie and Opie



**Vital statistics:** Jack Russell Terriers, 8-year-old males, ~15 lbs.

**Find them at:** The ANNA Shelter

**Good with:** Some dogs, older children and adults

**Training:** House

**About:** Joie and Opie have been best boys for life and are a package deal. The Jack Russell Terrier breed is known for its spunk and curiosity, and it's likely these lads are no different. While entering the senior stage of their lifespan (10 to 15 years), they still have plenty of energy and affection to give. But beware — they're grumpy old men around cats and choosy about other dogs. Also note that Joie and Opie are Lyme-positive as well — but don't "tick" them off your list. Although the Lyme bacteria is in their system, they are not suffering any symptoms, nor can they infect you. But the situation does require monitoring.

### Delaney

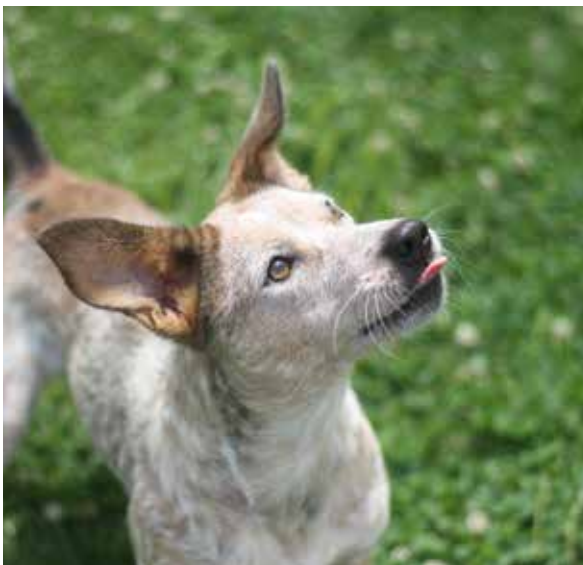
**Vital statistics:** Australian Cattle Dog mix, 3-year-old female, ~30 lbs.

**Find her at:** The Erie Humane Society (2407 Zimmerly Rd., Erie)

**Good with:** Other dogs

**Training:** Minimal

**About:** Those ears though (dreamy sigh). Delaney likes to move it, move it and kindly asks that you keep up. Sporty and sweet, if a bit unrefined, she has the makings of both a terrific family pet and an excellent agility dog — but first she needs to log some hours at the obedience gym. If you enjoy good company and



long walks on the beach (or anywhere), Delaney is a gal you may find yourself leashed to for the long haul.

### Kano



**Vital statistics:** German Shepherd mix, 6-year-old male, ~80 lbs.

**Find him at:** The Erie Humane Society

**Good with:** Kids, larger dogs

**Training:** Likely some but could use more

**About:** Kano is a good boy with the potential to be the *goodest* boy with some additional work. He enjoys

hanging out around the fam (so long as that does not include felines or dogs that are dimensionally challenged in comparison to himself), with a loving nature that makes him easy to warm up to. However, he's as adept at wiggling out of yards as he is to wiggling into hearts, so make sure your property is securely fenced to keep this handsome middle-aged man close at hand.

### Sally



**Vital statistics:** Australian Shepherd/Pit Bull mix, 9-year-old female, ~50 lbs.

**Find her at:** The Erie Humane Society

**Good with:** Other dogs

**Training:** Unknown

**About:** Sally had a severe itch that her previous owner just couldn't afford to scratch; however, she has begun to feel more comfortable in the skin she's in following intensive veterinary treatment. But hat good is all that regenerated fur without a best friend to pet it? This Australian Shepherd/Pit Bull mix would make a *great dame* for a more laid-back household, as in her old age she does not need a ton of vigorous exercise. Just a little TLC.

*Matt Swanseger's Siberian Husky, Porscha, is an amateur gardener and world-class mole huntress. However, she is a poor secretary and doesn't respond to emails (only rustling pretzel bags and clinking eating utensils), so direct inquiries to me at [mwsanseger@eriereader.com](mailto:mwsanseger@eriereader.com)*



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## Jekyll and Hyde's Takes on Punk



**New York City's The Take reach back to the punk roots of hardcore music for their signature sound. They will headline Aug. 31 at Jekyll & Hyde's, with support from Human Animal and Save Yourself.**

**SATURDAY, AUG. 31**

The punks are out tonight, when NYC's The Take comes to Jekyll and Hyde's with support from Erie's own Human Animal and Save Yourself.

The Take is made up of current and former members of several seminal New York City hardcore bands, including Agnostic Front, Madball, Sick of it All, and Biohazard. But instead of imitating the styles that they helped pioneer, The Take has adopted a different approach to their sound.

"Hardcore used to be followed by the word 'punk,' and that's what we originally wanted to create," says the band in regard to their philosophy. Hardcore music has grown into its own musical entity over the decades, and much of what is considered "hardcore" sounds increasingly closer to metal with each passing year. If bringing punk back into the definition of hardcore

was The Take's goal, they have certainly achieved it.

The Take's debut self-titled album fuses the styles of street punk, oi-punk, and hardcore, with raspy yet melodic vocals and ripping guitar solos to make a perfect brew of working-class rock and roll — making them a perfect fit for a place like Erie.

Like The Take, members of the supporting acts Human Animal and Save Yourself have history with a number of crucial Erie hardcore bands on their résumé — most notably Brother's Keeper, Shockwave, xDisciple A.D., and Smoke & Mirrors.

Human Animal has several EPs under their belt, which were compacted into their *First Four Winters* compilation album released in 2016. Both the old and new material they will play at the show are sure to be packed to the brim with their high energy crossover hardcore style. Save Yourself has yet to officially release any material, but with their explosive mix of metal and hardcore, they can keep up with whomever they share the stage with. — Tommy Shannon

9 p.m. // 8 E. 10th St. // Free // 21+, must have ID // [facebook.com/jekyllhydesgastropub](https://facebook.com/jekyllhydesgastropub)

## Watch The Standby Flourish at Their EP Release Party at The Ballet Haus

**SATURDAY, AUG. 31**

The Standby sure have been getting a lot of attention lately, and you can see why firsthand as they celebrate the release of their new EP, *Over, Under*, at The Ballet Haus. The release is preceded by two new singles — "Constant Nausea" and "Drawing Out the Hurt" — the latter having arrived with a dreamy and visceral music video that was premiered in part by *Alternative Press*. Erie's alt-emo pioneers are headed towards great things, and there's never been a better time to catch them in their element.

Joining The Standby are Rochester, N.Y. punks The Joke's On Us, alongside local noisy alt-rockers The Finer Things Club and Pittsburgh's

Dive. In addition to the musical performances, vendors attending will include clothing merchandiser Melancholy\_\* and The Big Cheese food truck. At the time of writing, this is scheduled to be one of the final three shows to be featured at The Ballet Haus, so your support of the associated bands and vendors goes a long way. — Aaron Mook

7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. // 1020 Holland Street // \$10 advance, \$13 day of show // All Ages // BYOB with 21+ ID // [facebook.com/theandromedaagency](https://facebook.com/theandromedaagency)



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## Erie Otters Slide Into Preseason

OHL team all set for the 2019-20 season



TERRY WILSON / OHL IMAGES

**The Erie Otters junior hockey team gathers around head coach Chris Hartsburg before a contest last season. The Otters look to improve on a disappointing 2018-19 campaign, wherein they finished last place in the Midwest Division with a record of 26-38-3-1.**

common cause, bringing citizens and family together. This is exactly the sense I gathered when talking to Aaron Cooney, broadcaster and marketing professional for the Erie Otters. Cooney expressed that this year the Otters are trying out a lot of new activities intended to elevate the fan experience beyond the inherent thrill of hockey. Once again, there will be free skating after every Sunday home game (which proved to be a success last year), with new additions like augmented reality-designed scavenger hunts and stations for fans to get pictures with Erie Otters players. As Cooney puts it, "we are in the entertainment business as well, not only the sports business."

Even with all the excitement off the ice, Cooney expressed that fans should be just as enthusiastic for what the organization has in store for this season on the ice as well, as young talent begins to jell into a

league contender. Jamie Drysdale — who at just 17 years of age looks like a strong candidate to be a top 10 pick in the NHL Draft — should be a cornerstone of a promising Erie Otters defense. Other exciting additions to the team include forward Connor Lockhart, who was the third overall pick in the 2019 OHL draft. Like Drysdale, Lockhart is sure to be a playmaker this year for the Otters and someone to keep an eye on.

All in all, whether you are a die-hard hockey fan or just looking for something fun to do with friends and family, the Erie Otters hockey organization has something for you. Under the leadership of head coach Chris Hartsburg, the preseason puck drops Aug. 31 against the Hamilton Bulldogs, with another exhibition game the following afternoon. The Otters will wrap up their preseason with games against the London Knights on Sept. 13 and 14 in Ontario. The first game of the regular season is set for Monday, Sept. 20 against the Sudbury Wolves. — Patrick Winney

Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. // Erie Insurance Arena, 809 French St // Free // For tickets and a full season schedule, go to [ottershockey.com](https://ottershockey.com)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 31**

Summer in Northwest Pennsylvania is beautiful. For many, it means walking the dog around Presque Isle, taking the family to a SeaWolves game, or maybe just relaxing with a cold beer on the patio at one of the city's many breweries. Although colder weather is beginning to set in, luckily we have the Erie Otters to warm our spirits.

