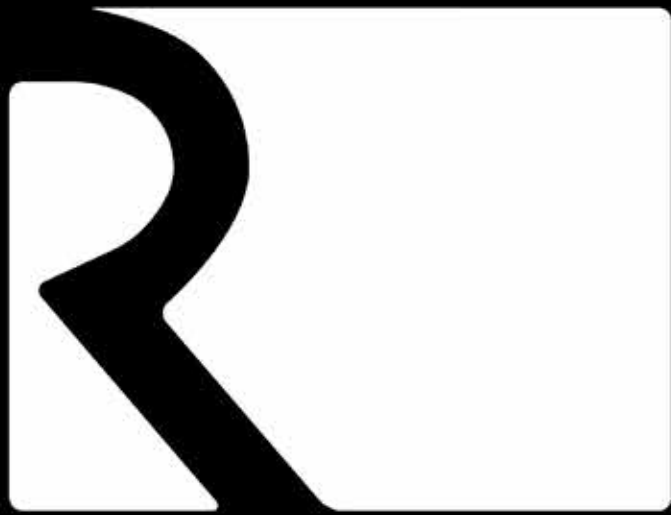


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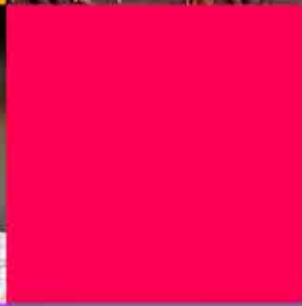
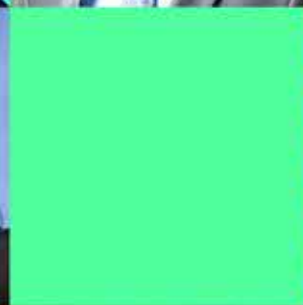


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Erie Reader photographer Maitham Basha-Agha snaps a photo of 2019 40 Under 40 honoree Justine Parker Russell outside the Erie Art Museum. This was the first class since the inaugural 2013 class to be photographed on-location.

JESSICA HUNTER

From the Editors

Introducing Erie's 40 Under 40 class of 2019

Since 2013, we've proudly published our annual 40 Under 40 issue, introducing to you 40 young people who are shaping the future of Erie. Following its debut, it's become one of our most popular and widely read features of the entire year. Our mission is to give recognition to the innovators, entrepreneurs, and leaders who are helping our community succeed. They're the rising stars, unafraid to take risks and pursue their passions.

If you think selecting our top 40 honorees was difficult, you'd be right. This year, as in years past, we were flooded with nominations. If you know someone who is working hard to make Erie a better place and think they've earned this distinction, go to eriereader.com today and nominate them for next year's class. We'd love to meet them.

This year also marks the second year in a row where every single honoree has been photographed, thanks in no small part to our special event photographer Maitham Basha-Agha. With coordinating help from Jessica Hunter, Maitham was able to capture our honorees outdoors in Downtown Erie — the first on-location shoot since our inaugural year. Though the backgrounds may be blurry, discerning Erieites will be able to spot the locations. For the full, uncropped photos, go to our website, where each profile can be shared individually.

This is Erie's 40 Under 40 experience. It's alive and well (it also happens to be the title of our second annual event taking place on Friday, Oct. 4, but more on that as the date approaches).

Also in this issue, Jim Wertz breaks down our recent municipal primary and highlights some of the overall take-aways. The new faces and names on the ballot are one key item, as the future relies on bold, new leadership. It's absolutely fitting that this comes up now, as we shine a spotlight on some of the remarkable young people helping to make our community a better place.

One of those bold current leaders is contributing writer and Erie City Council member Liz Allen. She dials back the clock, taking a look at Erie's Community Schools project in the years following its introduction. These schools might just be training grounds for future 40 Under 40 honorees, though admittedly we'll have to wait a few years until that comes to pass.

We're proud of our class of honorees, past, present, and future. This month is a perfect time for pride, as the LGBTQ community and their allies go into the second half of Pride Month. Take a look at the spine of our current issue on the newsstand for a nod to that. As the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots arrives on June 28, let's reflect on the struggle that still continues to this day.

Thank you to all of our honorees this year. Thank you for the outstanding work that's being done in this community and the passionate engagement that our city needs. To quote James and Deborah Fallows from their recently published book *Our Towns*, "[The Erie Reader's] long-form reporting and opinions have made it a must-read among the progressive-minded population in Erie. The annual '40 Under 40' is an index of young business, cultural, and civic figures who have chosen to make something happen here. It is a competitive field, and the number of candidates for this recognition continues to grow."

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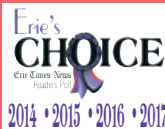


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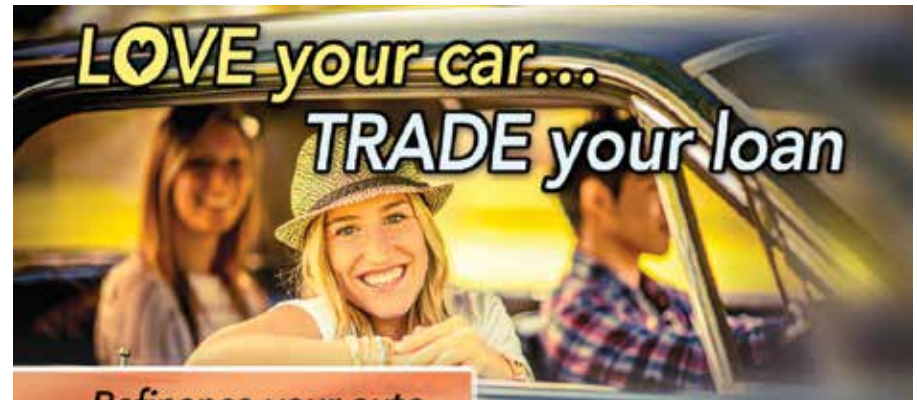
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Erie At Large: An Electoral Opportunity Zone

How our recent municipal primary showed us many important new faces



By: Jim Wertz

It's been nearly a month since the May primary concluded and election day left us with a great deal to look forward to. Up and down the municipal ballot, we witnessed the impact of a motivated electorate to support new ideas and new candidates, both young and less young, but new nonetheless.

This election featured several candidates under the age of 30 and more first-time candidates than we've seen in a long time. Too, the number of women and people of color looking to represent the interests of voters in communities that have changed more in the last two decades than they did in the century before. Some of those folks and the people working in support of them are featured in the pages that follow.

In this, there is a balance to be struck between the stalwart incumbents and entrenched members of the political class, and those looking

to make their political start. All well-intentioned, together they illustrate an opportunity not to be squandered in which those in power have an opportunity to mentor and embrace the next generation of political leadership and the emerging regional needs they represent.

By the numbers

We often lament voter turnout in municipal election years, and rightly so. It's appalling in fact, considering that, as both politicians and political parties will argue, these are the elections that have the greatest impact on the daily lives of average Americans — the 99 percent, if you will.

If you think the roads are in bad shape, these offices can help. If you believe that students deserve better schools and greater opportunities, this was your chance to vote in their favor. If you want to ensure that your tax dollars are efficiently applied to legacy obligations and future in-

vestment, odd year elections deserve your attention.

There are 192,453 registered voters in Erie County, according to the Erie County Office of Voter Registration, but just 41,896 of them — 21.77 percent — cast ballots on May 21. Of those 192,453 voters — Democrat, Republican, and Independent — nearly 53,000 are not considered active voters because they don't routinely vote in any election cycle. Of those that remain, approximately 16,000 are registered Independent and, as a result of Pennsylvania's closed primary elections, cannot vote for either Democratic or Republican candidates in primary elections, during which many of these races will be decided because of partisan majorities in small voting districts across Erie County.

The good news, perhaps, is that among active Republican and Democratic voters in Erie County, approximately 32 percent of active Republicans and nearly 37 percent of active

Approximately 32 percent of active Republicans and nearly 37 percent of active Democrats turned out to vote in last month's municipal primaries. Although these numbers are still disappointing, they do represent an improvement over previous turnouts in Erie County.

Democrats turned out to vote last month. By comparison to voter turnout in the general election, these results are still not great. But they are better and serve as a more accurate reflection of the electorate in Erie County.

Off to the races

The ballot featured candidates for County Council, city councils, borough councils, township supervisors, school directors, district magistrates and the Court of Common Pleas, treasurers, auditors, and the Pennsylvania Superior Court.

In the sole statewide race for two Pennsylvania Superior Court seats, Democrats Judge Daniel McCaffery, a judge on the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas, and Amanda Green-Hawkins, counsel for the U.S. Steelworkers in Pittsburgh, will face Republicans Megan McCarthy-King and Christylee Peck in the general election on Nov. 5. If McCaffery and Green-Hawkins are successful in their bid, it will be the first Democratic majority on the Superior Court in more than three decades.

In Erie County, four Democrats and one Republican cross-filed in the race to fill two vacancies on the Erie County Court of Common Pleas. Local attorney David Ridge, 59, a Democrat, won both the Democratic and Republican nomination, and Erin Connelly, 41, also a Democrat and the chief deputy district attorney in the Erie County District Attorney's office, won the second spot on the Democratic ticket. Attorney Ed Smith, 59, the lone

Republican in the race, will round out the ballot in the second Republican spot.

This year will mark significant change to Erie County Council where at least three seats will be held by new people, made possible by the retirements of Democrat Kathy Fatica in District 1, which includes most of Millcreek, and Republican Carol Loll in District 7, which includes the remainder of Erie County west of Millcreek. Democrat Kim Clear, 43, an English teacher at McDowell High School, won a three-person primary against community organizer Veronica Rexford and former Millcreek School Board member Terry Scutella to secure the party's nomination for the 1st District seat. Clear will face Republican committeeman Robert Yates, 44, in November. Democrat Rita Bishop, 65, a retired Erie County IT specialist, defeated 22-year-old first-time candidate William Driver for the Democratic nomination in the 7th District and will face Republican neonatal nurse Ellen Schauerman, 64, this fall.

In County Council's 3rd District, which represents much of the city's west side and four precincts in Millcreek, former Erie County library director Mary Rennie, 61, defeated community activist Freda Tepfer and the incumbent Democrat, Fiore Leone, who has served on County Council since 1978. If Leone had won, it would have been his final term on Council before term limits were imposed upon him.

Rennie also won the uncontested Republican nomination with just 18 write-in votes, which means that she will be unopposed in the general election and will replace Leone in January.

Kyle Foust, 51, a long-time County Councilman in the 5th District, representing most of eastern Erie County, was un-

opposed in the May primary for his council seat and will face Republican Brian Shank, 55, who defeated Joseph Cancilla, 29, for the Republican nomination.

Foust also won the Democratic nomination for Erie County Controller, which monitors the finances of County government, its pension fund, and conducts audits. In this race, he'll face the incumbent Republican, 72-year-old Mary Schaff, who is in her third term. If Foust is successful in unseating Schaff, Council will likely need to appoint his replacement, raising the possibility that 2020 could see the welcome of four new members to Erie County Council.

Similarly in the City of Erie, voters nominated candidates for three City Council seats and the City Treasurer. Eleven Democrats and one Republican sought the three at-large seats on Erie City Council. In-

cumbent Mel Witherspoon, Ed Brzezinski, a former member of both Erie City Council and the Erie School Board, and Wabtec security guard Michael Keys will face first-time candidate Republican Shawn Lyons. Given the Democratic advantage in the city of Erie and the relative obscurity of the Republican candidate, Witherspoon, Brzezinski, and Keys are all but assured victory in November.

City Councilman Cas Kwitowski, 70, was the only candidate on the ballot for City of Erie Treasurer. He'll replace Sue DiVecchio, who is currently serving her third four-year term as City Treasurer and is term limited from running for a fourth consecutive term.

Before taking office as City of Erie Treasurer, Kwitowski will resign his seat on Erie City Council. That vacancy will be filled by an appointment made by the other six council

members. When Bob Merski resigned his council seat upon his election to the state legis-

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lature last year, more than 50 city residents applied for the position, which was ultimately awarded to former city coun-

cilman Curtis Jones Jr.

Jones, whose appointment will conclude in January, is a fine councilman and was an adequate replacement for Merski. But there were many good candidates in the pool last December, and there will be many good candidates, including some of those who ran for office this May, when Kwitowski resigns in January.

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This time Erie City Council needs to see this as an opportunity to lift up those who wish to serve this community. To be sure, there is merit

in resurrecting someone who "knows the job" and "has been there before." But there's also stability created by inducting someone new to the political process, and as the recent rounds of applicants and candidates have demonstrated, there are plenty of qualified people to choose from. And council should look to those people first.

Recycling former elected officials and appointees to local councils, boards and authorities reflects a general fear of opening the door for someone who hasn't been invited to the club. And if we're not careful, it's going to lead to foreclosure for lack of membership.

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Treasure Hunt

How Community Schools are helping to uncover kids' talents



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By: Liz Allen

I like homework. In fact, I like homework so much that I once colluded with my Villa Maria Academy friends to do fake homework, after the teacher's pets in one class were driving us crazy. To curry favor with the teacher, they'd wave their arms and jump out of their seats to answer questions, write on the blackboard and collect the homework.

My friends and I devised a clever way to fluster the brownies by doing homework, even though we didn't have any. Thus, we created a small panic when one of us leapt up to collect our "homework" as "the brownies" (i.e., brown-nosers) frantically paged through their notebooks, trying to find something to turn in. (It helped that the teacher didn't realize that she hadn't actually given us an assignment.)

As we get ready for our 50-year high school reunion on July 20, which falls on the anniversary of the Apollo moon landing, I've been thinking about how my schooling has shaped me. Would my friends and I have been able to take small steps as women, or to make giant leaps for womankind, without the benefit of quality educations, including the opportunity to go to college? What would our lives be like if we hadn't been nurtured in supportive school communities from the time we were young?

When I led editorial board meetings and wrote editorials for the Erie Times-News, my ability to do actual homework served me well. As a City Councilwoman, I've taken the same approach to do deep dives into the issues. For example, in weighing how to revise

the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance ordinance (LERTA), I want to know as much as possible about how LERTA has worked in Erie and elsewhere.