In a smaller city like Erie, sports are important. They provide the opportunity for the city to rally behind a

Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival Return for 26th Year



EDINBORO UNIVERSITY

Dr. Melissa Gibson. Friday, attendees can participate in a single-malt whiskey tasting, a fiddle workshop — followed by fiddle competitions, and the traditional Calling of the Clans.

Events for the rest of the weekend include: bagpipe and drum competitions, highland dance competitions, an open air painting competition, tug-of-war, Scottish clan gatherings, and “a Scottish triathlon of sorts,” said Thompson. Competition winners will be entered into a drawing to win a trip to Scotland with Edinboro faculty in August of 2020.

On Saturday, there will also be a beer tent featuring local brewers such as Erie Brewing Company, Ellicottville Brewing Company, and Lavery Brewing. For \$10, visitors can purchase a Highland Games mug and drink the rest of the day. That evening, the university is hosting a Ceilidh dinner, complete with music and a cash bar. The price of this event has been lowered from \$35 to \$15 and students who wish to attend can use their meal plans to pay. — Hannah McDonald

*Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m., concluding service Sunday, Sept. 8, 10:45 a.m. // Edinboro University, 219 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA 16444 // All Ages, with some specific events being 21+ // Free to attend // edinboro.edu/events/highland-games*

THURSDAY, SEPT. 3–8

For the 26th consecutive year, Edinboro University will host the Highland Games & Scottish Festival. With an average turnout of between 5,000 and 7,000 people, Dr. Timothy Thompson, the founding director of the games, expects similar interest in this incarnation, especially as this year’s event is being promoted as a student-parent weekend, with student-focused events throughout the duration of the festivities and housing available for visiting family members.

The six-day celebration is full of Scottish athletic events, artist displays, beer and whiskey tastings, fiddle, pipe and drum music, and various competitions of skill and strength.

The first two days of the festival boast activities to get EU students involved, such as a Celtic night stargazing event at the university planetarium and a Scottish trivia competition run by EU profes-

Late Summer’s Boys Of Fall Sweep into Ballet Haus



MARK WOODBRIDGE/921 COLLECTIVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4

Boys of Fall are back at the Ballet Haus after their March performance drew an energized crowd. The Detroit pop-punk five-piece are currently on tour promoting their new album *Better Moments (Gold Edition)*, featuring reworked versions of songs from the original album released in late 2018. Meanwhile, they’re still releasing new singles — their latest release, “Fake Smiles,” dropped on Aug. 16. The band can be found on platforms like Spotify where their stream totals have eclipsed millions.

Lights + Letters (formerly known as Stillbright) is a locally-formed alternative rock trio. They were most recently seen performing at Celebrate Erie, where they promoted their 2018 EP *Tell Me* and gave fans a sneak peek at new songs. Maroon

**Detroit pop-punkers Boys of Fall return to the Ballet Haus on Sept. 4, with support from Erie’s Lights + Letters.**

River will be playing their debut show at the Ballet Haus. The duo is comprised of Jaret and Anthony Bretz, formerly members of Red Creek.

Once again A Waffle Miracle will be in attendance serving up gourmet waffles with a variety of sweet and savory garnishes. Also be sure to stop by and check out Melancholy\_\*, a local clothing brand rooted in embracing mental illness and promoting self-love and personal growth. — Dylan Tutmaher

*7:30 p.m. // The Ballet Haus, 1020 Holland St. // \$12 Pre-sale, \$14 Doors // All ages // 21+ BYOB with ID // facebook.com/theandromedaagency*

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**Dave VanAmburg & Friends**

Aug. 28, 30, Sept. 4, 6, 11 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
*Bel-Aire Clarion, 2800 W. 8th St. belaireclarion.com.*

**Open Mic w Corbin Fowler and Aaron Hetz**

Aug. 28 — 9 p.m.  
*Room 33, 1033 State St. facebook.com.*

**MVP**

Aug. 29, Sept. 5 — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
*Dickey’s BBQ Pit, 3716 Liberty St. facebook.com.*

**Katie & Jesse**

Aug. 29 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
*The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.*

**Josh Travis**

Aug. 29 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**Jimmy Pirate**

Aug. 30 — 5 to 7 p.m.  
*Churchill’s Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.*

**The Goats**

Aug. 30 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
*Arundel Cellars & Brewing, 11727 E. Main St., North East, PA 16428 arundelcellars.com.*

**New Wave Nation**

Aug. 30 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
*Coconut Joe’s, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.*

**Kevin Wilson**

Aug. 30 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**Paul Hunter**

Aug. 30 — 7 to 9 p.m.  
*Churchill’s Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.*

**August on Fire MegaShow**

Aug. 30 — 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Madclock, a horror-trap and hip-hop producer and artist will be debuting his new album, *Volume of Secrecy*, alongside performances by other local musicians and comedian Karate Sleepover.  
*Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.*

**Rock Autism Music Festival**

Aug. 31  
*Village Park, 11 Parkside*

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**Katie & Jesse**

Aug. 31 — 5 to 7 p.m.  
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**Music in the Vineyards: Duke Sherman Blues Band**

Aug. 31 — 5 to 9 p.m.  
*Penn Shore Winery & Vineyards, 10225 E. Lake Rd., North East, PA 16428 pennshore.com.*

**Bonfires & Brews: The Gilligans**

Aug. 31 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
*Peek’n Peak Resort, 1405 Olde Rd., Clymer, NY 14724 pknpk.com.*

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**The Standby ‘Over, Under’**

**EP Release Party**

Aug. 31 — 7:30 p.m.  
*The Ballet Haus, 1020 Holland St. facebook.com.*

**Northern Accents**

Aug. 31 — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
*Oasis Pub, 3122 W. Lake Rd. facebook.com.*

**The Take NYC, Human Animal, Save Yourself**

Aug. 31 — 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
*Jekyll & Hyde’s, 8 E. 10th St. facebook.com.*

**Justin Moyar**

Sept. 1 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.*

**Two Kings**

Sept. 1 — 1 to 4 p.m.  
*Arundel Cellars & Brewing, 11727 E. Main St., North East, PA 16428 arundelcellars.com.*

**Hultman and Barb**

Sept. 1 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**Brooke Surgener**

Sept. 2 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**Blues Jam & Open Mic**

Sept. 3 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
*Dickey’s BBQ Pit, 3716 Liberty St. facebook.com.*

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Sept. 3 — 7 to 10:30 p.m.  
*Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. eriemoviehouse.com.*

**Mid-Day Art Break: The Honest Mistakes**

Sept. 4 — noon to 1 p.m.  
*Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.*

**Boys of Fall**

Sept. 4 — 7:30 p.m.  
*The Ballet Haus, 1020 Holland St. facebook.com.*

**Faculty Recital Series**

Sept. 4 — 8 p.m.  
*Walker Recital Hall at Mercyhurst Univ., 501 E. 38th St. mercyhurst.edu.*

**Brian K. Chase**

Sept. 5 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
*The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.*

**Scarlett Ledbetter**

Sept. 5 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**Breeze Band**

Sept. 6 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
*Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. bourbonbarrelerie.com.*

**Earthquakers**

Sept. 6 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
*Coconut Joe’s, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.*

**Tommy Link**

Sept. 6 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**JD Blues & Jazz**

Sept. 6 — 7 p.m.  
*Room 33, 1033 State St. facebook.com.*

**FatBoy SSE**

Sept. 6 — 7 p.m.  
*Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.*

**BluesBeaters**

Sept. 6 — 7 to 11 p.m.  
*Bullfrog Bar, 3866 Peach St. bullfrogbarerie.com.*

**Root Shock**

Sept. 6 — 11 p.m.  
*Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. facebook.com.*

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Fall Arts & Drafts Taps Into Creativity



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**The Concourse within the Brewerrie at Union Station converts into a glorified gallery space at each iteration of the Arts and Drafts festival, which is celebrated bi-annually in March and September.**

its lineup, and this year, the festival will feature over 70 local artists and 15 local bands — half of which are brand new additions to the Arts and Drafts family. The art will be on display starting Thursday morning at 11:30, and remain open until 10 p.m. If you're tight on cash, The Brewerrie would still love to see you there, offering free admission on the first day of the festival. Music begins in the downstairs pub at 6 p.m. with Sam Garwig, followed by Tommy Link, Brooke Surgeener, and Chris Ehrich, with the new Teddy Rankin-led outfit The Jeebies closing out the first night of festivities.

"The Jeebies are super excited to be playing at Arts and Drafts this fall," Rankin says enthusiastically. "I've played it twice before as a solo act, but I'm really pumped for people to hear our new group at one of Erie's greatest showcases for art and music! In The Jeebies, I'm joined by Eric Sandberg on drums and Peter Hohman on guitar. We play a col-

lection of our favorite songs from our favorite artists, like the Beatles, Dawes, the Avett Brothers, and Bob Dylan."

On Friday, for a small \$3 donation at the door, music in the pub will begin at 5 p.m. as Jennifer Meyer takes the stage, followed by Jess Royer. At 7:15 p.m., trackside music begins with indie rockers Penny Racer, followed by blues duo Paolello and Gone, with good ol' fashioned rock 'n' roll from Falling Hollywood to close out the night.

On Saturday, the final night of Arts and Drafts, Lacey Alyse will kick off music in the pub at 5 p.m., followed by Tiny Paper Boats. Trackside music will again begin at 7:15 with Paper Matches, followed by The Stormalong Scoundrels and This American Song. But three nights of music is just the tip of this iceberg; Arts and Drafts wouldn't have been voted a three-time winner of Best Art Event in the Best of Erie Awards without its myriad of visual artists. This year's featured artist is Derrick Voricci of Wayward Tattoo Studio.

"The pieces I'll be showing for my feature will all be studies in macabre," Voricci explained.

Elaborating on how his artwork has evolved, he said "I'm going back to my roots of thrash and extreme metal with even darker imagery than my usual style. I grew up intrigued by heavy metal album art and comic books. Pushead was a huge inspiration for me when I was young, and still is," speaking of the well-known metal album illustrator.

"It's an honor, and an awesome opportunity to be featured at the September Arts and Drafts," he said. "It's usually such a diverse set of artists, which I love. Arts & Drafts is a perfect opportunity for people to come and see how much talent Erie has to offer."

It's the beautiful fall edition of a bi-annual event that brings visual artists, musicians, Erieites, and more together in Erie's historic Union Square in the name of local talents, and if that doesn't make it one of the must-see shows of the season, well, quite frankly, we're not sure anything else could. — Aaron Mook

*Music from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday // The Brewerrie at Union Station, 123 W. 14th St. // Free entry before 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, \$3 after // brewerrie.com*

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 – 7**

It's the most wonderful time of the year. While festival season has sadly come to a close for most, The Brewerrie is proud to present Arts and Drafts, now in its 11th year. A public, bi-annual celebration of local art and music, the festival was originally created and curated by the late Drew Kauffman. Kauffman was an artist, and more importantly, an Erieite with a vision. That vision has evolved and expanded over the past decade at the hands of those involved, and now, Arts and Drafts feels like a cornerstone of the local arts community.

Of course, at the heart of Arts and Drafts sits the artists that comprise

festival celebrates America with music, beer, fireworks, and more, ending with a tent campout under the stars.

*Banta Barn, 13010 Old Plank Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 facebook.com.*

**First to Eleven Acoustic Show**

Sept. 7 — 1 to 2 p.m.  
The local teen pop/rock band plays their most popular tunes acoustically.  
*West Erie Plaza, 800 W. Erie Plaza Dr. facebook.com.*

**Awesome Sound Ice Cream Social**

Sept. 7 — 1 to 5:45 p.m.  
*Fat Lenny's, 443 W. 8th St. facebook.com.*

**Small Town Revolution**

Sept. 7 — 6 to 10 p.m.  
*Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.*

**Signs of The Swarm, Visceral Disgorge**

Sept. 7 — 6 to 11:30 p.m.  
Voodoo Brewery provides beers as heavy metal bands Signs of The Swarm, Visceral Disgorge, Inertia, Mass Casualty and Perdition rock the night away.  
*Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.*

**Fred Oakman**

Sept. 7 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St.,*

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Sept. 7 — 8 p.m.  
*Room 33, 1033 State St. facebook.com.*

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Sept. 7 — 10 p.m.  
*Kings Rook Club, 1921 Peach St. facebook.com.*

**The High Life**

Sept. 8 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.*

**Jesse James Weston**

Sept. 8 — 6:30 p.m.  
*Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.*

**DANCE**

**Back to the Basics Social Dance**

Sept. 7 — 6:30 to 10 p.m.  
*St. John's Lutheran Parish Center, 2216 Peach St. usadance.org.*

**FOOD & DRINK**

**Happy Appy Food Tour**

Aug. 28, Sept. 4, 11 — 5 to 7 p.m.  
*Bolero, 16 W. 10th St. eriefoodtours.com.*

**Outdoor Cocktail Class**

Aug. 30 — 6 to 7 p.m.

*Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, 8398 W. Main Rd. (Rt. 20), Westfield, NY 14787 fiveand20.com.*

**Downtown Erie Food Tour**

Aug. 31, Sept. 7 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
*Like My Thai, 827 State St. eriefoodtours.com.*

**North East Food Tour**

Aug. 31, Sept. 7 — 1 to 4 p.m.  
*Little Shop of Donuts, 36 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 eriefoodtours.com.*

**Wine, Brews, Spirits, and Food Truck Festival**

Aug. 31 — 2 to 7 p.m.  
A variety of food trucks, craft vendors, and wine, brew and spirits pair with live music from Refuge and The Breeze Band, making for an eventful afternoon.  
*Lake Erie Speedway, 10700 Delmas Dr., North East, PA 16428 facebook.com.*

**Erie's Wine Shine'n Food Truck Festival**

Sept. 1 — 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
With a mix of wineries/distilleries, food trucks and shopping vendors, there's something for everyone.  
*Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, 7794 Peach St. localwinevents.com.*

**Singo at the Brewpub**

Sept. 5 — 6 p.m.  
*Erie Brewing Co., 6008 Knowl-*

*edge Pkwy. eriebrewingco.com.*

**Cocktails and Clay**

Sept. 5 — 6 p.m.  
*Erie ClaySpace, 1505 State St. eventbrite.com.*

**Taste of the Arts**

Sept. 10 — 5 to 9 p.m.  
This fundraiser will include interactive art stations, a silent auction, and art by Art House students. Proceeds go towards the Neighborhood Art House, allowing inner city neighborhood children a place to safely express themselves through the arts.  
*Inner City Neighborhood Art House, 201 E. 10th St. neighborhoodarthouse.org.*

**Harry Potter Trivia Night**

Sept. 11 — 7 p.m.  
*Edinboro Hotel Bar, 100 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA 16412 facebook.com.*

**MOVIES**

**Jack and the Beanstalk (1952)**

Aug. 29 — 8 p.m.  
*Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. eriemoviehouse.com.*

**Booksmart**

Sept. 4 — 6 p.m.  
Two teens attempt to cram all the fun of high school into the eve of their graduation, making for one wild night.

*Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. filmsocietynwpa.org.*

**Iron Jawed Angels**

Sept. 7 — 1 to 3:30 p.m.  
*Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. erielibrary.org.*

**Annie Sing-Along**

Sept. 7 — 6:30 p.m.  
Sing along with your favorite songs from the show as you follow Orphan Annie's journey to find a family.  
*Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, 501 E. 38th St. miac.mercyhurst.edu.*

**Margaret Atwood: Live in Cinemas**

Sept. 10 — 7 p.m.  
*Cinemark Tinseltown 17, 1910 Rotunda Dr. cinemark.com.*

**The Last Black Man in San Francisco**

Sept. 11 — 6 p.m.  
Jimmie and his friend Mont attempt to reclaim the house built by Jimmie's grandfather, launching them into a poignant journey that ultimately tests their sense of belonging.  
*Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. filmsocietynwpa.org.*

**Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation**

Ongoing — 10 a.m., 4 p.m.  
*Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.*

**Turtle Odyssey**

Ongoing — 11 a.m., 2 p.m.  
*Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. biggreenscreen.com.*

**Backyard Wilderness**

Ongoing — noon & 3 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.*

**VISUAL ARTS**

**Open Design Mosaic Class**

Aug. 29 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Claytopia Erie, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. claytopiaerie.com.*

**96th Annual Spring Show**

Ongoing through Sept. 1  
*Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.*

**Night Owls Canvas Class**

Sept. 4 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Claytopia Erie, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. claytopiaerie.com.*

**Adult Art Classes: Rendering Birds in Charcoal**

Sept. 4, 11 — 7 to 9 p.m.  
*LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. leaferie.org.*

**Football Plate Fan Class**

Fatboy SSE Brings Hilarity and Rhymes to BT



**New Jersey comedian and rapper FatBoy SSE has leveraged his popularity on social media (5.6 million Instagram followers) into a touring career. Next stop: Basement Transmissions.**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Basement Transmissions intends to keep summertime in Erie going until the fat lady — or in this case fat boy — sings. BT will welcome social media sensation FatBoy SSE to its stage for a night of music and comedy as he continues his “Tyriq” tour (referencing his real name, Tyriq Thomas Kimbrough). The 25-year-old first got his start by shooting Vine videos, often capturing irreverent public antics. From causing a scene in shoe stores to dodging female stalkers, the New Jersey comic and rapper has no problem with displaying real-life scenarios that provide gut-busting laughs and hidden gems to learn from.

On a mission to take care of his par-

ents for life, SSE — which is an acronym combining the name of his neighborhood, Star Side, and Entertainment — carries a gift for both humor and music. The young spitter entered a high school talent show that inspired him to leave a life of crime that left him behind bars five different times. With a dream in mind and a friend who advised him to do short videos to showcase his funny side, FatBoy took social media by storm practicing both trades, and now has 5.6 million Instagram followers. The young mogul even landed a video with 2000s superstar 50 Cent. This September night will pull no punches, with several treats before the shenanigans begin, including 814 female lyricist Ducky and more guests to be announced. Beer will be available from Voodoo Brewery with proper ID. Brace yourself for a night of — dare I say it — too much fun. — Charles Brown

7 p.m. // *Basement Transmissions*, 145 W. 11th St. // All ages // \$20 advance, \$25 day of show, \$50 VIP // [facebook.com/basement.transmissions](https://facebook.com/basement.transmissions)

Root Shock, Tropicdelic Reboot Rook’s Live Music Scene



TOM FUCILLO PHOTOGRAPHY

**Regular live music at the Rook is back from summer vacation, with reggae fusion groups Root Shock (pictured) and Tropicdelic kicking things off.**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

Regular live music is back at the King’s Rook Club (KRC). With summer coming to an end, the KRC will continue to “bring the heat” starting out with back-to-back shows with Root Shock and Tropicdelic

“Everyone is excited for the live music season to start again as the summer is winding down,” expresses Brady O’Neill, who has been working security at the KRC since 2015. “Plus, the outdoor area will still be open, weather and schedule permitting.”