Those who advocate for a broader, more generous LERTA have zeroed in on "economic" in the acronym, without scrutinizing the "revitalization" component. At the June 13 public hearing, one business owner grumbled about citizens who are "focused on social issues," rather than economic development. He said his biggest challenges are "almost always (about finding) people and talent." He didn't comprehend that past injustices often prevent the poor and people of color from finding opportunities to use their talents.

The day after the public hearing, I attended Forward Cities' national conference, "Advancing Inclusive Entrepreneurship," in Pittsburgh, at the invitation of Beth Zimmer, co-founder and managing director of the Innovation Collaborative. I learned a lot about the barriers that minorities face when they want to start businesses, but one comment really resonated. Instead of calling it "economic development," we should call it "community development," the panelist said.

That insight prompted me to think anew about Erie's Community Schools program, started three years ago by United Way of Erie County with fi-

Lin Thu, 10 and ½, and his father, Yar, are from Myanmar. Lin, a member of the Edison Players, played a panther and a beaver in the musical *The Friend Ship* at the Erie Playhouse. He said he liked the play because all of the animals "figured out they were all friends at the end." (Note: the father said he just goes by one name, Yar.)

Children from Edison Elementary School enjoyed an outing at Frontier Park as part of the Community Schools summer camp on June 14. They are, front row, left to right, Fiona Glassman, Zachary Parris and Karan Basnat and, back row, Ankita Bhattarai, Hunter Guldenschuh, Julian Salter, and Kayvon Hill.

nancial and in-kind support from lead partners and from corporations and non-profit agencies.

Much of the narrative about Community Schools has focused on the efforts to provide health, wellness, and social services to children and families, so teachers can concentrate on teaching.

Community Schools have food banks and clothing pantries. Youngsters and their parents have access to counseling on site, instead of having to make travel arrangements while juggling work and family.

I have also heard good-hearted business leaders express their hopes that the Community Schools model will "crush" poverty and put students on the path to becoming part of the skilled workforce.

But this perspective has its limits. Do affluent families urge their offspring to take vocational training and skip college? I don't know; I'm just asking the question.

But thanks to a visit to Edison Elementary School, 1921 East Lake Road, I learned that the Community Schools program does much more than help students and families to overcome health and wellness problems.

Program staff and volunteers are

sparkling student interest in science, technology, art, engineering, and math. Through artists in residence from Erie Arts & Culture, children are exploring their creativity. The school garden is bounded by a splashy mural. On May 22, fourth graders billed as the Edison Players, performed in a musical, "The Friend Ship," facilitated by Trish Yates, the Erie Playhouse's education/outreach coordinator.

Bill Williams, president of the Playhouse board, is a chemist at Erie Water Works and has been singing since age five. "Learning lines and songs help broaden everybody's concentration powers," said Williams. "I think it helps kids in science and math, too. There's a natural flow."

Gina Rullo, Edison's assistant principal (and herself an active musician), said that through stage performances, children learn how to absorb and share information in a non-traditional way. Without the Community Schools program, the children would likely not have a chance to get to know the people from the Playhouse, she said.

The Community Schools program also benefits from beautification efforts. Volunteers from GE (now Wabtec) repainted the school walls in neutral colors, and U Frame It has matted and framed student artwork to hang on those walls. The art might be exhibited until the next generation of students enters Edison and they can point to a picture and say, "Look, there's Daddy's artwork," said Tami Krzeszewski-Conway, Edison's Community Schools di-



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Shaun Stewart and his children, Shawn Jr., 10, and Jaylen, 9, pose for a photo after *The Friend Ship* at the Erie Playhouse, produced as part of Edison's Community Schools program. Shaun Jr., a fourth-grader who played a polar bear, planned to accept an Erie Playhouse scholarship to attend theater camp this summer.

rector.

Krzeszewski and others working on the Community Schools program stress that staff development and parental engagement are key to the program's success.

Edison Principal Kevin Harper, the son of two teachers, was eager for his school to be part of the Community Schools program when United Way began the initiative with five Erie schools three years ago. (Eight city schools, plus Elk Valley Elementary in the Girard School District and Iroquois Elementary in the Iroquois District, are now Community Schools.)

"I really wanted to be part of that transformative change," said Harper, who grew up on nearby Chautauqua Boulevard. "I went to school here. I know some of the pitfalls. Hunger is a huge problem."

When children are fed, learning is "not the second fiddle," he said.

Karen Stoops, schoolwide support teacher, said that due to the Community Schools program, Edison feels like a neighborhood school again. The school breakfast program gives teachers the chance to converse with the kids. Surveys asking parents for ideas have enjoyed a 67 percent response rate. Wabtec employees are pumped to volunteer, said Christine Breski, a business operations specialist at Wabtec and corporate partner liaison. "It's neat to see how excited they are."

In focus groups, parents requested summer activities, so the Community Schools program is offering a summer camp, facilitated by the Boys and Girls Club. Camp began June 10 and runs through July 3. About 40 children are participating.

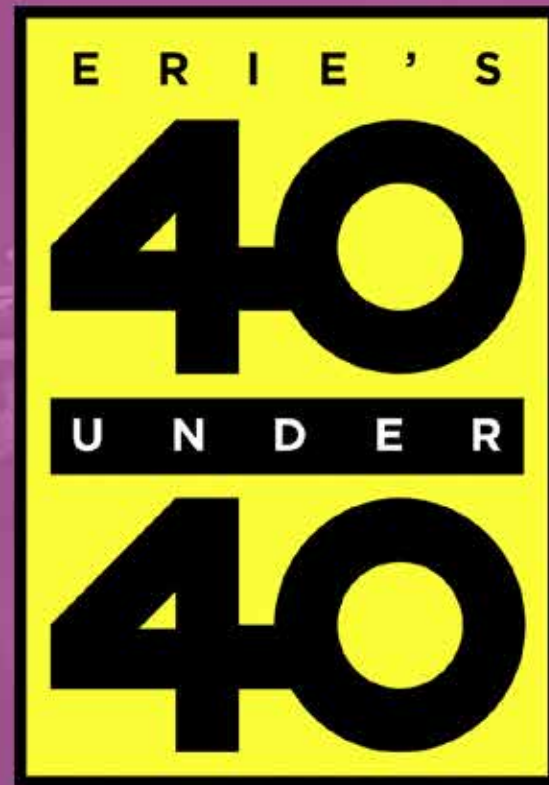
Previously, children might be treated to one field trip a year during the school year. During camp alone, they have visited Headwaters Park, Presque Isle State Park, Frontier Park, the Wabtec Innovation Center, and Asbury Woods. They also are taking part in a fishing excursion with the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie. Every day, they also have activities tied to the books they are reading. At the end of the program, they will have read at least five books, if not more, and they get to keep the books, Krzeszewski-Conway said.

With every facet of the Community Schools program, the emphasis is to improve educational outcomes, and that data is being tracked, according to Laurie Root, United Way's senior vice president for resource development.

Erie's success story doesn't stop here. "We're now being looked at to provide technical assistance to others, because of the processes and the systems and the documentation," she said. "It's all based on academic success."

With academic success, talented kids will grow into talented adults. That's not just economic development. That's community development.

Liz Allen loved school so much that she and her friends snuck into Villa for a sleepover the night before graduation. She can be reached at lizallenerie@gmail.com.



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It is one thing to simply *be* something; it's another to *be about* something. Certainly, the young men and women we are about to introduce hold a multitude of titles, and represent a remarkable breadth of professional fields. They have attained a great deal of success in their chosen careers and the respect that comes with that. However, our annual 40 Under 40 honors have never been about good jobs, they've been about good *people*, performing both within and far beyond the scope of their duties. Moreover, they are people that are *about* something, investing and sharing their passions and talents with the community to help elevate it as a whole.

For the past seven years, we have selected our 40 Under 40 classes based not on resumes, but on the stories you, our readers, have shared with us during the nominations process. Each year, we are wowed anew by both the number of nominees and the ways they are making an impact. Whether it's on the small scale of a classroom or the grand scale of political office, every bit counts. Enthusiasm is contagious, and it comes from being aligned with a purpose and a cause. They are about something that matters to them, something that matters to you, and ultimately something that matters to Erie. And that is why we are about to talk about them as part of Erie's 40 Under 40.

Faisal Aqlan, 35

Assistant Professor of Industrial Engineering and Master of Manufacturing Management, Penn State Behrend



Some folks' resumes read like resumes, and other folks' read like books. We at the Erie Reader mean that in the most complimentary way possible, and we think you'll agree when you glance at the education and accomplishments of Faisal Aqlan, Ph. D. These include, but are not limited to: both a Bachelor and a Master of Industrial Engineering from Jordan University of Science and Technology, a Ph.D. in Industrial and Systems Engineering from State University of New York at Birmingham, an Outstanding Academic Achievement in Graduate Studies from Birmingham University, and a dozen diverse student, vice president, and research awards from varying universities and sources.

There's no questioning Aqlan's work and success, so we're even more interested in his personal life as an Erieite. A husband and a father of two, Aqlan enjoys spending time with his family, as well as students, col-

leagues, and community members. A senior member of the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers who has authored/co-authored over 100 scientific publications, Aqlan would like to continue to draw like-minded individuals to Erie.

"Erie is a great place to live and work," says Aqlan. "I would like to work on more initiatives that transform Erie's education and industry and attract more talents to come and work in Erie."

Rachel Artise, 33

Business Owner, UPS Stores



Rachel Artise wants to "help give the community a new perspective of what a successful business owner looks like," she explained. The Westland, Mich. native recently acquired her second UPS Store, with plans for a third. Her original store, located in the Yorktown Plaza, experienced growth of 25 percent and a 20 percent increase in profitability after she took over; it's also a certified training center for The UPS Store. In the ever-growing online marketplace, a world practically built out of cardboard and packing tape, it seems like a sound investment.

In addition to her business, Artise serves as an ATHENA Powerlink Panel Member, is a member of the ATHENA Circle of Trust (also sponsoring this year's Leadership Luncheon for the organization), and was recently accepted into the Small Business Administration's Emerging Leaders Initiative. She's a member of the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and has been involved with the Women's Round Table and the Coffee Club Divas. She serves on the Belle Valley PTA, and volunteers for the McDowell Girls Youth Lacrosse Team.

Always moving forward, Artise wants "to inspire other people to do what they are called to do no matter what others believe. We all have an extraordinary gift we are supposed to share with the world."

Christine Bowen, 39

Executive Director of Development, Allegheny Health Network at Saint Vincent Hospital

Supervising the philanthropic efforts of one of our region's largest employers, Christine Bowen has a long history of giving back to the community. Her story with Saint Vincent began as a deeply personal one. "I've always understood the importance of giving back to be an essential part of growth in a community," she



noted, hearkening to her experience with the March of Dimes and the Achievement Center. "But it's my personal experience at Saint Vincent Hospital that led to my passion for philanthropy. Our daughters were born premature and spent months in intensive care," Bowen revealed. "We watched helplessly as an incredible team of caregivers saved their lives. In those moments I understood the connection between a donor and a gift."

After the hospital helped save her twins' lives following a 92-day stay in the NICU, she served as the director of the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) fundraiser, raising more than \$1 million for the hospital's pediatric programs. She was later named executive director of development in late 2017. A mother of three, her twin girls now eight and her oldest son 10, Bowen exemplifies the passion needed to make a real, heartfelt change in the community.

Jamie Breneman, 39

Director of Human Resources, Mercyhurst University



Community building comes in all forms and it's no surprise that so many people who engage in that practice do so in the model of their own family. For Jamie Breneman, family is the foundation for the future of Erie. It's personal connections that help her run the Human Resources Department at Mercyhurst University — the youngest person promoted to the position and the first female director in 15 years.

An Erie native, she graduated from Mercyhurst Prep, received her bachelor's degree from Gannon University, and master's degree from Mercyhurst University. Breneman, along with her husband, Jay, and their three children — Elijah, Paige, and Milo — attend St. John the Baptist Church, which she grew up in and where she

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now serves as a Eucharistic minister. While she humbly considers herself support staff in many of the community efforts that she takes part in, Breneman has taken the lead as a den leader for local Girl Scouts, coached girl's basketball, organized neighborhood and park clean-ups, and works alongside her husband on veteran advocacy in Erie County.

"My dad's family has deep roots here, so continuing that history is important to me," she says. "My children attend the same church I grew up in and that is special to me. My hope is that years down the road when my children are adults, Erie will be a city that they call home."

Janae Butler, 29

Communications Specialist, Erie Public Schools



To most, working for a public school would require an extreme amount of responsibility. Now, imagine working for 16 of them. Such is the life of Janae Butler, a communications specialist for Erie's Public Schools that spends her day managing the district's social media accounts, their websites, and even their mobile app. And that's just the tip of the iceberg; Butler is also responsible for getting daily media coverage, sending out media advisories, and working to design annual publications for staff and students alike, among other things.

But Butler's career doesn't define her; a traveler, she was born in Dallas and raised in Sacramento before moving to Erie in 2004. She graduated from local institutions Strong Vincent High School and Gannon University with her bachelor's degree in Journalism-Communication. In her free-time, Butler enjoys volunteering and planning events (including fundraisers for Erie Schools), spending time with friends and family, visiting local restaurants and breweries, and power-walking while listening to audiobooks. Butler isn't shy to praise Erie's sense of community, calling it "passionate, ambitious, and creative."

"Every single person in Erie contributes to the diversity and unique character of our city in one way or another, and it's crucial that we continue to build together moving forward," says Butler.

Brianna Curtis, 27

Mental Health Therapist, Barber National Institute

Wellness comes in many forms, and as both a mental health professional and the newly appointed head softball coach for Villa Maria Academy, Brianna Curtis is embracing it head-on. As a Student Assis-



tance Program liaison, Curtis addresses students with emotional and behavioral concerns, providing both individual and group therapy as well as connecting students to resources for higher levels of care. During the summer, Curtis acts as the clinical supervisor of the Barber National Institute's Connections Camp, a six-week camp for children with autism. There, students are given the space and encouragement to work on their social skills and build relationships.

Curtis also serves on the board for the RivalZ flag football event held to raise funds and awareness for the Alzheimer's Association. Her penchant for physical activity has led to "Curtis Catching," a name she uses to provide private softball lessons to local athletes. Curtis takes pride in the work she does with students and athletes alike; her goal is to continue to destigmatize mental illness in the local community.