Root Shock will officially reboot the live music season with their first ever appearance at the KRC. The quintet from Syracuse, N.Y. has been performing together since 2012 and fills the air with positive messages and danceable tunes. The group blends genres like reggae, soul, and dub for a sound they tout as “conscious, soulful, uplifting, even heal-

ing.” Audiences will hear vocalist Jessica Brown sing about standing against injustice, seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and finding unity and equality through music.

The following evening, Tropicdelic (one of the KRC’s most popular visitors) will headline. “Everyone is always excited when they are in town. I have heard people plan months in advance to make sure they don’t miss the show,” says O’Neill.

After completing a busy summer tour and co-hosting their third annual Freakstomp Music Festival in August, the Cleveland band is ready to pack the house at the KRC once more with their fusion of funk, reggae, rock, and hip-hop. Expect to hear selections from their new album *Here in the Height*, which was released in June on Ineffable Records.

Regular Friday and Saturday performances will continue throughout the year, with shows scheduled through the end of November at the time of this writing. Come see what the KRC is all about. — Symoné Crockett

Friday and Saturday at 10 p.m. // *King’s Rook Club*, 1921 Peach St. // *Tropicdelic*: \$15 for current members, \$20 for non-current members // [facebook.com/kingsrookclub](https://facebook.com/kingsrookclub)

Sept. 5 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Claytopia Erie*, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. [claytopiaerie.com](https://claytopiaerie.com).

**Suffragette Exhibit Opening**

Sept. 6 — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Ongoing through Sept. 1, 2020 thereafter  
Walk through a parade full of strong historical women figures and reproduced banners from the suffrage era along with some familiar faces as women continue to fight for their rights.  
*Watson-Curtze Mansion*, 356 W. 6th St. [eriehistory.org](https://eriehistory.org).

**The Art of Water**

Ongoing through Sept. 7  
Gallery 104, 220 W. Plum St. (Ste. 650), Edinboro, PA 16412 [pasnwp.org](https://pasnwp.org).

**Coloring for Grown-Ups**

Sept. 7 — 10 a.m. to noon  
*Millcreek Branch Library*, 2088 Interchange Rd. Ste. 280 [events.eriellibrary.org](https://events.eriellibrary.org).

**Field Trip: Macro Photography w Bob Grubbs**

Sept. 7 — 4 p.m.  
*Asbury Woods*, 4105 Asbury Rd. [erie.visualpursuits.com](https://erie.visualpursuits.com).

**Second Sundays:**

**Build a Marionette**

Sept. 8 — 2 to 4 p.m.  
Bring your kids or grandkids for an afternoon of crafting with guest artist Mariana Palade Syrotiak, to make your own marionette puppets.  
*Erie Art Museum*, 20 E. 5th St. [erieartmuseum.org](https://erieartmuseum.org).

**Tree of Life Canvas Class**

Sept. 9 — 6 to 8 p.m.  
*Claytopia Erie*, 924 W. Erie Plaza Dr. [claytopiaerie.com](https://claytopiaerie.com).

**Rachael Burke: Recent Paintings**

Ongoing through Sept. 10  
*Glass Growers Gallery*, 10 E. 5th St. [glassgrowersgallery.com](https://glassgrowersgallery.com).

**Faculty Art Exhibition**

Ongoing through Sept. 14  
*Cummings Art Gallery at Mercyhurst Univ.*, 501 E. 38th St. [mercyhurst.edu](https://mercyhurst.edu).

**Artist Takeover: Roman Glass**

Ongoing through Sept. 15  
*Erie Art Museum*, 20 E. 5th St. [erieartmuseum.org](https://erieartmuseum.org).

**Everything But The Shelves**

Ongoing through Dec. 2019  
*Erie Art Museum*, 20 E. 5th

[erieartmuseum.org](https://erieartmuseum.org).

**Women’s Suffrage in Erie County**

Ongoing through Dec. 25  
*Watson-Curtze Mansion*, 356 W. 6th St. [eriehistory.com](https://eriehistory.com).

**Ashley Pastore: Everyday Monumental**

Ongoing through Mar. 2020  
*Erie Art Museum*, 20 E. 5th St. [erieartmuseum.org](https://erieartmuseum.org).

THEATER

**Crimes of the Heart**

Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 6, 7 — 7:30 p.m. & Sept. 1, 8 — 3 p.m.  
*All An Act*, 652 W. 17th St. [www.allanact.net](https://www.allanact.net).

**A Canterbury Feast**

Sept. 7 — 5:30 p.m. & Sept. 8 — 2:30 p.m.  
*Station Dinner Theatre*, 4940 Peach St. [canterburyfeast.com](https://canterburyfeast.com).

COMEDY

**Black Monk Brewery’s Free Comedy Night**

Aug. 30 — 6 p.m.  
Anthony Morelli hosts a

night of laughs with comedians Aaron Forsyth, Rachel Tschari, Jesse Winterhalter and Liz Reaves, so bring your lawn chair and stay a while.  
*Black Monk Brewery*, 3721 W. 12th St. [facebook.com](https://facebook.com).

**Dan LaMorte: Infect Me Once Tour**

Sept. 11 — 6 p.m.  
NYC headliner will be stopping in Erie to perform his show “Infect Me Once” amongst some local acts.  
*Basement Transmissions*, 145 W. 11th St. [facebook.com](https://facebook.com).

SPORTS

**Erie SeaWolves vs. Richmond Flying Squirrels**

Aug. 28, 29 — 7 p.m.  
*UPMC Park*, 110 E.10th St. [milb.com](https://milb.com).

**Presque Isle Volleyball Tournament**

Aug. 29, Sept. 6 — 6 to 9 p.m.  
*Beach 6 at PI State Park*, 1 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](https://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

**Be Incredible Family 5K Trail & Street Run**

Aug. 31 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
*Eastside Family YMCA*, 2101 Nagle Rd. [ymcaerie.org](https://ymcaerie.org).

**Erie Otters vs. Hamilton Bulldogs (Exhibition)**

Aug. 31 — 7 p.m. & Sept. 1 — 2 p.m.  
*Erie Insurance Arena*, 809 French St. [ottershockey.com](https://ottershockey.com).

**Bull Dam Trail Run**

Sept. 1 — 7 a.m.  
*Eaton Reservoir*, 9843 Black Rd., North East, PA 16428 [bulldamtrailrun.net](https://bulldamtrailrun.net).

**20th Annual Ride for Refuge (Shades Beach)**

Sept. 2 — 7:30 a.m.  
*Shades Beach*, 7000 E. Lake Rd. [euma-erie.org](https://euma-erie.org).

**20th Annual Ride for Refuge (Albion Borough Park)**

Sept. 2 — 7:30 a.m.  
*Albion Borough Park*, 9 Dewey St., Albion, PA 16401 [euma-erie.org](https://euma-erie.org).

**2019 Barber Beast on the Bay**

Sept. 7  
*PI State Park & Waldameer*, 1 Peninsula Dr. & 220 Peninsula Dr. [barberbeast.org](https://barberbeast.org).

**Erie Marathon**

Sept. 8 — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Known for its flat paths and fast times, the Erie Marathon takes place around the peninsula, providing beautiful skyline views of the beaches and the City of Erie.  
*Presque Isle State Park*, 1 Peninsula Dr. [eriemarathon.org](https://eriemarathon.org).

COMMUNITY

**135th Erie County Fair at Wattsburg**

Aug. 28, 29, 30, 31  
Full of rides, truck pulls, demolition derby and lots of live music, this is a family-friendly event that caters to all.  
*Erie County Fairgrounds*, 13933 PA-8, Wattsburg, PA 16442 [wattsburgfair.com](https://wattsburgfair.com).

**Green Screen for Video Projects**

Aug. 29 — 10 to 11:30 a.m.  
*Blasco Memorial Library*, 160 E. Front St. [events.eriellibrary.org](https://events.eriellibrary.org).

**Storytime Shenanigans: Pirates at the Library**

Aug. 29 — 10 to 11:30 a.m.



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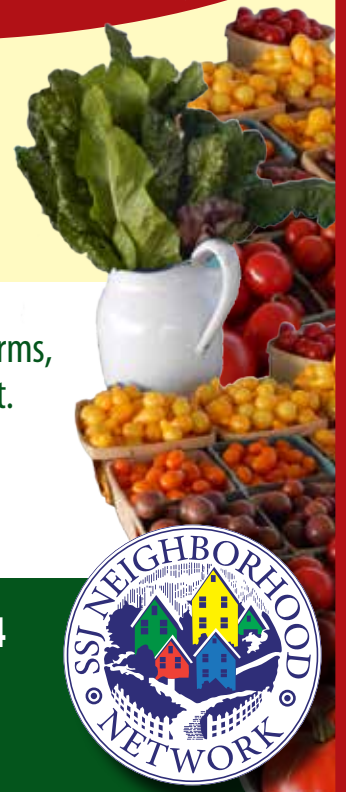
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The History of Organ Building in Erie: From the mid-1800s to Present  
Bruce Gingrich and Paul Fischer

Tuesday, Sept. 17 • 7 to 8:30pm  
"Automation and AI in the Workplace"  
Kenneth Louie, Ph.D.