"We need to continue to advocate for more accessible mental health resources," says Curtis. "By changing the conversation and connecting individuals to appropriate services, we foster an environment full of empowerment and support within our community."

Kwame Dankwa, 35

Program Director and Afternoon Host, Star 104 at iHeartMEDIA



Kwame Dankwa has a lot of local interests, from live music and stand-up comedy to mentoring youth in the community — and from the sheer number of nominations he received for this year's feature, it's clear he's doing something right.

A program director and afternoon host on Star 104, Dankwa says his proudest achievement is the station's Marconi Award nomination, a ceremony he describes as "radio's Oscars."

"We had been recognized for all the work we had

done in the community, and though we did not win, the things that got us there — helping the Fairview marching band raise money for a trip to play for the troops in Pearl Harbor, and creating those experiences for those students — [were] more valuable than an acceptance speech," says Dankwa, before crediting his co-workers for their hard work at the station. Dankwa also offers some positive insight into the future of our community.

"...Great things are happening, and I can say as a person who has lived in larger cities [that] Erie has a lot going on, and it's a great place to live," Dankwa continues. "The potential is here, and if we all got on the same page...the sky would be the limit."

Aubry Regan DeMarco, 30

IT Project Coordinator, MODIS Consulting; Freelance Creative Consultant; Owner, Mindfully Social Co.



Erie native Aubry Regan DeMarco favors gratitude over pride. The General McLane grad explains that she has had "the privilege of working on some really awesome initiatives within our community and at various organizations, in both large and small ways, with so many incredible people."

That list, simply put, is exhaustive, including: being a Board Member at Sarah Reed Children's Center and the Film Society of NWPA; the West-County Co-Coordinator for ServErie Saturdays; a Member of the ATHENA Circle of Trust Second Cohort, which she co-founded with Miranda Melquist; a Young Erie Professionals member; member of and former Community Manager of Radius CoWork; a TEDxErie co-host; a Mentor/Volunteer with ATHENA College Connections Program; a volunteer for Junior Achievement and the Presque Isle Partnership; and a 2015 Erie Ambassador grad — all on top of her 9-to-5 gig.

"Being able to make a positive change together makes all the difference," says the Penn State University grad, who earned her bachelor's in Rehabilitation Human Services and went on to get a master's in Integrated Marketing Communications and an additional certificate in Conflict Management from Edinboro University. "I find it motivating to live and invest time and energy into our city and region knowing there are immediate opportunities to be the change we wish to see."

When she's not adding to the already impressive professional list above, she enjoys gardening, camping, hiking, fishing, and kayaking, "especially with my husband (Jon DeMarco, a 2015 40 Under 40 alum) and our dog, Honey."

Cassie Dundon, 35
Chief Compliance and Planning Officer, The Achievement Center



For nearly a century, the Achievement Center has been serving the children of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Each year over 3,400 children are provided child-centered services based on their individual needs.

It is an enormous, but also enormously *important* mission that requires a lot of hard work and expertise. With Cassie Dundon, the Achievement Center gets both. In her role as the chief compliance and planning officer, she oversees all aspects of the organization's quality and compliance initiatives, develops programming, writes grants, and manages the implementation of the agency's community impact projects.

Dundon, a Messiah College and Gannon University graduate, is also a licensed professional counselor and is co-chair of the Erie Coalition for a Trauma Informed Community (ECTIC). In this role, she partners with human service providers, universities, school districts, faith-based organizations, local government, businesses, and citizens to promote the organization's goal of reducing the impact of trauma and enhancing resilience throughout the region. She has personally delivered trauma awareness and self-care trainings to over one-thousand educators and administrators across the county.

"[M]ore than 80 percent of Erie has directly experienced a trauma and nearly 100 percent of Erie knows someone who has been impacted by a traumatic event," she explains. "I feel very fortunate to have witnessed many of my counseling clients make tremendous progress and reach their goals."

She is further involved in the community by serving on the Erie County Policy & Planning Council for Children & Family Members, two Community School leadership teams, the System of Care Erie's County Leadership Team, and as a volunteer for the United Way Young Leader Society Communications Committee.

Those who know her describe her as inspirational, fearless, and a fierce advocate. For Dundon though, her enjoyment comes from what she does.

"I genuinely love what I get to do and don't find myself 'working' very often," she says.

Mary Elizabeth Euell, 29
Owner of Barb's Family Learning Daycare

Mary Elizabeth Euell has even bigger dreams than simply owning her own business.



The 29-year-old entrepreneur, who founded and runs Barb's Family Learning Daycare, takes what she does to heart; for her, it's not just minding children while their parents are at work.

"I consider all the parents and children, the entire family. I help them with childcare, job searches, enrollment in programs and school, credit repair, and basic needs," Euell said.

This Edinboro University grad, who has received her Early Childhood Education certificate from Mercyhurst North East, has become a force in the community, despite some darker, heavier circumstances in her past.

"I donate to shelters because I lived in a couple personally," she explained.

Experiencing that type of need in the community firsthand has motivated Euell to be a beacon who lights the way for others, especially while "teaching [the children] that education is key."

Euell, who is turning learning seminar events she has helmed into a nonprofit, insisted, "I would like to encourage all ages. It's never too late, no matter what age bracket you are in. You can always achieve any goal you set your mind to."

As Euell shows us, it's never too early, either.

Robert Frank, 36
Owner of R Frank Photography and R Frank Media; Adjunct Lecturer at Penn State Behrend



If you've come across any local media or photography, there's a good chance that at some point you have seen the work of Robert Frank (and probably more often than not). A visual storyteller, Frank has captured the essence of many of Erie's treasures (people and places) through his work.

In 2001, Frank moved to Erie to attend Penn State Beh-

rend University, where he graduated with a B.A. in Communications and Media Studies.

Today, he owns R Frank Photography and R Frank Media, serves as an adjunct lecturer at Penn State Behrend, and volunteers for the United Way (alongside advocating and supporting many other local organizations).

He and his wife Rebecca, an educator at Iroquois Elementary, also have two beautiful young children — Emma and Tyler.

And although his business seems to have a life of its own, one of his crowning achievements is teaching at the university he graduated from. "Being on the other side of the classroom is something I am very proud of." In addition, last year his own organization donated over \$4,000 to several charities in Erie including New Blossoms New Life, United Way, and Strings for a Cure.

Much like many of those that come from outside of Erie, Frank fell in love with the Gem City when he moved here for college. "There are so many amazing things to do and see in this region. Erie needs to have a better view of itself and I try to show the beauty of Erie in my work as much as possible."

Kristy Gnibus, 34
Teacher, Millcreek Township School District



Work-life balance is sometimes a struggle. But Kristy Gnibus seems to have found the formula for success. She's a cancer survivor and a Supermom who put herself through Mercyhurst University where she earned bachelor's and master's degrees, along with a K-12 Principal Certification from Edinboro University, and is now on her way to completing a Doctorate in Leadership at Gannon University while working two jobs and raising two daughters. In the process she's become an influential force in the community via social media, community engagement, and her work with organizations like Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWPA. "Kristy is an influencer because her voice is real," one nominator explained. "Even more so she speaks as a strong woman who can be looked up to. She is an independent honest voice that resonates."

She shares stories of inspiration and hope on her blog, BeyondKristy.com. With a passionate voice, she covers lifestyle topics like healthy living, parenting, and relationships to evocative topics like teaching in the age of guns and surviving domestic violence.

"I have aspirations to use my struggles, accomplishments, and educational background to continue to make positive changes, specifically in educational and

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social reform," Gnibus says. "Finding my voice, using my blog and my presence to do so, I hope to be just one of the many people who love, support, and continue to work for the growth of Erie."

Tim Grow, 37

Owner/Operator, The Que Abides food truck



There are few things sexier to a foodie than the smell of smoked barbeque wafting down a city street in the midst of summer. Nobody knows that better than quemaster Tim Grow.

For the last four years, Grow's *Big Lebowski*-themed food truck, "The Que Abides," has been the heart of Erie's mobile culinary scene serving up some of the best smoked meats in Northwestern Pennsylvania. Last year it won the "Best Food Truck" award at the annual Gears and Grub festival, previously held at West Erie Plaza and now scheduled to replace "Roar on the Shore" in Downtown Erie. It captured the same honor in our 2018 Best of Erie Awards.

The emergence of food trucks over the past few years was part of a larger shift in Erie that's literally feeding the cultural needs of a changing social and economic landscape. Grow understands his role.

"I just go out there and do my best to provide a high quality product in both a fun and friendly manner," he says. "I am a firm believer that a city needs a culture and identity to grow, rebuild, and re-establish itself. The arts and culture here grow stronger each day. Our fabulous brewery, music, art, and, of course, our culinary scenes are really starting to stand out."

To that end, Grow has become something of a food truck guru, offering advice and guidance to other food truck operators throughout the community to ensure that Erie's sweet summer air remains full of a variety of savory smells. What can we say? The Dude abides.

Dr. Elizabeth Harrington, 27

Pharmacist, Green Thumb Industries (Operators of RISE Erie Dispensary)

Dr. Elizabeth Harrington is a bit of a trailblazer. Being an avid hiker and outdoorswoman, she often frequents the trails of Asbury Woods and Scott Park with her fiancée and their two Siberian huskies, Angus and Sophie. "I am a *huge* nature lover. The fact that Erie has so many beautiful locations year-round is wonderful. Every single year I appreciate experiencing all four seasons."

Her budding career in pharmacy has taken a more unconventional path. Harrington is one of the first licensed pharmacists involved in the Pennsylvania Medical Marijuana Program, working out of RISE Erie Dis-



pensary on West Eighth Street. Her grandfather piqued an interest in alternative and herbal medicines early on, but she "never, ever imagined" she would be at the forefront of such a new frontier. "I saw this as an opportunity to utilize my passion for alternative medicine and my pharmacy degree [from LECOM] in a whole new way."

The Pa. Medical Marijuana Program requires that a pharmacist, a physician, and physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner be on-site during all dispensary hours, and during that time she has taken pleasure in getting to know patients on an individual basis, keeping close tabs on their symptoms and needs while following their progress. "Medical marijuana does not work to alleviate symptoms for every single patient, but a lot of patients are able to achieve an improved quality of life."

Between her work at the dispensary and as a volunteer for Community Shelter Services, this Warren native is not green at all when it comes to her track record of compassion.

Khadija Horton, 36

Attorney, Erie County Public Defender's Office; Assistant Public Defender



This Erie native won't shy away from telling you about her humble beginnings. But rather than delve into her own details, she'll tell you why she's returned to Erie to serve the people populating the place she grew up in. "I am from the same community the majority of my clients are from," says this Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy grad who went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science from Kent State University and her Juris Doctorate from Capital University Law School. She explains, "I went into this profession aware of the inequities of representation due to lack of wealth. I vowed to provide my indigent clients with excellent representation, even with my heavy caseload and lack of resources."

So why, when deciding to pursue a career as a lawyer, does one decide to become a public defender?

"It is tough to balance, but worth it for those who need it the most," says the Erie County Bar Association Board member and vice chair of its women's division. Additionally, she serves on the Erie County Convention Center Authority Board; is a member of the Strengthening Police and Community Partnership Council (SPCP); and volunteers as a mentor in the Erie County Bar Association's Attorney and Kids Together (AKT) program, as well as Erie County's Wills for Heroes program, where she drafts wills for military and law enforcement officials.

"Erie is on the precipice of renewal, but we are currently at a fork in the road," says the 2016 Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy grad. "One road leads to progress, while the other leads to ruin. I believe 'intentional' diversity will lead us to progress."

Kelly Karns, 34

Owner of Erie Food Tours; Part-time Instructor in the Education Dept. at Mercyhurst University



"I'm a very early riser," Kelly Karns said. "I can get a lot done before my children wake up!"

The owner of Erie Food Tours, part-time educator at Mercyhurst University, wife to husband Steve, and mom to two little girls, would have to in order to achieve everything that she has accomplished so far.

Karns began her career in education, teaching within the Millcreek School District, but gradually sought a more flexible schedule that allowed her more time with her family.

"I never, ever thought I would take the leap of becoming an entrepreneur," Karns said. "[But] building a business surrounding three of my favorite things — eating, learning, and Erie — has been exciting and enriching."

Erie Food Tours is now in its fifth year of operation and has expanded its offerings from one tour to three — the "Original" Downtown Erie Food Tour, the "Historic" North East Erie Food Tour, and the "Happy Hour" (or "Happy-Appy") Downtown Erie Food Tour. Each guided tour invites participants to get on their feet and take in their surroundings (as well as a diverse selection of local food and drink) as they walk from venue to venue. It turns out home is more appetizing than some may think.

Beyond stoking physical appetites, Karns fulfills mental appetites through her work in the education sector, where she both instructs and advises young people on their own journeys. On top of that, she is an avid runner with four marathons and over 20 half-marathons to her credit.

Yet for all the many hats Karns wears, she enthused, "most of all, I love being a mom — that is the best job in the world!"

Faith Kindig, 31
Founder & Chief Operations Officer of The Urban Oasis Project Inc.



Merriam-Webster describes an oasis as a place “that provides refuge, relief, or pleasant contrast.” With The Oasis Market, Faith Kindig has brought all three of those attributes to downtown Erie, opening a business with Jonathan D’Silva that provides fresh and locally-sourced foods to one of the inner city’s main food deserts.

Kindig, a graduate of Iroquois High School, worked for three years to get the project off the ground, hitting numerous roadblocks before finally securing 914 State St., part of the old Woolworth’s, as the market’s location.

“I want to create a space that connects our local producers to our local consumers so we can build a healthier environment for our small business owners as well as members of the community,” she says.

She majored in Project and Supply Chain Management at Penn State Behrend while securing a minor in Management Information Systems and a certificate in Enterprise Resource Planning. All certainly bring expertise that has resulted in her success — but friends also highlight her internal drive, persistence, and overall spirit.

She also founded a community garden called Erie Sproutz and volunteers with the Innovation Collaborative in her spare time.

As for The Oasis Market, it continues to grow: cooking classes, nutrition activities, pop-up shops, and poetry readings are only a few of the unique offerings at this wonderful new addition to downtown Erie.