Wednesday, Sept. 18 • 4 to 5:30pm  
"Remarkable American Women: Abolitionists, Suffragists, and  
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Corrine Egan, B.A.

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LEAF Fest Showcases Erie's Natural Beauty



SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

It's sometimes very easy to take everyday things for granted. For instance, do you ever think about nature when you walk outside? How about the trees that surround you, that clean the air and provide shade on a hot summer day? Frontier Park is one of Erie's best places to walk, learn about nature, and just simply appreciate it. That's why it's exciting to announce that Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park (LEAF) is back for its 21st year to celebrate the diverse beauty of over 1,000 trees that call Erie home.

Hannah Rhodes, the new programs manager at LEAF, explains how the Erie community comes together to support this event. "The LEAF Festival grows every year. We have a handful of new and returning groups coming, including the Erie Zoo, The ANNA Shelter, TaraDoodles Face Painting, a dance troupe from Mercyhurst University, and I Am A Plan-

et Kid."

If you've never attended the LEAF Festival before, you will certainly not be disappointed at the number of activities there are to choose from. "For newcomers to the park," Rhodes suggests, "I would recommend stopping by for a handful of fun and free family activities, all set in Frontier Park's beautiful natural space. Frontier Park has over 1,000 trees and plenty of space for small family adventures, and the LEAF Festival just adds to the fun. Staples of the Fest include free face painting, arts and crafts, and interactive nature education experiences."

In addition to all the free activities (admission is also free), the fest will feature raffles and auction prizes that have been generously donated by local shops and businesses in our area. "We so appreciate our donors and are excited to be working with such generous groups in the Erie community. As far as raffle opportunities and prizes go this year, attendees will just have to come see for themselves what we've put together this time around," exclaims Rhodes.

A free event where you get to hangout in nature? It's as breezy as the wind between the leaves. — Kalli Oberlander

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // The Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier, 1501 W. 6th St. // Free // leaferie.org

Reusefest: Opportunity You Can't Refuse



SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

Reusefest is a one-day drop off event where the general public can bring in gently-used materials for nonprofits in the area. Sponsored by UPMC Hamot and The Erie Community Foundation, The Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) hopes this event will teach Erie community members how they can have an impact instead of filling local landfills, while learning about local nonprofits.

"We see it as a convenient option for the public to donate gently used items," said Sarah Shea, the PRC's education program coordinator. "It's the one time you can really connect with a number of different non-profits at once and see where it's going."

The nonprofits include Dress for Success, Embracing Our Veterans, Mercy Center for Women, Erie City Mission, The ANNA Shelter, Green Scene Thrift, Chosen International Medical Assistance, Goodwill Industries, and Habitat

A volunteer with the Pennsylvania Resources Council educates a young family on how to reduce waste at the Futurefest event in Pittsburgh on Apr. 20. Erie's Reusefest has a similar objective in mind.

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Materials being accepted range from clothing and accessories to medical supplies, furniture, buildable materials, office supplies and towels, as well as many more.

Ruth Thompson, founder and director of The ANNA Shelter, said "every penny counts" when it comes to these events.

"It's a real blessing," said Thompson. Not having to spend money on towels and basic pet and office supplies for their business allows them to focus on emergency medical needs such as a dog hit by a car who needs veterinary attention.

Jennie Hagerty, executive director of Dress for Success and the Mercy Women's Center, emphasized the items donated help women and children continue their journey upon graduating from the center.

"Hopefully the event is successful enough to continue for years to come," Shea said. — Chloe Forbes

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // 380 E. Bayfront Pkwy. // For a list of accepted materials, visit prc.org/reuse

Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieibrary.org.

How to Improve & Expand Your Power

Aug. 29 — 6 to 7 p.m. Whole Foods Co-Op, 1341 W. 26th St. wfcerie.coop.

Strollers & Striders

Aug. 30 — 11:15 a.m. expERIENCE Children's Museum, 420 French St. eriedowntown.com.

Dance It Out Downtown

Aug. 30 — 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. Perry Square eriedowntown.com.

Little Perry Story Time + Play

Aug. 30 — 12:30 to 1 p.m. Perry Square eriedowntown.com.

Erie Events Job Fair

Aug. 30 — 1 to 4 p.m. Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafras Pier erieevents.com.

Findley Lake Harvest Festival

Aug. 30 — 4 to 8 p.m. & Aug. 31 — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. & Sept. 1 — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Check out the arts & antique sale, live music performances at the beer tent, and great food paired with wine tastings, along with a children's carnival area for the kids.

Downtown Findley Lake, 10372 Main St., Findley Lake, NY 14736 tourchautauqua.com.

Red, White and Splash

Aug. 31 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Splash Lagoon, 8091 Peach St. splashlagoon.com.

German Heritage Festival

Authentic food, beverages and entertainment all in celebration of the German culture, rain or shine, it's sure to be a gut time. St. Nick's Grove, 5131 Old French Rd. dank-erie.org.

Hispanic Heritage Festival

Aug. 31 — noon to 7 p.m. Perry Square facebook.com.

Keystone Roller Rockers Car Show & Swap Meet

Aug. 31 — 1 to 5 p.m. Rebel Repair and Restoration, 2285½ Rice Ave., Lake City, PA 16423

Pokemon League

Aug. 31 — 2 to 4 p.m. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieibrary.org.

Candlelight Ghost Walk

Aug. 31 — 8 p.m. Dobbins Landing candlelightghostwalks.com.

Summer Sunday Fundays

Sept. 1 — noon to 3 p.m. Presque Isle Wine Cellars, 9440 W. Main Rd., North East, PA 16428 piwine.com.

Waterford Community Fair

A family-friendly fair packed with rides, food, local vendors, livestock, tractor pulls, and live music to boot. Waterford Community Fairgrounds, 13012 US-19 S, Waterford, PA 16441 waterfordfair.org.

NWPA ALF Labor Day Parade

Sept. 2 — 10 a.m. to noon Ending at Perry Square, this parade includes marching bands, labor unions, clowns, and more, with local vendors and lots to explore at the park afterwards.

11th & State St. union-hall.afcio.org.

Intro to PowerPoint

Sept. 3 — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. erieibrary.org.

Iroquois Book Club

Sept. 3 — 1 to 3 p.m. Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. events.erieibrary.org.

Lawrence Park Garden Club Meeting

Sept. 3 — 1 to 3 p.m. Lawrence Park Twp. Bldg., 4230 Iroquois Ave. 814-824-4310

Bully Prevention Seminar

Sept. 3 — 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieibrary.org.

Gospel Hill Garden Club

Sept. 3 — 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wesleyville Borough Hall, 3421 Buffalo Rd. (814) 899-5982

Celtic Nights

Sept. 3 — 7 p.m. Edinboro University Planetarium, 230 Scotland Rd., Edinboro, PA 16444 edinboro.edu.

Leadership and Service Fair

Sept. 4 — 11 a.m. Reed Union Building at Penn St. Behrend, 4701 College Dr. behrend.psu.edu.

Hatha Yoga

Sept. 4, 11 — 11 a.m. to noon Edinboro Branch Library, 413 W. Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 events.erieibrary.org.

Edinboro Highland Games & Scottish Festival

Sept. 5, 6, 7, 8 Edinboro University, 219 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA 16444 edinboro.edu.

Women Creating a Legacy

Sept. 5 — 5 to 7 p.m. This fundraiser celebrates women leaving a legacy and sponsors a classroom within the Historical Society's Educational Center. Watson-Curtze Mansion, 356 W. 6th St. 814-454-1813 x 34

Regional GSA

Sept. 5 — 6 to 8 p.m. Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. erieibrary.org.

Astronomy Open House: How to See a Black Hole in Space

Sept. 5 — 6:30 p.m. Yahn Planetarium at Penn St. Behrend, 4701 College Dr. behrend.psu.edu.

Diabetes Self-Management Program

Sept. 6 — 9:30 a.m. to noon GECAC Corry Senior center, 25 S. 1st Ave., Corry, PA 16407 lifeworkserie.org.

1650 Friday

Sept. 6 — noon to 10 p.m. Downtown Erie eriedowntown.com.

Art Walk

Sept. 6 — 5 to 9 p.m. Downtown Corry, Corry, PA 16407 // 814-664-3053

Light the Block

Sept. 6 — 5 to 10 p.m. U Pick 6 Tap House, 333 State St. Ste. 110 facebook.com.

Moonlight on the Bay

Sept. 6 — 6:30 to 10 p.m. Join the Crime Victim Center as they host an evening of musical talent set against a Presque Isle Bay sunset. Local hors d'oeuvres and food truck cuisine will be provided. All proceeds from the tickets

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## CALENDAR

### Screams of Approval for Awesome Sound Ice Cream Social

#### SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

**F**at Lenny's will be hosting their first ever ice cream social and mini music festival. This rock 'n' roll-themed "fun shop" has been around for two years now, being Erie's first and only rolled ice cream shop in one of Erie's "funkiest" neighborhoods. "I picked this event so the neighborhood can have some fun and know that we did not close, but just moved," expresses Scottie Freeman, the creator and owner of Fat Lenny's. Formerly located amongst the Shops on the Hill near midtown, Fat Lenny's new home on West Eighth Street has continued to draw crowds since migrating northward.