Ryan Krysiak, 34
Owner, Rock School Studios



In the Erie music community, Ryan Krysiak is comfortable playing both rhythm and lead. The Harbor Creek High graduate is no stranger to taking center stage, having lent his guitar and vocal talents to several area bands over the years, including Super No. 7, The Cover-Up, Ref-

uge, and Daytona Beach 2000. It is through the founding of Rock School Studios, however, that he has perhaps made the most noise.

A decade ago, Krysiak was giving separate private instruction to a group of elementary school friends and realized he might have the makings of a band. “I had always noticed that traditional one-on-one lessons left a lot of students thinking ‘okay, I can play guitar — now what?’” The next step, of course, is to put those skills into context with other musicians. This revelation spawned The Rock School, and its first — and most successful — development project, First To Eleven. “We started with power chords and now we’re flying across the country regularly to work with some of the biggest names in the music industry.”

First To Eleven has become one of the biggest bands on YouTube, with 300,000 subscribers and 40,000,000 views and counting. While Krysiak’s tutelage certainly had something to do with their ascendancy, his talents as a videographer and his belief in streaming media might have been even more instrumental. “There have been single days where our videos have been viewed a quarter of a million times. You could play two sold-out, back-to-back shows at the biggest stadium in the world and not get that kind of exposure.”

He is now eager to replicate that success with the six other Rock School bands and individual students he’s working with. “I’d like to take the local musical talent Erie has, package it up, and show it off to the rest of the world!”

Ashley Lawson, 38
Public Policy Advocate, Blue Zones Project - Corry

The Blue Zones Project is a community-based organization that focuses on health and wellness, whether



it is bringing awareness to the dangers of smoking, providing information on how to access healthy foods, or providing programming for schools and businesses.

In Corry, the Blue Zones Project is being led by Ashley Lawson, a Mercyhurst Prep graduate who uses her position (and expertise in public administration) to design and communicate advocacy strategies for the Corry community to adopt and implement as policy.

Lawson is actively involved in the Erie community as well. She has volunteered her time at events such as Celebrate Erie and local neighborhood cleanups, as well as at the Erie Free Store. She also serves as secretary and treasurer on the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority Board of Directors and is president of the Civic Leadership Academy Alumni Network for the Jefferson

Education Society. In her spare time, she travels extensively, having been to over 20 countries, and uses those experiences and what she learns to help bring change to the community she loves.

“I want everyone to love Erie as much as I do,” Lawson says. “Everyone can and should do something to help transform their community into one that they are passionate about and proud of.”

She certainly does her part.

Annē Lewis, 24
Director of Marketing, Red Letter Hospitality



Despite what Tom Wolfe might have said, you can go home again. And, you can return to make a quick impact — just like Annē Lewis.

This North East native attended Penn State University to study communications, served as the Sales Manager at the student-run radio station, and earned the College of Communications’ Davis Ethics Award in 2017. She also led Penn State’s Alpha Phi chapter to various awards, amongst other impressive accomplishments.

Since returning to the Erie area, she hasn’t shown any signs of slowing down.

At Red Letter Hospitality (RLH), this member of Young Erie Professionals handles all social media, media and public relations, community outreach and partnerships, and website and menu design for the group’s six restaurants, which include The Cork 1794 (West Erie Plaza), Molly Brannigan’s (downtown), The Skunk & Goat Tavern (North East), and three CoreLife Eatery locations outside of Erie. What’s more, Lewis lives RLH’s spirit of feeding the community beyond what’s on plates and in bowls by organizing various charity events, as well as driving a partnership with the Erie Philharmonic to host an outdoor concert series in North East’s town square.

Outside of work, this participant in the 2019 Jefferson Civic Leadership Academy is active in the North East Chamber of Commerce and loves being out and about, whether it’s a yoga class, visiting other restaurants, or spending time with family and friends.

“I want to encourage young leaders to continue to grow and have confidence in Erie,” Lewis says. “Right now, the energy throughout Erie is extremely contagious ... to make our home an even better place than it already is. Not all change is bad, let’s get that out of our heads.”

Elvis Andromeda Maryshine, 22
Talent Buyer/Promoter, Artist Manager

Erie’s music scene used to be unquestionably thriving. These days, that seems to be up for debate. One key person who wants to see it flourish again is Elvis Mary-



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shine, and she's not afraid to put in the work to see it happen. The youngest person on this year's list, Elvis is fulfilling an essential role in Erie's cultural landscape. This spring saw the opening of The Ballet Haus, a new venue in downtown Erie in the former Lake Erie Ballet space. Since then it has sold out multiple times, and that in itself is a rare feat as far as pre-sale tickets go.

Elvis' shows have struck a chord with local audiences. Working primarily in the pop-punk/indie rock/alternative sphere, she's helped to bring in artists that actually get fans excited, like popular bands Trash Boat and Mom Jeans. Not content just to make Erie an off-day tour stop for national bands, she actively recruits local bands to join the fold. Among them are local groups she manages hands-on like Real Fake Doors and The Standby, along with Youngstown's The Safest Ledge, through her company, The Andromeda Agency. She's also the East Coast representative for Alex Zarek Art & Design, and volunteers at the Performing Arts Collective Alliance, herself a talented actress and model. In her words, she wants "to open up a few more venues and really build up the local scene and make people want to stay here after college or move here because the music scene here is thriving. It's super doable." She believes that "Erie is a blank slate for the entrepreneur. There's tons of room to create and grow."

Amy R. Murdock, 29

Director of Government Affairs, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership



Being part of the pipeline between local business and local government, Amy Murdock plays a pivotal role in our community's economic development. Now responsible for voicing the needs of businesses in our region, she is able to voice their concerns to state and local officials. In February, she was named the Director of Government Affairs at the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership. Prior to her position at the Chamber, Murdock was the director of the Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development (succeeding Kathy

Wyrosdick), working closely with Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper.

After graduating from Fort LeBoeuf High School, Murdock went on to study political science, earning a bachelor's degree at Gannon University, later receiving her MBA from Penn State Behrend, and is a proud mother of three. Professionally, she helped to establish public initiatives like the Municipal Stormwater Program, the Erie County Data Center, and the Erie Land Bank. In her previous position as program administrator, she also aided in the Coastal Resources Management Program and the Erie County Greenways Program. "My hope would be to contribute my time and efforts in a way that provides opportunities for people in every corner of our community," Murdock explained, adding that she wants to "help to plant the seeds of opportunity for future generations."

Courtney Nagle, Ph.D., 37

Associate Professor of Mathematics Education, Penn State Behrend; Program Chair of Secondary Mathematics Education



Dr. Courtney Nagle began her college track at Edinboro University (B.A. in Mathematics) and didn't stop there. She would go on to receive her master's degree in the same field and finished with a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education from the State University of New York (SUNY) Buffalo. As a professor at Behrend, she teaches both undergraduate mathematics and mathematics education courses (specializing in calculus and mathematics methods) and also conducts research, providing service to the profession and community relative to her field.

In addition, she serves as secretary of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of Mathematics and is a board member for the Pennsylvania Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators. She was integral in securing \$1.2 million in funding from the National Science Foundation to develop a High School Mathematics Institute, which will promote interest and career exploration in mathematics and mathematics education. Approximately 100 students from several school districts will be eligible for the program.

She has also been a principal investigator on previous grants. "I am most proud of the grants that my colleagues and I have secured at Behrend. These grants have had lasting impacts on our students and the greater Erie community by allowing for the building of a model secondary mathematics campus in our classroom, establishing the Best Practices in Teaching and Learning and Mathematics Conference for teachers, and providing scholarship money to students who are devoted to teaching mathematics in high-needs school districts."

In addition to her love of math, she has great love for

her husband Joe and two sons, Jackson and Benson. She wants to make mathematics education a priority for all Erie students as she believes all students deserve engaging instruction delivered by teachers who are excited about mathematics — and passionate about their students. "When our youth begin to see themselves as capable of doing mathematics, many doors can be opened for them."

LeAnna Nieratko, 34

General Manager, Whole Foods Cooperative



Whole Foods Cooperative is Erie's only community-owned grocer. And it is LeAnna Nieratko's job to guide it. This includes overseeing the functions of a multi-million-dollar, multi-unit operation — including marketing, IT, human resources, merchandising, and project management — which by the way, is no small operation. The organization currently boasts over 8,000 member-owners.

Nieratko graduated with a B.A. in Psychology from Gannon University and is currently working on her M.B.A. from Gannon. She is also an elected representative for the National Cooperative Grocers' Eastern Corridor Steering Committee, an Erie Ambassador, and a member of the Athena Circle of Trust (ACT).

One of her most exciting achievements was being an integral part of the launch of the SorcERIE food truck. "It brought the entire staff above a living wage for Erie County in 2016, with continued focus to keep pace with inflation." It also serves as a way to bring organic, healthy options to more people throughout the region and in many ways serves as the outreach arm of the Co-op.

Moreover she feels blessed to have a role where she can nurture others. "I love to have a role where I can facilitate brilliant people getting to do the things they love, so I was thrilled to support the development and creation of the Grow-op (our urban agriculture initiative), as well as creating staff-led committees to focus on our ends as an organization (Erie, Education, Environment)." Through the environment committee, the group reduced their plastic packaging by more than half, becoming a strong force in the "zero waste" movement, pushing the Co-op toward continuous sustainable practices.

To continue to support her community, she wants to continue to cultivate resources "for the vibrant creative people at our Co-op," and provide an outlet for the development of local products, while maintaining a focus on a positive environmental impact. "I also want to continue to speak up on areas of inequity for my neighbors and fellow Erieites so that our city is safe, inclusive, and equitable for all people."

Martha "Marty" Nwachukwu, 26
Community Organizer, Erie County United



"She's committed to bettering her community and making every space she inhabits more welcoming and inclusive for everyone," one nominator said. Marty Nwachukwu is described as "a quiet leader" who seems to have found her voice in Erie. The soft-spoken Pittsburgh native and Edinboro University graduate moved to Erie to build community consciousness through her work as an organizer with Erie County United, the local arm of PA United, a progressive grassroots political action committee.

"We have 'organized' the voices of activists and community leaders to push the needle on various local issues with more force and impact," she says. "Now more than ever, we see an increase in people attending public meetings, lobbying their representatives, and asking difficult questions."

Nwachukwu envisions an Erie with more diverse, inclusive, and responsive leadership. She believes that through activism and civic engagement young people can help shape the Erie region and she lives that mission as a committee person in the Erie County Democratic Party, the vice chairperson of the Erie County Young Democrats, and a founder of People for a Livable Erie.

"We have to inspire and engage people throughout the city to step up into leadership and get civically involved," Nwachukwu implored. "Innovation only comes when you have more minds engaged and thinking outside of the box together."

Davona Pacley, 31
Clinical Care Staff, Sarah Reed Children's Center — Residential Unit

The Sanctuary Model, based on the premise that trauma is a universal subset of the human experience, provides a framework for human services organizations to improve culture through a commitment to nonviolence, emotional intelligence, inquiry and social learning, democracy, open communication, social responsibility, and ongoing growth and change. It informs Davona Pacley's work both as a clinical care specialist at Sarah Reed Children's Center and as an activist; both the teenage girls under her supervision and the City of Erie at large have seen some tough times. Indeed, promoting "self-esteem, self-awareness, mindfulness, and self-empowerment" has broad applications.

Pacley, a graduate of Collegiate Academy and Edinboro University's sociology program, took the wisdom she'd gleaned as a behavior counselor, shift leader, and



clinical care staff to the campaign trail in a recent bid for an open City Council Seat. Although she did not win, the member of Erie Young Democrats and Keystone Progress pledges to "continue to be active in the community to fight to make Erie a livable place for all."

Pacley emphasizes "for all" because she belongs to three historically marginalized demographics — women, African-Americans, and the LGBTQIA population. "As a person who believes that representation matters within the leadership of Erie, I felt it was imperative to be the representation that became a part of the solution ... I was proud to run a grassroots campaign that focused on forward thinking, female collaboration, and true community input."

When she's not championing the community, you can find her with her wife enjoying the many great events within it, traveling, painting, braiding hair, or modeling clothes for local designer brand E. Adonis. All told, Pacley models all the qualities you'd expect in a 40 Under 40 honoree.

Abigail Paulson, 27
Singer-songwriter; Admissions Counselor,



Mercyhurst North East

If all the world's a stage, then it certainly doesn't come with a script. Back in 2014, Abigail Paulson had just earned her B.A. in Musical Theatre from Point Park University in Pittsburgh when she became a single mother. It was time to improvise. She let music be her guide — as it always had been — and just kept strumming and humming along. She worked on her Master of Arts in Communication Studies at Edinboro University while raising her son and singing just about anywhere she could — weddings, restaurants, nonprofit concerts, and Elevate Church, through which she performs and volunteers regularly.

Faith means nothing if it is not tested, and both doubts about her career path and the rigors of single motherhood at times tried her spirit. "For so long, I denied myself music. I felt this need to 'conform' to who others thought I should be at a time in my life. The moment I chose to pursue music anyway, God began to open doors. Do not give up on your passions! It is never too late."

Whether or not you personally believe in a higher power, belief in oneself can be the highest form of blessing. Today, Paulson manages two successful bands — the (predominantly) cover band Acoustic Adelaide and the hard rock outfit Scarlett, which is preparing to drop its first EP soon. Meanwhile, she holds a full-time job as an admissions counselor at Mercyhurst North East. Having found her direction, she is eager to help others find theirs. As in musical theater, life runs much more smoothly when everyone is in their right places.

Brittany Prischak, 32
Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, County of Erie



When Brittany Prischak graduated from Mercyhurst University, the Pittsburgh native decided to stay in Erie. A decade later, she is now the Environmental Sustainability Coordinator for the county and oversees Erie County Recycling and Keep Erie County Beautiful, our area's local affiliate of the Keep America Beautiful organization.

In her role as coordinator, she focuses extensively on recycling, energy efficiency, litter, illegal dumping, watersheds, reducing waste, climate change, and beautification across Erie County.

"There were and still are so many local groups, state groups, and non-profits conducting litter or neighborhood cleanups," she explains. "With [Keep Erie County Beautiful], for those groups that want to do a cleanup but don't know where to start or how to get supplies, we can be here to answer their questions and help guide them. It's nice for them to have a local place to come to with questions."

Prischak has been involved or collaborated with many local groups and programs, including Environment Erie, Green Building Alliance, International Coastal Cleanup, the Pennsylvania Sea Grant, local universities, as well as the City of Erie and many surrounding townships.

"Erie already is a great place, but I want people to feel confident in their actions, that what they are doing is right and helpful," she adds. "So, I want to be a resource concerning the environment, to help people feel em-

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Justine Parker Russell, 31
Clinical Pharmacy Specialist in St. Vincent Hospital's
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When referring to her involvement with the Tiger Maple String Band as one of two “fiddling sisters,” Justine Parker Russell sounds logical and judicious.

“I am fortunate to be able to do something that I love, that brings out the best in myself and others, while balancing my left-brained career choice,” she said.

That “left-brained career choice” — where logic and judiciousness comes in handy — is clinical pharmacy specialist in emergency medicine, at St. Vincent Hospital.

Russell elaborated, explaining that as of six years ago, “It’s a role that had not previously existed.”

A General McLane and Pitt grad, when Russell isn’t working to ensure the proper employment of medication in emergency situations, she is enjoying the adventures of new motherhood (her little one is just a year old) and in the summer can be found volunteering with the Downtown Edinboro Art and Music Festival, which her father founded in 2004, and through which Russell gives her time in operations, marketing, and violin workshops.

Russell counseled, “We are fortunate to have a lot of great people, places, and events in Erie. Be involved, be present, and be a positive source of energy in a world that may sometimes seem too serious.”

Emily Smicker, 29
Marketing & Event Coordinator at the Erie Zoo

There are jobs we do out of necessity, and there are jobs that give us a sense of purpose. When speaking with Emily Smicker, she makes it abundantly clear what event coordinating means to her.

“To me, a successful event is not necessarily based upon numbers, but on the impact it had on the attendees,” Smicker says. “It is important to me that every single person walks away with something positive, whether it’s a unique experience, a networking connection, learning something new, or simply a happy memory.”

Smicker’s position at the Erie Zoo didn’t come without hours of hard work. Following a stint with local folk-rock band Falling Hollywood (during which she



organized a Haunted Mansion Album Release Party at the Watson-Curtze Mansion), Smicker produced Gears and Grub, a wildly popular summer event for local food vendors that ran from 2016 through 2018 at the West Erie Plaza and is moving to downtown this year. Most recently, she contributed to the coordination of 2018’s Celebrate Erie — where she also emphasized the importance of local businesses.

Emily received several nominations for working behind-the-scenes to continue to create positive events for our community. In addition to volunteering at the Erie Free Store and being a freelance event coordinator, Smicker enjoys long walks with her dog, Oliver, spending weekends with her family in Waterford, and hosting “creeptastic” Halloween parties.

Drew Smith, 29
Attorney, Williams & Jorden, Attorneys at Law



One of Attorney Drew Smith’s favorite movies is the 1992 sports comedy-drama *The Mighty Ducks*, the story of an underdog pee-wee hockey team’s unlikely rise to a Minnesota state championship. It resonates not only because Smith is a hockey fan, but also because like *Mighty Ducks* coach (and also attorney) Gordon Bombay, he too is making a career of giving the under-equipped and underserved a fighting chance.

At Williams & Jorden, Smith is involved with business law, family law (including divorce, custody, support, and victims of domestic abuse), collaborative law, real es-

tate law, employment law, and general litigation matters. A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Smith received the Pro Bono Recognition Award for his dedication to representing those who could not otherwise afford representation. He has maintained that commitment in Erie through his partnership with SafeNet, providing clients with limited funds representation in matters related to domestic abuse. “It’s rewarding that as an attorney I can lend my legal background so they can, hopefully, put an end to that cycle.”

The next major case Smith wants to be involved in is the development of Erie. “Following law school, I had offers from firms in Buffalo and Pittsburgh, but I chose Erie largely on watching how Erie is transforming. Since I moved back in 2016, it seems the area, particularly downtown, is seeing a complete overhaul. I want to not only witness Erie’s growth, but contribute as well.” Through his work with local businesses and entrepreneurs, he’s got a clear shot at that goal.

Greg Straub, 32
Owner/Co-Founder, Erie Apparel



“It’s Okay to Love Erie.” That winkingly self-deprecating saying will likely be forever linked to our community, and we have Erie Apparel to thank for that. The clothing company began in 2014 and was founded by Greg Straub along with his partner Peter DeMichele. From its beginnings as an online shop to its present as a brick-and-mortar Millcreek storefront, the company has been a bastion of clever, sleek designs, and extremely wearable comfort. It’s often difficult to articulate what it is to be an Erieite, but Straub and company do it with focus and memorable flair. “Recognizing all the fun, unique and special features around Erie, Greg is spreading a positive vibe around the community,” one of his nominators attested.

Straub graduated from McDowell High School and went on to Penn State Behrend, where he earned a degree in marketing. He also coaches the McDowell freshman boys basketball team in his spare time. In his own words, Straub is proud of “being in a position to determine my own livelihood and happiness. I’m proud Erie Apparel has maintained continuous growth for five years and counting under my guidance,” he admits, humbly noting that he is “very much reliant on all of the talented people around me.”

Lourdes Jasso Tellez, 36
Associate Program Director and Art Instructor at the Inner-City Neighborhood Art House



"Born in Mexico and raised in the inner city of Chicago, my greatest achievement is still the day I received my B.A. in Photography," Lourdes Jasso Tellez said. "I knew then that I was going to be able to change the lives of inner-city youth with the same art form that saved my life from the streets of Chicago."

Tellez took that photography degree from Columbia College Chicago and uses it to transform the way children see the world at the Benedictine Sisters of Erie Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, where inner-city youth experience a variety of artistic mediums, at no cost to their families.

Tellez is also a liaison for the Hooked on Books program, and her ties to the community additionally include her seat on the Erie Democratic Committee as the Committeewoman for the Sixth Ward, Sixth District.

But along with motherhood and striving to "give [her] children the experiences that as a child were unattainable," Tellez has found passion and peace in her love of the monarch butterfly.

"I feel as though the monarch butterfly somehow connects me to my motherland, Mexico. Their story is my story — *Ni de aquí ni de allá* (Nor from here nor from there)," she said.

Mary Tredway, 33
Executive Assistant to Bruce Katz, Director of the Nowak Metro Finance Lab at Drexel University

Mary Tredway is the executive assistant to arguably the leading urban planner in the world, Bruce Katz. She organizes national events and conferences for the Philadelphia-based consultant from right here in Erie. She joined the Nowak Metro Finance Lab team when it was founded in 2018 to help cities identify and implement innovative strategies to leverage public assets and fund public infrastructure for public benefit, with a focus on supporting inclusive and equitable growth. The nature of Katz's work enables Tredway to remain in Erie, keeping the region connected to a national conversation on metropolitan revitalization.

Prior to 2018, the Erie native and graduate of the history program at Edinboro University found herself working in programming and administration at the Jefferson Educational Society, where she met Katz, who had come to Erie courtesy of the JES to consult on a



number of community building initiatives. She credits her time at the Jefferson with embedding in her a love of lifelong learning that has continued through her volunteerism with the organization. Her work with Katz is a natural extension of that foundation.

"I think Erie is on the precipice of a moment when leaders and sectors align to propel the city forward," says Tredway. "I hope to be a small part of keeping Erie on that path by connecting it with some of the greatest minds and practitioners in inclusive economic growth around the country."

Amber Wellington, 36
Executive Director at Goodell Gardens & Homestead



"I'm a former journalist," Amber Wellington confided. "[Working for a local paper] is how I found out about Goodell."

Goodell Gardens & Homestead (along with Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier Park) is one of Erie County's premier arboretum and horticultural centers, a place where Wellington, in her six years on the Goodell staff and now the past year as executive director, not only furthers the nonprofit's mission of education and preservation but has also expanded the scope of its events and fundraising efforts.

"I'm super proud of an event that I founded at Goodell: Botanical Beverages. We pair plants in the Gardens with cocktails that are made with them," Wellington explained. This popular event will celebrate its fifth incarnation in July.

A Corry native, Wellington is an active member of the Erie County community, serving on three different area committees, and doing so from a place of enamored altruism.

"I am in love with our region, especially during the summer months," Wellington said. "My goal is to make our entire county a place that people want to visit, but also want to live. I think that if we work together, our nonprofit sector, entrepreneurs, creatives, farmers and other food producers, and business people can create a community that thrives."

Amber Whipple, 29
Co-founder, Rise Up Erie



Amber Whipple is an entrepreneur, currently serving as an independent marketing and social media analyst. Although she is an Erie transplant, and moved here less than two years ago, she has been active and engaged in the community since day one.

Currently, Whipple serves as a member of the Young Erie Professionals and National Association of Professional Women. She is also an active supporter of Monthly Planned Parenthood. "I am so in love with my work that it has always been my hobby," Whipple helped to co-found the recently opened Rise Up Erie, a boutique fitness studio specializing in Barre Fusion, high-intensity interval training (HIIT), flow yoga, and physical therapy.

A few years ago she was selected with 48 other people in the nation to compete in a challenge with Nike. "I got to meet and work with the brand managers and marketing team, and we competed in an outdoor challenge in the middle of winter in Chicago. The loads of free Nike gear was also pretty rad," she adds laughing.

Even after all this, she still finds the energy to volunteer. As an example, this past Christmas season she offered free resume writing services for those in need and personally funded and handed out socks and gloves to individuals throughout the community at bus stops and parks.

Whipple believes Erie deserves more. "More investing, more hard work, more creativity. Erie needs more people willing to get their hands dirty and I am dedicated. I am strong and I see so much value in this community."

Dr. Matthew White, 32
Managing Director, Whitethorn Digital, LLC; Lead Data Scientist, Keyword Studios

In 2019, Dr. Matthew White released *Where the Bees Make Honey*, the only console game in history ever fully developed and published in the Erie area. The managing director of Whitethorn Digital, LLC, White

A person is captured in mid-air, jumping off the edge of a rugged, rocky mountain peak. The person is wearing a dark tank top, dark pants, and a white helmet. The background features a vast, mountainous landscape with several large, light-colored, rocky slopes and valleys. The sky is overcast with soft, grey clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of adventure and reaching new heights.

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An Erie transplant, his work with the Erie community mirrors his work discipline — active and engaged. He developed the game program at Penn State Behrend, and received the City of Erie's inaugural Flagship Grant for his business. He currently volunteers his time on the Erie Events Authority Board, serves as the Children's Miracle Network extra life coordinator, and has worked with the Erie Philharmonic, Erie County Convention Center Authority, the Erie Innovation District, the City of Erie, and the Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership, as well as several others.

White received two bachelor's degrees, one in the arts from Cape Breton University, and one in education from Memorial University. He completed his master's at the University of New Brunswick and then went on to receive his Ph.D. from Education Memorial University in Canada. He is also a member of Mensa, where membership requires an IQ in the top two percent of the population. He is married, has a young son, and is a tireless advocate for his community. "I'm going to move heaven and Earth to make sure my company grows and employs people right here in Erie."

Brad Wiertel, 39

Chief Operating Officer, Velocity Network



"I want to encourage our youth to explore career possibilities in technology right here in Erie," Brad Wiertel says.

Take these youth on a tour of the newly renovated 30,000-square-foot Velocity Network headquarters and see the work they are doing, and it likely won't take

much convincing. Wiertel has been a part of VNET for over 20 years now, helping build the company from its modest origins to the region's leading technology company (and overseeing their recent relocation). He also is working hard to expand VNET's fiber-optic network to homes throughout the region. As he sees it, though, he is simply happy to bring jobs to downtown Erie.

"We have a lot to offer here in Erie," Wiertel says. "My goal is to spread the word and keep more of our young talent right here."

This isn't lip-service either. He actively works to do this as the President of the Technology Advisory Council at the Erie County Technical School, advising staff on curriculum and making sure students at ECTS are prepared to enter the constantly evolving field.

Brett Wiler, 37

Vice President, Capital Formation, Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership and Flagship Opportunity Zone Development Company



Sure, plenty of people see opportunity in Erie and are working to grow more of it. For this Erie native, it's not just in his job description, it's in his title.

At his current gig, this Cathedral Prep grad, who studied business administration at John Carroll University and then earned his M.P.A. at Gannon University, cultivates a diverse and robust portfolio of investment-ready projects in the City of Erie's Opportunity Zones, promoting those projects to a broad network of investors, developers, social-impact organizations, foundations, and other institutions and individuals looking to deploy Opportunity Zone capital — work he grew familiar with as the City of Erie's inaugural business development officer under the Schember administration. There, he became the primary architect and author of the city's first-ever Investment Prospectus, which received national praise and positioned Erie as a thought-leader and best-practices model for cities looking to organize and attract Opportunity Zone capital.

Nowadays, this board member at the Idea Fund; board member at the Urban Oasis Project (Oasis Market); and Erie County Redevelopment Authority Loan Review Committee member endeavors to unlock local capital to support positive social-impact projects throughout the Greater Erie community.

"Making Erie a better place requires showing up every day and giving a damn," says this father of two, who when not building community opportunity enjoys

spending time with his family (wife Gretchen and kids dos Harrison and Vivian). "Whether that's being fully committed to your job, to volunteering your time with a nonprofit, or simply taking pride in your home and your neighborhood, Erie will thrive if we all take some accountability in making this place the true gem we know it can be."

Jesse T. Williams, 35

Principal of JoAnna Connell Elementary, Erie School District



"Every morning Mr. Williams will greet students with a song and then an intramural football game after school," one of Jesse T. Williams' nominators wrote. "He's just the kind of young, smart role model I want for my kids."

"He is one of the best young administrators in Erie," another wrote. "The parents and students love him, and he is there to make a difference."

This Worthington, Pennsylvania native got his first assistant principal job at just 26 in Raleigh, North Carolina and then moved to Hampton, Virginia before arriving in Erie in 2015. When he isn't "chasing three small children" (Sid, Troy, and Mason), he's endeavoring to "prepare the next generation to not only respect the past but create a future for Erie," as he puts it.