The event, dubbed the Awesome Sound Ice Cream Social, is sponsored

by the Awesome Foundation — a group with chapters around the globe, with its Erie division directing micro-grants to the West Bayfront area. The day will feature a variety of live musical performances including Wave Trails, Midget Farmers, Stephen Trohoske, and (naturally) Ice Cream Socialists.

When it comes to food and beverages, this event will offer special discounts on all bubble tea and rolled ice cream products. If you're a fan of music, fun activities with friends and family, and frozen confectionery, then this shindig should be quite a treat.

— Symoné Crockett

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#### Porchfest

Sept. 7

A night filled with musical entertainment put on by the Erie County Historical Society in conjunction with Our West Bayfront. Wood-Morrison House, 338 W. 6th St. [eriehistory.org](http://eriehistory.org).

#### Monarch Biology and Tagging

Sept. 7 — 9 a.m.

Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. [events.dcnr.pa.gov](http://events.dcnr.pa.gov).

#### I Can Do-Do This: Potty Training 101

Sept. 7 — 10 to 11 a.m.

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### ReuseFest Erie

Sept. 7 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pennsylvania Resources Council, 380 E. Bayfront Pkwy. [prc.org](http://prc.org).

#### 21st Annual LEAF Festival

Sept. 7 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

LEAF, 1501 W. 6th St. [www.leaferie.org](http://www.leaferie.org).

#### Dungeons & Dragons

Sept. 7 — 10 a.m. to noon

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Sept. 7 — 2 to 4 p.m.

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### Modified Martial Arts

Sept. 7 — 3 to 4 p.m.

Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### 2nd Annual Cruzin for Homeless Vets

Sept. 8 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lake Erie Community Park, 10192 W. Lake Rd., Lake City, PA 16423

#### Orchid Society Annual Plant Sale

Sept. 8 — 2 to 4 p.m.

Erie Zoo, 423 W. 38th St. [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

#### What is Junior Jeopardy?

Sept. 9 — 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Millcreek Branch Library, 2088 Interchange Rd. Ste. 280 [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Fred Saluga: Investigating the Unexplained

Sept. 9 — 5 to 7 p.m.

Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Financial Aid Program

Sept. 9 — 6 to 7 p.m.

Edinboro Branch Library, 413 W. Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Laser Rush 2112

Sept. 9 — 6 or 7:30 p.m.

Edinboro University Planetarium, 230 Scotland Rd., Edinboro, PA 16444 [edinboro.edu](http://edinboro.edu).

#### Gentle Yoga & Meditation - Lvl. 1

Sept. 9 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Cruise the Bay Cruise-Ins

Sept. 9 — 6 to 9 p.m.

Bayfront Park & Ride Lot, 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy. [callingallcruiserz.com](http://callingallcruiserz.com).

#### Stories Over Silence

Sept. 10

Edinboro University, 219 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA 16444 [events.edinboro.edu](http://events.edinboro.edu).

#### Albion Area Fair

Sept. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

New this year, the fair will feature a Lego building contest, a youth ice cream auction, and fireworks to end the weekend, along with your annual fair favorites.

Albion Area Fairgrounds, 30 Academy St., Albion, PA 16401 [albionfair.com](http://albionfair.com).

#### Little Leaves

Sept. 10 — 10 to 10:45 a.m.

LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. [leaferie.org](http://leaferie.org).

#### Pre-Retirement & Social Security Benefits

Sept. 10 — 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Word Warriors: Children's Book Club Reading of The Wishtree

Sept. 10 — 2 to 3:45 p.m.

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### Read to a Therapy Dog

Sept. 10 — 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### Open Mic Night

Sept. 10 — 6 to 8 p.m.

Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. [erielibrary.org](http://erielibrary.org).

#### Mobilizing Industry in WWII

Sept. 10 — 7 p.m.

Alexander Music Center, 110 Kiltie Rd., Edinboro, PA 16444 [events.edinboro.edu](http://events.edinboro.edu).

#### Craft Corner

Sept. 11 — 1 to 3 p.m.

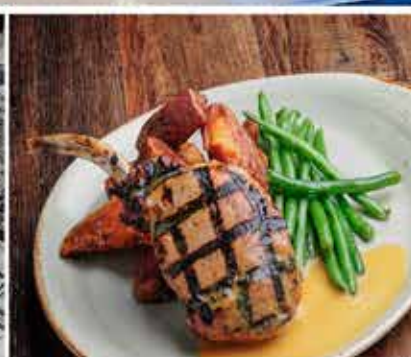
Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. [events.erielibrary.org](http://events.erielibrary.org).

#### What's It Worth?

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## Aki Salt Room a Den of Serenity

De-stressing at the Colony Plaza business



JESSICA HUNTER

By: Lauren Demko

**A**ki Salt Room is a tranquil, transformative space. When you enter the retail storefront, you notice a small cave built entirely of Himalayan salt bricks. The warmth and glow from the room brings a calming sensation to your body, and your stress begins to melt away. In a world where we are constantly plugged-in and stressed about work or worldly affairs, almost everyone can benefit from a salt room session.

Aki is the only salt room located in the Erie area. Therefore, you might be unaware of what a salt room is or how it can be beneficial to your health. I was unaware until I got to experience the magic for myself.

Salt room sessions are typically around 45 minutes, which gives you time to take in all of your surroundings. After checking in with friendly owner Kathy Sheraw, you will place your phone and other belongings into a locker, because this session is completely unplugged. You take your shoes off and put on a comfy pair of socks, and into the salt room you go.

When you enter the room, you get to choose whether you want a zero gravity chair that reclines or a hammock chair that hugs your body. I choose the hammock chair because it made me feel as if I were at the beach, and who doesn't want that? The doors are then shut and the salt blocks light up with orange, red, and pink hues of heaven. When you are settled in, you can take off your socks and feel small pieces of Himalayan salt in between your toes.

You are given a neck pillow and Himalayan salt eggs you can use during your session, which helps extinguish any anxiety you may have about this new experience. Kathy also includes pamphlets with tips and tricks on how to rest in the room in order to fully enjoy the experience. During the session, blissful and soothing music plays in the background, which helped me to unwind. After a few minutes, I closed my eyes and felt weightless. I forgot who I was, where I was, and just felt the stress leave my body.

According to Kathy, Aki offers a true salt therapy, which is called halotherapy. Machines in the room grind medical grade salts that are released into the air to make it easier for you to breathe. This mist provides an inhospitable environment for bacteria and viruses and can help boost your immune system. Even though people may not believe that Himalayan salt has health benefits, the serene room provides a healthy place to release stress that is difficult to achieve in our everyday lives.

The music gets quiet and then turns off completely, the doors open, and your session is over. You will certainly not want to leave the salt room, but you can make regular appointments to come back as much as you want. And after ten salt room sessions, guests receive one for free.

Though the salt room is a unique asset to the Erie area, Aki also carries handmade self-care items that can help bring your relaxation home. Most people walk past Aki without stopping because they

The Aki Salt Room in the Colony Plaza makes for a unique escape from the stresses of reality. Medical-grade salts are ground and dispersed into a breathable mist as serene music plays and lights cycle through a series of warm colors.

believe it's just a spa, but that is not the case. Kathy makes all of the self-care items herself and I know from experience that they work.

Aki carries body scrubs, lotion, soap, cleaning gel, air fresheners, nasal inhalers, and much more. I bought an inhaler specially targeted for people with anxiety, which actually helps me to counter these feelings on a daily basis. It contains Himalayan salt and multiple essential oils: lavender, clary sage, clove, marjoram, and geranium. It causes me to breathe deeply and focus on the task at hand. If you have anxiety, you know that fast, shallow breathing can cause a panic attack; when you use the inhaler, you have to breathe deeply to smell all of the essential oils. However, this is just my personal experience with the "anxiety stress aid" inhaler.

Aki is similar to the trendy national chain Lush, but on a more personalized and comforting level. When you go to Lush, it can be overwhelming and the workers can be intimidating. When you go to Aki, there is always an approachable worker that helps you figure out exactly what you need.

Aki offers the option to choose and create your own scent for their lotion, gel cleanser, and body scrubs. The fragrance oils are lined up on a display near these products, and you can mix the products right there in the store. This is a perfect customized gift or activity to do with friends and family. All of Aki products are created with natural ingredients, therefore you don't have to worry about the allergic reactions you may get with larger skincare brands.

If you haven't had a chance to stop at Aki, look for it at the Colony Plaza. Aki is located next to the popular coffee shop Brew Ha Ha and is a great place to stop during your shopping trip. Kathy intends to keep growing her business and keep adding products to her line. Everyone needs a little peace in their life, and Aki is a place to find that.

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## MOVIE REVIEWS

### “You Don’t Get to Hate It Unless You Love It”: *The Last Black Man in San Francisco*

★★★★★

The effects of gentrification can often change cities completely, leaving some people prosperous with others pushed to the periphery of their own neighborhoods. In the end, a city could become a nearly alien place to its own inhabitants. Joe Talbot’s feature debut *The Last Black Man in San Francisco* is all about the effects that those changes have on a marginalized people and the city’s sense of identity. It is a beautifully shot love letter to a city and its people and one of the most deeply personal films released all year.

The film stars story c0-creator Jimmie Fails (playing a character with the same name), a young man living in his best friend’s grandfather’s house after the skyrocketing cost of his old home forced his family to leave. Jimmie still comes to the neighborhood to fix up the home that his grandfather built, but when the new owners have to suddenly move out, Jimmie hatches a plan to move back into the house that he feels is still rightfully his.