The George Washington University grad, who went on to obtain a Master of Education at Slippery Rock University, is now a doctoral student at Indiana University of Pennsylvania but spends his elementary school days "working with Erie city youth in all fashions — working with their social, emotional, educational needs every day." He puts emphasis on the familial sense created by the staff for students, noting: "We look at our school as a community that makes every student feel relevant, safe, and in control of their own future."

"The future of Erie 40 Under 40 lies within Erie Public Schools and other surrounding school districts," he adds. "We are training the next doctors, builders, teachers, and reporters, making sure Erie will continue to have a future."

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A person wearing a full-body bear costume is walking away from the camera down a path in a dense, misty forest. The trees are tall and thin, and the ground is covered with fallen leaves and moss. The overall atmosphere is dark and atmospheric.

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Get Down, Get Connected at Downtown Block Parties



Erie Downtown Block Parties return to various locales downtown on Thursday evenings throughout the summer.

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THURSDAY, JUN. 20

It's finally summertime — which means it's time to get down and party. Gather your family and friends and prepare to enjoy free live entertainment at the beautiful parks Erie has to offer.

"Traditionally we've been in the streets, but now we're able to utilize and promote our local parks and all of the beautiful scenery we have downtown," states John Buchna, executive director of the Downtown Erie Partnership. The first of six weekly events, the kick-off block party will be at Dobbins Landing, with Griswold Park being the setting for Jun. 27.

If you're not familiar with the Downtown Block Parties, this is a great year to get a glimpse of everything that Erie's Downtown has to celebrate. It's a great opportunity to network and connect with people, discover new businesses, and hangout at the establishments you already know and love.

The Downtown Block Parties have been going strong for over a decade now, and as time progresses, so do the parties. "We're currently segueing into more traditional, original music," explains Buchna. "In the past we've really only had cover bands, but as we've been trying out more original bands and their music, the support has been great."

Buchna expects that to continue. "When we offer change each year, it gives a reason to come back." — Kalli Oberlander

June 20 - Dobbins Landing with The Breeze Band and more

June 27 - Griswold Park with Stiletto and Cosmic Rhythm

July 11 - Perry Square with Northern Accents and more

July 25 - Griswold Park with Matty B & The Dirty Pickles and Taylor Maid

August 1 - Perry Square with The Mixx and more

August 8 - UPMC Park with Johnny Riley & The Hired Guns and Matt Bennett Blues Band

Thursdays, Jun. 20 – Aug. 8, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. // Free // eriedowntown.com/events/get-down

Erie Philharmonic Hosts a Sumptuous Summer Soirée



MAKSIM SHEBERKO

THURSDAY, JUN. 20

As a coda to its 2018-19 season, the Erie Philharmonic its annual gala fundraising event at the Ambassador Conference Center. Maestro Daniel Meyer will handle MC duties as attendees enjoy fine food, musical performances, and an open bar.

Concertmaster Ken Johnston and pianist Nathan Hess will preside over a curated selection of audience favorites, including excerpts from *The Nutcracker* with The Erie Contemporary Ballet Theatre for a jumpstart on Christmas in July. There will also be a live auction where the highest bidders can take home prizes like a private dinner for eight with Meyer in the Wine Room of the Erie Club; a champagne brunch for 12 in your home with Meyer (with background mu-

sic supplied by the Philharmonic String Quartet); a VIP evening for eight with the Erie Philharmonic, including pre-concert dinner at Room 33, concert tickets, two encore parking passes, a champagne toast with Meyer, and post-concert desserts; and tickets to a *Hamilton* show in Chicago with airfare, dinner, and a hotel included.

The Soirée starts at 6 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, progressing to salad and entrée courses along with a full Erie Philharmonic pops concert, and then the night wraps up with dessert and coffee cordials with Meyer and the musicians of the Erie Philharmonic. Meal options include grilled beef tenderloin served with a peppercorn demi-glace, whipped potatoes and French green beans, lemon chicken scaloppini with lemon garlic cream sauce, steamed white rice with parsley and seasonal vegetables, and grilled portobello mushrooms layered with Roma tomatoes, grilled zucchini, sliced yellow squash and asparagus topped with mozzarella, fresh chopped basil and homemade red sauce.

Break out your best evening wear and wallets and attend this one-night-only fancy dinner concert. — Madeline Dufala

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. // Ambassador Conference Center, 7794 Peach St. // \$125 per person // Call (814) 455-1375 or visit eriephil.org/summersoiree

Annual World Refugee Day Gathering in Garden of SafeNet

THURSDAY, JUN. 20



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The International Institute of Erie and the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants Erie (USCRI) will host a celebration coinciding with World Refugee Day in the gardens of SafeNet, the Erie domestic violence agency.

World Refugee Day is a day launched by the United Nations, which is dedicated to recognizing the strength, courage, determination, and perseverance of millions of refugees who are forced to leave their homes each year. It is also on this day that messages of support for these members of our community are amplified.

The International Institute of Erie stands in support of these people when their journey brings them to Erie. They do this by providing services designed to teach refugees the language and culture of their new community.

In Erie, World Refugee Day has been celebrated by the local refugee resettlement organization since its inception, noted USCRI Erie Director Dylanna Grasinger, but in a different incarnation each year depending on the ideas put forward by the current administration. Regardless, the annual celebration's ongoing goal is to provide attendees with "an interactive, hands-on, less one-dimensional experience" of Erie's refugee cultures and communities, said Grasinger.

"The past few years we've made (the event) into a fundraiser," Grasinger said. "This is a way to introduce people to supporting and getting involved with the organization."

This year's garden celebration will feature all-you-can-eat Middle Eastern food, henna tattooing, music, hookah, and more with the purchase of an event ticket. Erie's premier Syrian food truck, The Shawarma Station, will cater the event, which will also offer desserts from around the world.

Live music from Syria, Iran, Congo, and Bhutan will be performed by members of the four communities in Erie.

"We try to be representative of all the groups of refugees that have come to Erie currently and in the past through either food, dance, or music," Grasinger concluded. — Hannah McDonald

5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. // SafeNet's Big Backyard Children's Garden, 200 Block of East 9th St. // \$40 per person; \$75 per couple; \$275 table of 8 // refugees.org/field-office/erie

An aerial, black and white photograph of a rowing team in a scull on a body of water. The team consists of five rowers, each with their own oar, moving in a synchronized fashion. The water shows ripples and a wake behind the boat. The text is overlaid on the upper and lower portions of the image.

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Waterfront Weekend

Exciting events for aquaphiles and landlubbers alike

FRIDAY, JUN. 21 – 23



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Waterfront Weekend is slated to be filled with lots of fun events, including the Erie Poker Run and sports with growing popularity like HydroFlight and SupXross.

The Erie Poker Run is back for its fifth year with up to 60 powerboats. These boats will gather at Wolverine Park Marina and the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel

for three days of high-speed, high-power action on Presque Isle Bay and Lake Erie. Performance boating enthusiasts will convene in Erie before making five stops at establishments on the shores of Lake Erie to complete a poker hand. The event is operated by Elite Poker Runs, LLC. This year, Elite Poker Runs will display several McLaren Automotive vehicles as well as a race support trailer from McLaren of Boston. A portion of the Erie Poker Run's proceeds benefit the Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center.

The Poker Run will commence Saturday morning. Boats will take off from Wolverine Park Marina at 10 a.m. and will ride through the Presque Isle Bay Channel at 10:30 a.m. Visit the Erie Sports Commission web page for a full list of card stops and approximate arrival times.

The 2019 HydroFlight US Open Tour will be hosting HydroFlight competitions on

Presque Isle Bay Saturday, June 22. The best locations for viewing will be along Dobbins Landing or on the shoreline outside of the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel. Viewing will also be available on the east side of the Bayfront Convention Center.

HydroFlight uses the power of water to send a rider through the air at extreme speeds and soaring heights. A hose is installed into each participants' personal watercraft (PWC) and the flyer uses the power of the jet stream to perform intricate stunts and maneuvers. Judges will evaluate timed routines for their technical difficulty, execution, showmanship, and artistry. Popular stunts include the Superman, dolphin dives, and "threading the needle."

The 2019 SupXross Tour stops in Erie on Sunday, June 23. SupXross is stand up paddleboard (SUP) racing on a

closed course, bridging the gap between straight-line SUP races and whitewater SUP racing. Racers must maneuver around buoys as they complete intricate turns. As many as 20 paddlers will negotiate a series of pivot turns and straightaways in this qualifying style of racing that includes heats, semi-finals and finals. A "Practice Safe SUP" demonstration with Directors Evan and Brooke Young will be held on Saturday, June 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. during the HydroFlight US Open. The best locations for viewing are the same as those for watching the HydroFlight Competitions.

Spectator admission to all events for Waterfront Weekend is free. — Madeline Dufala

Friday, Jun. 21 to Sunday, Jun. 23, start times vary // Dobbins Landing, 1 State St. // For full schedule, visit erisportscommission.com

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UPMC Sunset Music Series: Re-Issue, SIRSY

Jun. 19 — 5:30 p.m.
A rock 'n' soul duo with lots of pop sensibility and just the right amount of sass, SIRSY has played with Maroon 5, Cheap Trick, Train, and more; their music is featured on Showtime's hit TV show *Shameless*.
Beach 1 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. discoverpi.com.

Matty B & 57 Pickup

Jun. 19 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Bel-Aire Clarion, 2800 W. 8th St. belaireclarion.com.

Open Mic

Jun. 19, Jul. 3 — 10 p.m.
Scotty's Martini Lounge, 301 German St. facebook.com.

MVP

Jun. 20, 27 — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Dickey's BBQ Pit, 3716 Liberty St. facebook.com.

Whiskey for Three

Jun. 20 — 6 to 9 p.m.
The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.

Salmon Frank

Jun. 20 — 6:30 p.m.
Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

Geeks Unplugged

Jun. 21 — 5 to 7 p.m.
Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.

Bootleggers Bible Club

Jun. 21 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Bel-Aire Clarion, 2800 W. 8th St. belaireclarion.com.

Me & The Boy

Jun. 21 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Mound Grove Golf Course, 10760 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 moundgrove.com.

Disco Inferno

Jun. 21 — 6 to 10 p.m.
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.

Brooke Surgener

Jun. 21 — 6:30 p.m.
Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

Open Mic Night

Jun. 21, 28 — 7 p.m.
Tipsy Bean, 2425 Peach St. tipsybean.cafe.

Jeremy Jaeger

Jun. 21 — 7 to 9 p.m.
Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.

Insult to Injury, Detroit Red, Oh No! It's Mustard Gas

Jun. 21 — 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Join melodic punk rockers Insult To Injury in Lawrence Park at Irish Cousins for a Summer Solstice extravaganza. Local ska-punkers OH NO! it's Mustard Gas and rustbelt garage-rockers Detroit Red will also be performing.
Irish Cousins, 3924 Main St. facebook.com.

Cozy and Close w Claudia Rose

Jun. 21 — 9:30 p.m.
Singer Claudia Rose curates a songwriter night featuring

local talents Chris Ehrich, Jesse Michael, Sam Garwig, Jen Meyer, and Lacey Alyse.
Scotty's Martini Lounge, 301 German St. facebook.com.

Paul Hunter

Jun. 22 — 5 to 7 p.m.
Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.

Abbey Road

Jun. 22 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Abbey Road pulls into Sprague Farm and Brew Works for the first of two appearances this summer, playing all your favorite Beatles classics. Enjoy great music, brew, food, scenery, and people at this unique venue.
Sprague Farm & Brew Works, 22113 US-6 & 19, Venango, PA 16440 facebook.com.

Lakeview Spring Concert Series

Jun. 22, 29 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Lakeview Wine Cellars, 8440 Singer Rd., North East, PA 16428 lakeviewwinecellars.com.

New Wave Nation

Jun. 22 — 6 to 10 p.m.
Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.

Tommy Link

Jun. 22 — 6:30 p.m.
Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

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Jun. 22 — 7 to 9 p.m.
Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. presqueisledowns.com.

DJ Sandra Schuschu

Jun. 22 — 7 to 10 p.m.

Tipsy Bean, 2425 Peach St. tipsybean.cafe.

Buttermilk Falls, Johnny & Claudia, Matt Texter

Jun. 22 — 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Bluegrass and roots rock will rule the roost in the intimate confines of Scotty's Martini Lounge.
Scotty's Martini Lounge, 301 German St. facebook.com.

The High Life

Jun. 23 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.

Sunday Sesh: Zack Orr

Jun. 23 — 1 to 4 p.m.
Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, 8398 W. Main Rd. (Rt. 20), Westfield, NY 14787 fiveand20.com.

Josh Whiteman

Jun. 23 — 1 to 4 p.m.
Arundel Cellars & Brewing, 11727 E. Main St., North East, PA 16428 arundelcellars.com.

Looping Jukebox

Jun. 23 — 1 to 4 p.m.
Mound Grove Golf Course, 10760 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 moundgrove.com.

Leeanna Golembiewski

Jun. 23 — 6:30 p.m.
Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

Yellowstone Apocalypse, Fox 45, Fog Giant

Jun. 23 — 8:30 p.m.
This could be a loud one: The Cleveland duo Yellowstone Apocalypse features the talents of Mike Sopko (And Then Came

Humans, Togishi) on guitar and Joe Tomino (Matisyahu, Peeping Tom) on drums for a sludge-metal experience. The heavy-riffing female-fronted Rochester quartet Fox 45 and Erie stoner/doom behemoths Fog Giant will start the show off.
Scotty's Martini Lounge, 301 German St. facebook.com.

Monday Music in the Woods: Rankin & Schell

Jun. 24 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Let It Slide Trombone Quartet

Jun. 24 — 7 p.m.
St. Joseph's Apartments, 517 Maryland Ave. erie.pa.us.

Ukulele Workshop

Jun. 25 — 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Dickey's BBQ Pit, 3716 Liberty St. facebook.com.

Mid-Day Art Break: The Division Street Machine

Jun. 26 — noon to 1 p.m.
The Division Street Machine plays an eclectic mix of relatable original music with a funky blues feel and peppered with hometown-inspired lyrics.
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

UPMC Sunset Music Series: The Acoustic Jukebox, Lucky Dog

Jun. 26 — 5:30 p.m.
Beach 1 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. discoverpi.com.

Never Enough

Jun. 26 — 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Harley Davidson of Erie, 3712 W. 12th St. hderie.com.