The film has some very interesting things to say about how the town in which we live has a long-lasting effect on our own sense of identity. However, without giving anything away, often that relationship with home is as tied to the stories we tell as it is to our authentic feelings and the importance of knowing when to let those stories go. As Fails says late in the film, “you don’t get to hate it unless you love it,” and I think that anyone who loves their city so much it hurts can find much to appreciate in that sentiment. — Forest Taylor

Directed by: Joe Talbot // Written by: Joe Talbot and Rob Richert // Starring: Jimmie Fails, Jonathan Majors, Danny Glover, Tichina Arnold, Rob Morgan, Mike Epps, Finn Wittrock, Willie Hen, Jamal Trulove, Jordan Gomes, Isiaín Lalime, and Thora Birch // 121 minutes // Rated R

*The Last Black Man in San Francisco* comes to the Bourbon Barrel (1213 State St.) on Wednesday, September 11th at 7 p.m. as part of the Film Society of NWPAs Film Grain Series.



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### Blood-Spattered Bride: *Ready or Not* is Flawed But Fun

★★★

Scott Fitzgerald once said that the rich “are different from you and me,” and I think the makers of the new horror/thriller/comedy *Ready or Not* had that quote firmly in mind when they made their film. *Ready or Not* takes its completely silly premise and runs with it in such wild and ridiculous ways that it becomes nearly impossible to hate.

It’s Grace’s (Samara Weaving) wedding day and she is about to be married to Alex Le Domas (Mark O’Brien), the heir to the Le Domas board game empire. Everything seems perfect until night falls and Grace is told that she must partake in a family tradition of playing a game for the night. Grace soon finds herself playing hide and seek against this bizarre family and what she thought was a fun little game is soon revealed to be something far more deadly.

It sounds like a horror premise, but *Ready or Not* plays much more like a dark comedy. With cheesy one-liners and performances that are just the right amount of hammy, the film clearly has its tongue firmly in cheek. There are some plot contrivances and some character motivations don’t make a lot of sense near the end, but it doesn’t matter because everything is building up to an absolutely bonkers ending. The finale is so disgustingly over-the-top that any flaws the movie had are immediately forgiven. I don’t want to spoil too much, so just let this film take you on its twisted, demented journey. — Forest Taylor

Directed by: Matt Bettinelli-Olpin and Tyler Gillett // Written by: Guy Busick and Ryan Murphy // Starring: Samara Weaving, Mark O’Brien, Adam Brody, Henry Czerny, Nicky Guadagni, Melanie Scrofano, Kristian Bruun, Elyse Levesque, John Ralston, and Andie MacDowell // 95 minutes // Rated R



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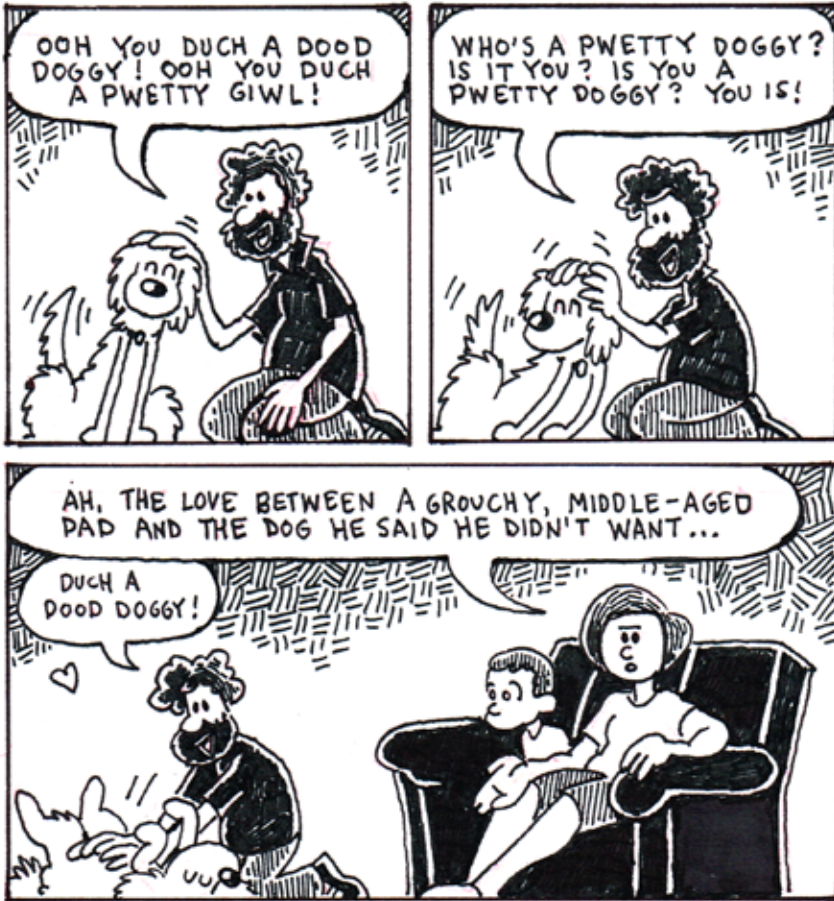
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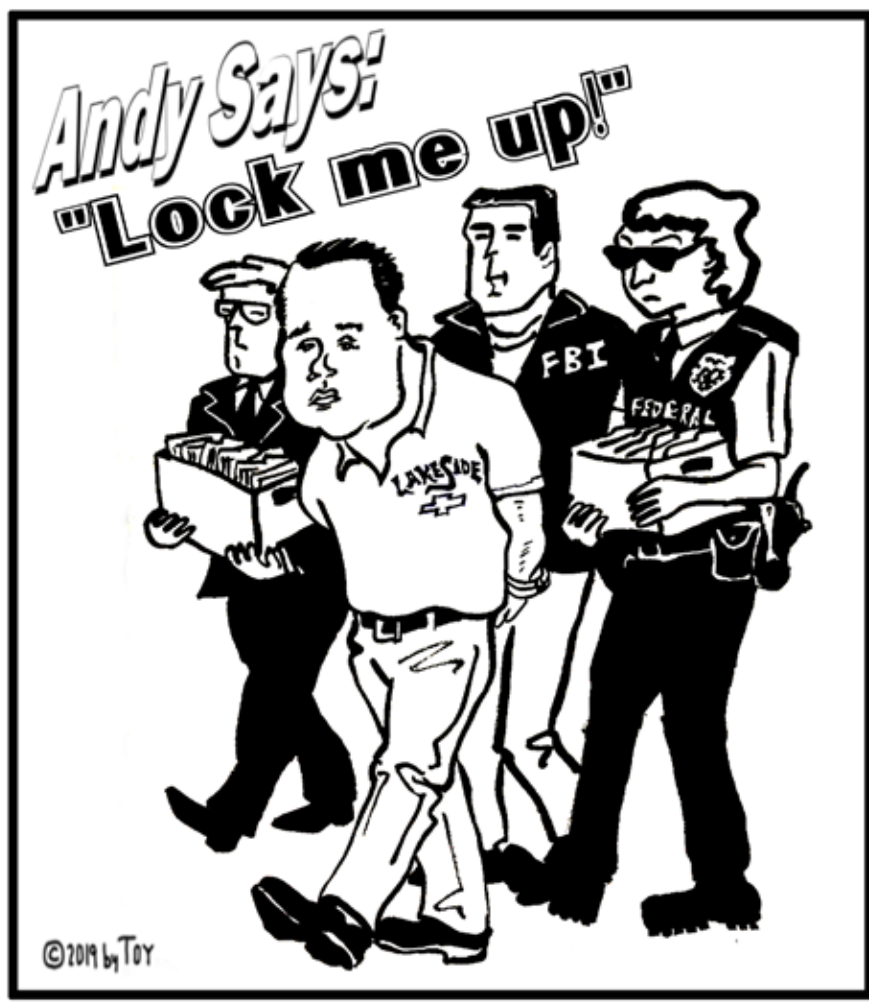
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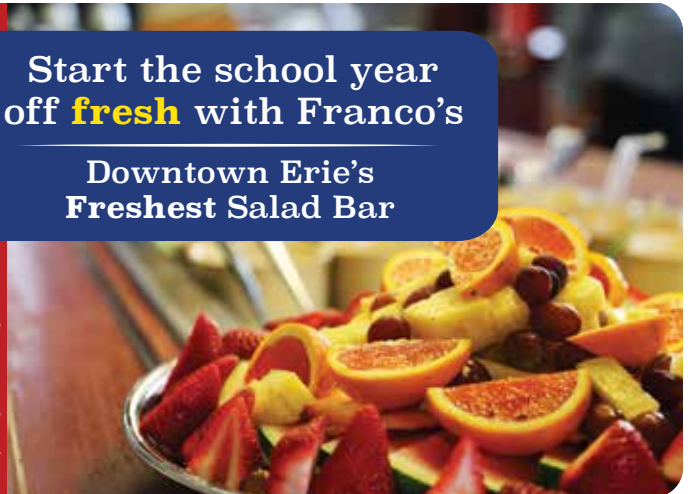