Dave VanAmburg & Friends

Jun. 26, 28, Jul. 3 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Bel-Aire Clarion, 2800 W. 8th St. belaireclarion.com.

Music in the Park: Kevin Wilson

Jun. 26 — 7 to 9 p.m.
Lake Erie Community Park, 10192 W. Lake Rd., Lake City, PA 16423 // 814-774-4738

End of the Month Emo

Jun. 26 — 7:30 p.m.
The Ballet Haus, 1020 Holland St. facebook.com.

The Patio Drive Band

Jun. 27 — 6 to 9 p.m.
The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.

Jay Baumgardner

Jun. 27 — 6:30 p.m.
Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

Pure Couch Destruction!

Jun. 27 — 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Join Wasted Info, Aria and The Voiceless, MadClock, Annalise Vaughn (in her debut performance), and more as they literally destroy a couch in the unique musical event.
Basement Transmissions, 145 W. 11th St. facebook.com.

Titusville Folk and Bluegrass Festival

Jun. 28, 29, 30, Jul. 1
Iconic singer-songwriter Lisa Loeb will headline the festival, performing on Friday, July 28 — following a brief Q &

Ring in the Summer Solstice at Goodell Gardens



STEVE LIETZINGER

erside Brewing (Cambridge Springs) and Edinboro's award-winning Cart/Horse Distilling will also be hanging out for the Solstice festivities.

Goodell will be "taking advantage of the longest day of the year, extending the music until 10 p.m.," Goodell Executive Director Amber Wellington said recently, adding that date is the only one with free admission to the public for the ongoing Summer Music Series.

"We'll have lots of good food and drink for sale, and we're going to do some special fundraising activities that evening as well — guided tours of the gardens, special donation collections, and it will be the opening of an art show in Carrie's Cabin," said Wellington, adding that show features the early-era photographic work of Margaret Goodell, one of the sisters (Carrie's the other) who left their estate to become what is now Goodell Gardens & Homestead.

Goodell's Summer Music Series continues bi-weekly with a variety of performances and events scheduled every other Friday through Aug. 23. — Ryan Smith

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. // 221 Waterford Street (Route 6N), Edinboro // More information: goodellgardens.org.

FRIDAY, JUN. 21

Goodell Gardens will be a fine place to linger a while on the evening of the longest day of the year.

Right in line with the 2019 Summer Solstice, the historic homestead's perennial Summer Music Series continues at the lush, lovely old landscape just south of Edinboro with a free-for-all (admission-wise, wise guy) celebration on Friday, June 21.

Longtime Edinboro-area favorites Seann Clark & Friends are the featured performers at the special, extended celebration, and the newly-established Riv-

Erie's Downtown Food Truck Festival Rolls In



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SATURDAY, JUN. 22

The food truck phenomenon continues to take over the Erie community as the summer ensues. The Bourbon Barrel will join the party as they host their second annual Erie's Downtown Food Truck Festival.

Says Antonio Molino, co-owner of the Bourbon Barrel: "It is in the heart of downtown Erie, in the hub of it all. It's a free event where the money generated goes right back into the community, which is where we stand out, by bringing everything that is local into one place, for everyone to enjoy."

There's something for everyone at this event because not only will there be 18 food trucks plus the Bourbon Barrel

kitchen offering food options, but there will also be three local bands performing (First To Eleven, PopRockets, and Theory of Evolution), live demonstrations, an arm-wrestling competition, and even a kid's corner that features a 27-foot shark slide. This is all made possible by multiple local sponsors, with all proceeds benefiting the Erie Police Athletic League (PAL) and Voices for Independence.

Last year's inaugural event had a strong turnout with around 5,000 people coming to enjoy the festivities. With an expected 7,000-plus attendees at this year's festival, the layout has been optimized as to allow for a better flow of traffic and to keep everyone together.

Derek Smith, the other co-owner of the Bourbon Barrel, detailed that they created this event in order to "bring attention and exposure to downtown Erie's upper entertainment district with no cost to the city of Erie." With Mayor Joe Schember and the rest of the Erie community on board, this has and will continue to be one of the best, free and family-friendly events to attend this and every summer to follow. — Symoné Crockett

3 p.m. to 11 p.m. // Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. // Free to the public

A — with the Probables, while the renowned songstress Dar Williams will take the stage on Sunday, July 1 with Joe Thompson & Friends opening up. Loeb has the distinction of being the first unsigned artist to have a #1 single with "Stay (I Missed You), and has released nine studio albums and five children's albums to date. Williams also has nine studio albums to her name, along with collaborations, and is described by Hendrik Hertzberg of The New Yorker as "one of America's very best singer-songwriters." Various locations, Titusville, PA 16354 facebook.com/Titusvillefolkfest

Acoustic Adelaide

Jun. 28 — 5 to 7 p.m. Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. pr-esqueisledowns.com.

Brooke Surgener

Jun. 28 — 6 to 9 p.m. Mound Grove Golf Course, 10760 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 moundgrove.com.

Whiskey Road

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

Clever Norman

Jun. 28 — 6:30 p.m.

Sunset Grill, 508 Erie St., Edinboro, PA 16412 edinborolakeresort.com.

Monica Lewis Acoustic

Jun. 28 — 7 to 9 p.m. Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. pr-esqueisledowns.com.

Ron Yarman

Jun. 29 — 5 to 7 p.m. Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. pr-esqueisledowns.com.

Junction Pa Band

Jun. 29 — 6 to 10 p.m. Coconut Joe's, 28 N. Park Row facebook.com.

TK Blues Company

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

The Acoustic Jukebox

Jun. 29 — 7 to 9 p.m. Churchill's Bourbon & Brew, 8199 Perry Hwy. pr-esqueisledowns.com.

Lacey Alyse

Jun. 29 — 7 to 10 p.m. Tippy Bean, 2425 Peach St. tipsybean.cafe.

Bonfires & Brews: Small Town Rollers

Jun. 29 — 6 to 10 p.m.

Peek'n Peak Resort, 1405 Olde Rd., Clymer, NY 14724 pknpk.com.

Paul Hunter

Jun. 30 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Skunk & Goat Tavern, 17 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 skunkandgoattavern.com.

Rare Candy, Plastic Farm, Brother Derek

Jun. 30 — 1 to 4 p.m. 6 Mile Wine Cellars, 5727 Firman Rd. facebook.com.

Tim Bartlett

Jun. 30 — 1 to 4 p.m. Mound Grove Golf Course, 10760 Donation Rd., Waterford, PA 16441 moundgrove.com.

Paper Matches, Stormalong Scoundrels

Jun. 30 — 3 to 7 p.m. The earlier blues-inspired rock of Paper Matches meets the saltier pirate-themed rock of Stormalong Scoundrels with the fire of punk on the breezy patio of Rum Runners. Rum Runners, 133 E. Dobbins Landing facebook.com.

Scarlett Ledbetter

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

Monday Music in the

Woods: Boyd & Lex

Jul. 1 — 6 to 8 p.m. Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

8 Great Tuesdays: Blessid Union of Souls

Jul. 2 — 6:30 p.m. Highmark Amphitheater at Liberty Park, 726 W. Bayfront Pkwy. porterie.org.

Mid-Day Art Break: The Rooftop Project Band

Jul. 3 — noon to 1 p.m. Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

Crush

Jul. 3 — 5:30 to 8 p.m. Harley Davidson of Erie, 3712 W. 12th St. hderie.com.

Music in the Park: Loose Change Band

Jul. 3 — 7 to 9 p.m. Lake Erie Community Park, 10192 W. Lake Rd., Lake City, PA 16423 // 814-774-4738

DANCE

Creative Dance Class: Jennifer Dennehy

Jun. 19, 20, 26 — 10 to 11 a.m. Multiple library locations events.erielibrary.org.

Spotlight Studio Spectacular

Jun. 22 — 7 p.m. Warner Theatre, 811 State St. facebook.com.

Free Zumbini Sample Class w Susan McCall

Jun. 27 — 10 to 11 a.m. Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erielibrary.org.

FOOD AND DRINK

Happy Appy Food Tour

Jun. 19, 26, Jul. 3 — 5 to 7 p.m. Bolero, 16 W. 10th St. eriefoodtours.com.

Pint Night

Jun. 20, 27 — 5 to 8 p.m. Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, 8398 W. Main Rd. (Rt. 20), Westfield, NY 14787 fiveand20.com.

Erie Philharmonic Summer Soiree

Jun. 20 — 6 to 10 p.m. A one-night-only concert featuring unforgettable performances paired exquisitely with delicious food and an open bar. Ambassador Conference Center, 7794 Peach St. eriephil.org.

Downtown Erie Food Tour

Jun. 21, 22, 28, 29 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Like My Thai, 827 State St. eriefoodtours.com.

Cooking 101

Jun. 22. Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. events.erielibrary.org.

Distiller for a Day

Jun. 22 — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a unique opportunity to work directly with Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing's distilling team to learn about the inner-workings of a grain-to-glass craft distillery operation. The day will include an exclusive spirits sampling and sensory experiences, and lunch will be included in the event. Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, 8398 W. Main Rd. (Rt. 20), Westfield, NY 14787 fiveand20.com.

North East Food Tour

Jun. 22, 29 — 1 to 4 p.m. Little Shop of Donuts, 36 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 eriefoodtours.com.

Erie's Downtown Food Truck Festival

Jun. 22 — 3 to 11 p.m. State Street between 12th and 14th visiterie.com.

Little Italy Farmers Market

Jun. 24, Jul. 1 — 3 to 6 p.m. Little Italy Farmers Market, 331 W. 18th St. ssjnn.org.

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Celebrating Local Pride
Erie Pridefest and Parade 2019
Saturday, June 29th - Perry Square

This Year's Pridefest features several speakers, a fabulous show with local drag performers and more, as well as info tables, a variety of goods for sale, HIV and STI testing, and food from local food trucks, restaurants and carts.

11:00 AM

Lineup for Pride Parade at Zone Dance Club - 18th ST between Peach and Sassafras streets.

12:00 PM

Parade steps off to march down State Street to Perry Square for Pridefest

1:00 PM

Pridefest officially begins at Perry square

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Keep up with additional details and updates at facebook.com/NWPAPride



Spectacular June Recital Returns for 15th Year



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Spotlight Dance Studios' annual "Spotlight Spectacular" routinely draws big crowds to the Warner Theatre, with dancers showcasing their skills in multiple genres.

jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, modern, and musical theater.

In the past 15 years that Spotlight has hosted their annual "Spectacular" recital, over 2,000 people have come to enjoy each show. These guests include family, friends and supporters of the dancers. And since the host Warner Theatre only has 2,250 seats available for each production, those wishing to enjoy the recital should visit the event's Facebook page to purchase tickets before the event sells out. — Hannah McDonald

7 p.m. // 811 State St. // All ages // facebook.com/spotlightstudioerie

SATURDAY, JUN. 22

For the last decade-and-a-half, Erie's Spotlight Dance Studio has been taking one night in late spring to celebrate the talented dancers who call the studio their own, and the connection between the arts and the Erie community as a whole.

The tradition continues this year at Erie's most classical downtown theater. The recital will include dance performances of many genres including ballet,

Parade Your Pet, Hollywood Style



MOTIONSHOOTER

SATURDAY, JUN. 22

If you consider yourself an animal lover who is keen on helping out shelters and having fun at the same time, then the first annual Pet Parade in the Park could be right up your alley. The North East Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the first Pet Parade in the Park benefiting The ANNA Shelter. The Pet Parade is a themed parade – the inaugural theme is "Hollywood movies." There will be prizes awarded for most original

costume, best pet & owner look-alike, and best themed costume. Don't think you'll miss out just because you may not have a costume, though: themed costumes are encouraged but not required and the goal of the day is to show off your pets while benefiting a great cause. There will be a variety of vendors, cute animals strutting their stuff, and other enjoyable activities. The forms for pet and vendor registration can be accessed online, along with the schedule. The only requirements for pets are that all pets must be on a leash, female pets in heat are not allowed, and pet owners are responsible for all pet waste (receptacles are provided). Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult 18-years-old or older. — Madeline Dufala

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. // Gibson Park, 2 Gibson St., North East, PA // Pre-registration \$10, Day of Registration \$15 // nechamber.org/pets-on-the-square/

Food N Cruze Tuesday

Jun. 25 — 4 to 8 p.m.
St. Nick's Grove, 5131 Old French Rd. stnicksgrrove.com.

SafeNet Celebrity Bartending

Jun. 25 — 5 to 7 p.m.
SafeNet's 7th Annual Garden Party kicks off with a Celebrity Bartending event. Support community leaders as they tend the bar and work to raise the most cash tips for SafeNet. There will also be raffles, and Room 33 will donate 10 percent of sales during the event to SafeNet. Room 33, 1033 State St. safeneterie.org.

Mind, Body, Beer

Jun. 25 — 7:30 p.m.
Erie Ale Works, 412 W. 12th St. eriealeworks.com.

Pampered Chef Party

Jun. 29 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Presque Isle Wine Cellars, 9440 W. Main Rd., North East, PA 16428 piwine.com.

MOVIES

Boy Erased

Jun. 19 — 6 p.m.
Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St. filmsocietytnwpa.org.

Sci-Fi Friday: Lilo & Stich

Jun. 21 — 2 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Slaughter Film Presents: Deep Red (1975)

Jun. 21 — 8 p.m.
Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. facebook.com.

Beggars of Life (1928)

Jun. 27 — 8 p.m.
Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. facebook.com.

Sci-Fi Friday: Flubber

Jun. 28 — 2 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Empire (2018)

Jun. 28 — 8 p.m.
Erie Movie House, 3424 W. Lake Rd. facebook.com.

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (2018)

Jun. 30 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Teen Book to Movie: Every Day

Jul. 3 — 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.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

Cocktails & Color at Voodoo Brewery Erie

Jun. 19 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Voodoo Brewery Erie, 101 Boston Store Pl. voodooobrewery.com.

Figure Drawing in the Mansion

Jun. 19, 26, Jul. 3 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Watson-Curtze Mansion, 356 W. 6th St. eriehistory.org.

Jason Amantangelo: Painted 3D Collages

Opening Jun. 21, ongoing through Jul. 23 thereafter
Artist's reception Jun. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m.
Glass Growers Gallery, 10 E. 5th St. glassgrowersgallery.com.