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## MUSIC REVIEWS

### Oso Oso

*Basking in the Glow*  
Triple Crown Records



**B**asking in the *Glow* arrives with a promise; actually, it arrives with a couple. The first is that Oso Oso, the brainchild of Jade Lilitri, is hell-bent on getting better, even if it kills him. The second is to carry the torch of “third wave” emo — an era after American Football and Sunny Day Real Estate, but before revival acts like Balance and Composure. It recalls music from a poppier, punkier phase of emo, inhabited by bands like Saves The Day and Jimmy Eat World. And on these promises, Oso Oso exceeds expectations. To be fair, there are a number of softer moments here that reflect something more introspective — from the subdued “intro” to the lo-fi tape hiss of “one sick plan” — but it’s impressively rare that a band’s catchiest moments are also their smartest. On the drum-driven “the view,” Lilitri sings about watching “optimists drinking half-empty cups,” and just one song later, on the title track, he laments missing an old flame over sun-drenched, Sidekicks-esque guitars. *Basking in the Glow* is as much a trip through emo’s history as it is a worthy plea for the genre’s continued existence. — Aaron Mook



### Rich Brian

*The Sailor*  
12 Tone Music



**B**reaking out of the Internet game can be tough. Rich Brian first rose to fame as the viral rapper behind “Dat Stick,” garnering fame alongside fellow YouTuber Joji (formerly known as Filthy Frank). His first shot at serious music, *Amen*, was a surprisingly solid collection that showcased Rich Brian’s level of talent and commitment to growth. While sophomore effort *The Sailor* is almost certainly more impressive from a technical aspect, something about its delivery feels off. “Kids” bounces along to strings and vintage horns like a *Late Registration*-era Kanye cut, an attention to arrangement that is not lost elsewhere throughout the album. Rich Brian’s Achilles heel is still a lack of original ideas, as he consistently seems to lift from the rappers that inspire him most. It hardly feels malicious, but the rapper’s attempt to create a concept using altered vocals on the album’s opening track feels immediately connected to Kendrick Lamar’s *Damn.*, and it’s far from the only time that vibe comes through on the album. Rich Brian is competent, and he sounds hungry, but it’s going to take more than Mac Miller or Tyler, the Creator worship for his career to truly take sail. — Aaron Mook



### Sleater-Kinney

*The Center Won’t Hold*  
Mom + Pop Music



**W**h e n Sleater-Kinney came back from a decade-long hiatus in 2015 with their album *No Cities to Love*, few people expected it to make as big of a splash as it did, widely considered one of the best recordings of that year. Now, more than four years later, they offer up *The Center Won’t Hold*, their final album with long-time drummer Janet Weiss. Earlier this year, Weiss announced she was leaving the band and “heading in a new direction.” That direction is best personified by the album’s larger-than-life producer, Annie Clark, better known as St. Vincent. Clark is no stranger to the group, particularly singer and guitarist Carrie Brownstein, who is perhaps now more famous for costarring in *Portlandia* alongside Fred Armisen. Clark and Brownstein even have a satirical concert mockumentary in the works, announced this year. All in all, the album result is a move toward a more modern sound. It relies less on the band’s powerful guitar riffs — formerly a quintessential element of the Sleater-Kinney sound by Brownstein and fellow singer and guitarist Corin Tucker. There’s still that raw Riot Grrl sound that the group helped define in the ‘90s, now melded with an art pop sensibility. — Nick Warren



### The Murder Capital

*When I Have Fears*  
Human Season

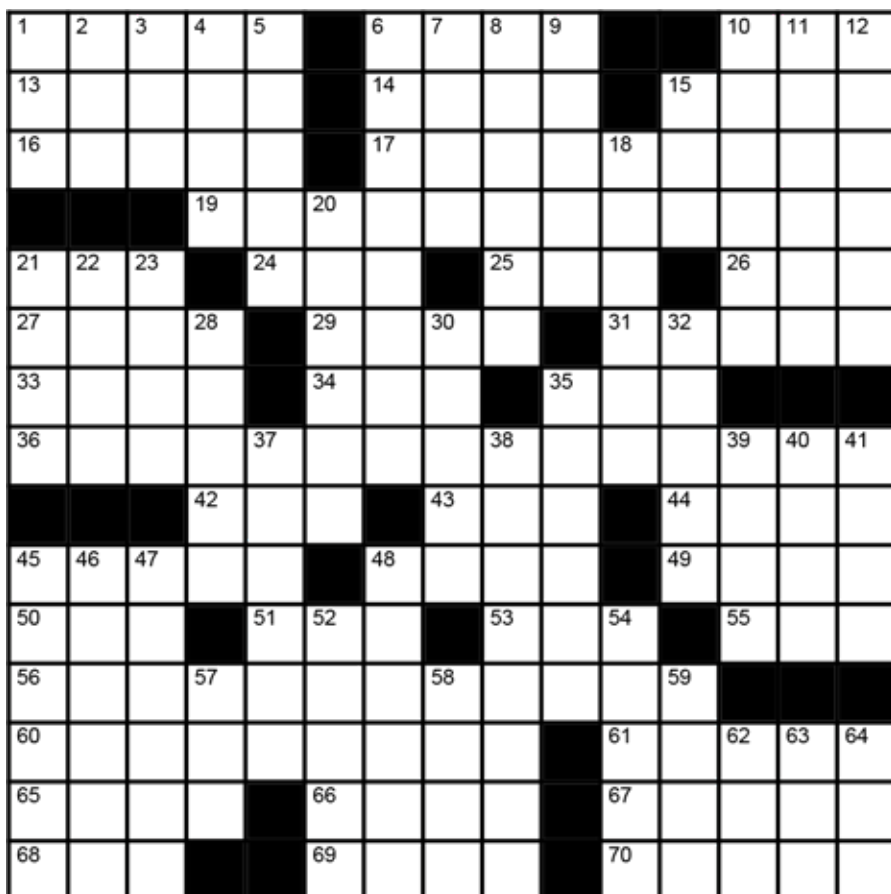


**T**he latest in a new wave of inspired post-punk from The United Kingdom, The Murder Capital’s debut album is being met with wide praise in one of the most impressive introductions of the year. The quintet from Dublin is now easily able to stand alongside fellow bands like Idles, Shame, and Fontaines D.C., carrying the torch of groups like Joy Division and Gang of Four, with an increasingly harder edge than groups like Preoccupations, Iceage, or Ought. Beginning with nearly a minute of simple wavering tones, the record comes in with an intense 16th note barrage of fuzzy bass, quickly followed by drums and a piercing guitar, divided by metallic hits as vocalist James McGovern comes in. His vocals are sloven and emotive, expressing an angry desperation that’s just as effective on slower tracks like “On Twisted Ground” and “How the Streets Adore Me Now” as they are on hardcore punk-inspired rippers like “More Is Less” and “Feeling Fades.” The pulse-pounding rhythmic chants of the latter tracks are often the most memorable parts of record, with standout tracks like “Green & Blue” straddling the line in a beautiful way. — Nick Warren



## TOMMY IN TOON — BY TOMMY LINK





**Across**

- 1. Enliven
- 6. Hwy. crossings
- 10. Letters on a lotion bottle
- 13. Prized Italian instrument
- 14. "No way, José"
- 15. Lip-puckering
- 16. John Wayne or Johnny Carson, by birth
- 17. Hall & Oates' first Top 10 hit
- 19. \*2008 film derived from Dr. Seuss
- 21. \*Self-reflective question
- 24. "\_\_\_ Carter III" (Lil Wayne 3x platinum album)
- 25. Mao \_\_\_-tung
- 26. "Yikes!"
- 27. Lansing's home: Abbr.
- 29. \_\_\_ buco
- 31. \*Question while covering someone's eyes
- 33. Prime draft pick
- 34. Circus safety feature
- 35. Mo. when the NFL season starts
- 36. \*Opening line of a classic nursery rhyme before "I, said the Sparrow, with my bow and arrow"
- 42. A.L. West team, on scoreboards
- 43. Obsession of el rey Midas
- 44. Asking too many questions
- 45. \*\*"So?"

**Down**

- 1. Moo goo \_\_\_ pan
- 2. "Methinks," in texts
- 3. Opposite of "Yep!"
- 4. Senator Romney's state beginning in 2019
- 5. \_\_\_ grigio
- 6. "Hold your horses!"
- 7. Elaine \_\_\_, cabinet member for both Bush and Trump
- 8. Ask, as for assistance
- 9. Figures in Iranian history

- 10. Swank affair
- 11. They're checked for life
- 12. Loses it, with "out"
- 15. Little, in Lockerbie
- 18. Pete who co-wrote "If I Had a Hammer"
- 20. Title woman in a Beach Boys hit
- 21. One way to run
- 22. Bite-size, say
- 23. Reykjavik's land: Abbr.
- 28. Berry that's photographed a lot?
- 30. Wasn't overturned
- 32. Barely ahead, scorewise
- 35. Chicago suburb
- 37. Sheena who sang "U Got the Look" with Prince
- 38. "Wedding \_\_\_" (2005 comedy)
- 39. Gravy holder
- 40. Panama, e.g.: Abbr.
- 41. Home of "the bell," briefly
- 45. Troy Aikman, e.g.
- 46. Slightly
- 47. Some French wines
- 48. Brillo alternative
- 52. "From \_\_\_ shining ..." ("America the Beautiful" lyric)
- 54. "Dick \_\_\_"
- 57. Travel (about)
- 58. Firestone product
- 59. Canyon effect
- 62. Debt note
- 63. Result of a failed Breathalyzer test, for short
- 64. 123-45-6789, on a sample doc.



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