Coloring for Grown-Ups

Jun. 22 — 10 a.m. to noon
Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. events.eriellibrary.org.

Body

Jun. 27 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
AWE Art Room, 915 State St. LL1 artforwellbeingeverywhere.com.

Summer Floral Vase Painting

Jun. 28 — 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
LifeWorks Erie, 406 Peach St. LifeWorksErie.org.

Art in the Garden: Recycled Jewelry

Jun. 30 — 1 to 3 p.m.
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.

Soul

Jul. 2 — 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AWE Art Room, 915 State St. LL1 artforwellbeingeverywhere.com.

Bill Brady

Ongoing through Aug. 2019
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

Brian Pardini

Ongoing through Aug. 2019
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

96th Annual Spring Show

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

Artist Takeover: Roman Glass

Ongoing through Sept. 15
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

Everything But The Shelves

Ongoing through Dec. 2019
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

Ashley Pastore: Everyday Monumental

Ongoing through Mar. 2020
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. erieartmuseum.org.

THEATER

Freaky Friday

Jun. 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29 — 7:30 p.m. & Jun. 23, 30 — 2 p.m.
Erie Playhouse, 13 W. 10th St. erieplayhouse.org.

Arsenic & Old Lace

Jun. 21, 22 — 7:30 p.m. & Jun. 23 — 3 p.m.
All An Act, 652 W. 17th St. allanact.net.

Fun Home

Jun. 21, 22 — 8 p.m. &

Jun. 23 — 2 p.m.
Dramashop, 1001 State St., Ste. 210 dramashop.org.

Leading Ladies

Jun. 22 — 5:30 p.m.
Station Dinner Theatre, 4940 Peach St. canterburyfeast.com.

Dick Clarkson's Jukebox Hop

Jun. 29, Jul. 20 — 5:30 p.m. & Jun. 30, Jul. 14, 21 — 2:30 p.m.
Station Dinner Theatre, 4940 Peach St. canterburyfeast.com.

COMEDY

Laugh Practice: Open Mic

Jun. 25 — 8 p.m.
Avalon Hotel, 16 W. 10th St. facebook.com.

Black Monk Brewery Free Comedy Night

Jun. 28 — 6 p.m.
Black Monk Brewery and Off Constantly Comedy bring you some free laughter by way of comedic heavy-hitters Derek Minto, Amanda Averell, and Stacy Fluorime, as well as Erie locals Aaron Forsyth and Anthony Morelli.
Black Monk Brewery, 3721 W. 12th St. facebook.com.

Stand-Up Comedy at Bison Beer Hall

Jun. 29 — 8:30 p.m.
Bison Beer, 13782 US-19, Waterford, PA 16441 facebook.com.

SPORTS

Presque Isle Volleyball Tournament

Jun. 19, 26, Jul. 3 — 6 to 8

p.m. & Jun. 20, 27 — 5:50 to 9 p.m. & Jun. 23 — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Jun. 25 — 6 to 9:30 p.m. & Jun. 29 — 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. & Jul. 2 — 6 to 9 p.m.
Beach 6 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

Erie Frost: Battle of Lake Erie

Jun. 21, 22, 23
Various locations
leaguelineup.com.

Erie Commodores vs. Pittsburgh Hotspurs

Jun. 21 — 7 p.m.
McConnell Family Stadium, 200 W. 4th St. eriecommodores.com.

Warriors to Washington 5K

Jun. 22 — 6 a.m.
Beach 1 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

2019 Hydroflight US Open Tour

Jun. 22 — 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 55 W. Bay Dr. prowatercross.com.

Keystone Bass Buddy Circuit Erie Bay Tournament

Jun. 22 — 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Marina Bay at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. kbass.com.

6th Annual Jax Stone 10K/5K/1-mi. Kids Run

Jun. 22 — 8:30 a.m. to noon
Harborcreek Township Bldg., 5601 Buffalo Rd. erierunners.club.

Climb Out of the Darkness 5K/Fun Run

Jun. 22 — 9 a.m.
Frontier Park, 1501 W. 6th St. postpartum.z2systems.com.

Erie Poker Run

Jun. 22 — 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Little Italy Farmers Market Begins Summer Run



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MONDAY, JUN. 24

The Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network (SSJNN) are gearing up for the seventh annual edition of their Little Italy Farmers Market. Check out the markets every Monday throughout summer and into fall. There, guests will be able to pick up fresh produce, as well as bread, meat, and dairy products. Many of the items come directly from the SSJNN Urban Farm grown by the

sisters and neighborhood teens. Last year, additional contributors included Fat Hawk Farm, Old Path Farm, Kim's Aquaponics, Strawberry Lane Produce, French Street Farms, Ferko Farm, Blooming Valley Farm, Post Apples, and the Erie School District Gardens.

The market happily accepts food stamps, with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Farmers Market Nutrition Program Senior Vouchers not only being accepted, but *matched* to encourage healthy eating. Not content to just be a simple market, but a true community event, the opening day will feature music from Stephen Trohoske and Tony Grey, with Yung Skola opening up the day. — Nick Warren

Mondays Jun. 24 – Sept. 30, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. // 331 W. 18th St. // For more info, call (814) 454-7814 or go to ssjnn.org

End of the Month Emo



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

WEDNESDAY, JUN. 26

The Safest Ledge will headline The Andromeda Agency's third End-Of-The-Month Emo event, with support from Remorsefully Numb, Talking in My Sleep, and Lyle Sallade (bassist of The Standby).

The Safest Ledge is a Youngstown-based emo/alternative four-piece founded in 2014. Their sound features elements of post-hardcore with spoken-word, attracting a wide array of fans, particularly of bands such as Movements and Turnover. This show will be The Safest Ledge's first Erie headliner show and their debut at The Ballet Haus. When asked what makes them most excited about playing in Erie, guitarist Mason Boano says, "We're most excited that [the Erie] music scene seems to

Emo/alternative quartet The Safest Ledge will headline The Andromeda Agency's third End-of-the-Month Emo show at The Ballet Haus.

have a really strong culture behind it." Lyle Sallade will be performing a solo set comprised of original songs featuring elements of fingerstyle guitar. He has previously assisted with selling out two Andromeda Agency-hosted shows at PACA. Kansas City emo group Remorsefully Numb has previously shared the stage with Sallade during The Standby's May tour. Their debut EP *Fairmount* was released towards the end of 2018 and their latest single, "Forfeit," just dropped on June 18th.

Filling out the lineup is Talking In My Sleep, a Buffalo-based pop-punk band. Their self-titled debut EP was released in April of last year and features their most popular track "Brightside."

Local food truck A Waffle Miracle will once again be serving gourmet waffles all evening long; we highly recommend you come for the waffles and stay for the gig. — Dylan Tutmaher

7:30 p.m. // The Ballet Haus, 1020 Holland St // \$10 Pre-sale, \$12 Doors // All ages // 21+ BYOB with ID // Facebook.com/Theandromedaagency

Presque Isle Bay elite-pokerruns.com.

All Star Monster Trucks

Jun. 22 — 5 p.m. & Jun. 23 — 11:30 a.m.

Lake Erie Speedway, 10700 Delmas Dr., North East, PA 16428 facebook.com.

SupXross US Open Tour

Jun. 23 — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 55 W. Bay Dr. facebook.com.*

Erie SeaWolves vs. Harrisburg Senators

Jun. 27, 28, 29 — 7:05 p.m. & Jun. 30 — 1:35 p.m.

Bring well-behaved, leashed dogs to Thursday's game for another edition of Bark at the Park, sponsored by PNC Bank. *UPMC Park, 110 E.10th St. milb.com.*

PA B.A.S.S. Nation State Tournament

Jun. 29 *Presque Isle State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. pabassnation.com.*

Warrior 5K Run

Jun. 29 — 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. *Beach 1 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.*

The Great Inflatable Race

Jun. 29 — 8 a.m. to noon *Lake Erie Speedway, 10700 Delmas Dr., North East, PA 16428*

thegreatinflatable.com.

Eerie Roller Girls Roller Derby

Jun. 29 — 7:30 p.m.

Your Eerie Roller Girls take on Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby with an afterparty at The Cove Restaurant.

Bayfront Convention Center, 1 Sassafra Pier eerierollergirls.com.

Lake Erie Open Buddy Tournament

Jun. 30

Marina Bay at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. pabassnation.com.

SmashErie Brawl on the Bay

Jun. 30 — noon *Bel-Aire Clarion, 2800 W. 8th St. smash.gg.*

Erie SeaWolves vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies

Jul. 1, 2, 3 — 7:05 p.m. *UPMC Park, 110 E.10th St. milb.com.*

COMMUNITY

Placemaking Speaker Series: Lily Yeh

Jun. 19 — 5 to 7 p.m. *Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. erieartsandculture.org.*

Guided Interpretive Walks

Jun. 19 — 6 to 7 p.m.

Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Sci-Fi Writer Fritz Roberts

Jun. 19 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. *McCord Memorial Library, 32 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 mccordlibrary.org.*

Silent Peace Walk

Jun. 19 — 7 to 7:30 p.m. *Bayfront Connector Trail eriebenedictines.org.*

Crash Into Kindergarten

Jun. 20, 27 — 10 to 11 a.m. *Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieibrary.org.*

All Booked Up Book Club

Jun. 20 — 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. *McCord Memorial Library, 32 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 mccordlibrary.org.*

Garden Sprouts Preschool

Jun. 20 — 11 a.m. to noon *Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.*

Picnic in the Park

Jun. 20, 27 — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Gibson Park, Main St. (Rte. 20), North East, PA 16428 nechamber.org.*

Word Games: Teen

Jun. 20 — 2 to 3 p.m. *McCord Memorial Library, 32*

W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 mccordlibrary.org.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Jun. 20 — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. & Jun. 25 — 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. & Jun. 26 — 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. *Multiple library locations events.erieibrary.org.*

World Refugee Day

Jun. 20 — 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. *SafeNet Big Garden, 254 E. 10th St. facebook.com.*

Photography for Beginners: Shooting in Manual

Jun. 20 — 6 to 7 p.m. *Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieibrary.org.*

Erie Downtown Block Party

Jun. 20 — 6 to 10 p.m. *Dobbins Landing erie-downtown.com.*

Made in Erie County: The Products That Made Erie County

Jun. 20 — 7 to 8:30 p.m. *Corry Higher Education Council, 221 N. Center St., Corry, PA 16407 jeserie.org.*

Golden Hour Photo Club

Jun. 20, 27 — 7 to 9 p.m. *Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.*

Intro to Computers and the Internet II

Jun. 21 — 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. *Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. events.erieibrary.org.*

Fairytale Friday

Jun. 21 — 10 to 11 a.m. *Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieibrary.org.*

Magic Steve: Sessions 1 & 2

Jun. 21 — 10 to 11:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieibrary.org.*

Strollers & Striders

Jun. 21, 28 — 11:15 a.m. *expERIENCE Children's Museum, 420 French St. eriedowntown.com.*

Dance It Out Downtown

Jun. 21, 28 — 12:15 to 12:30 p.m.

Join in on the fun during an all-out freestyle dance break near the stage of Perry Square: this 15-minute lunch time stress reliever is aimed at making people move, groove, and feel good. *Perry Square erie-downtown.com.*

Little Perry Story Time + Play

Jun. 21, 28 — 12:30 to 1 p.m. *Perry Square erie-downtown.com.*

Earth Kids

Jun. 21 — 1:30 p.m. *Whole Foods Co-Op, 1341 W. 26th St. wfcerie.coop.*

Evening Campfire on the Beach

Jun. 21 — 7 p.m. *Beach 11 at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.*

Summer Solstice Community Celebration

Jun. 21 — 7 to 10 p.m. *Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.*

Pet Parade

Jun. 22 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The First Annual Pet Parade in the Park is a themed parade with prizes and other activities making for a paw-sitively joyous time: there will be vendors, prizes awarded, and animals strutting their step in the parade. Proceeds benefit the The ANNA Shelter and The North East Chamber of Commerce. *Gibson Park, Main St., North East, PA 16428 nechamber.org.*

Bicycle Tour of PI

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Pride flags are displayed throughout the city in support of the local LGBTQ+ community, which will close out the month of June with the Erie Pridefest parade and celebration.

Gay Liberation and LGBTQ+ movements in the United States.

And this, in case you were unaware, is why we celebrate Pride in June, though the events which mark the celebrations in cities all over the country are now expressions of love, inclusivity, equality, and joy.

"Unlike some of our surrounding cities, we are truly welcoming to everyone that has an open mind and spirit," said Tony "DJ Tony G" Gressley, in his fifth year of hosting Pridefest and his seventh year on the NWPA Pride Alliance board of directors. He added, "Every year, we have grown and this year we are expecting no different."

Erie Insurance has signed on as the title sponsor this year, after the company attained Rainbow-level status in 2018, showing an admirable — and trendy — corporate commitment to the LGBTQ+ community in its home city.

Erie's Pridefest 2019 is set to encompass both the widest space and selection of activities yet offered, with State Street completely closed down between North and South Park Row for the very first time for the event. The annual parade steps off from The Zone Dance Club, on West 18th, at noon, with a joyful — and if previous

years are any indication, colorful — march down to Perry Square.

Pridefest proper will then begin around 1 p.m., with food trucks, vendors, informational tables, entertainment, and an all-around celebratory atmosphere with like-minded members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies. "This year will feature what I am calling the Dragathon; I have over 20 performance spots for drag queens and kings confirmed," Gressley enthused. Attendees can also hit up the group Free Mom Hugs for some family-style affection or catch one of the last days of the LGBTQ+ art show at the Erie Art Gallery, two blocks south (its closing reception is on Sunday, Jun. 30)

Gressley stressed the inclusive nature of the event. "Everyone — regardless of skin color, political affiliation, religion, race, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity — is welcome. As long as you don't spew hate, you are welcome here." Even better, none shall be excluded because of age or money — the event is family-friendly and totally free.

The event intends to imbue its participants with "a sense of belonging," according to Gressley. He stressed, "It is important that our queer community feels like they have a place here. And they absolutely do." — Cara Suppa

Noon to 3:30 p.m. // Parade starts at 133 W. 18 St. with celebration at Perry Square // Free for all // nwapride.org

SATURDAY, JUN. 29

On Friday, June 28, 1969, following what initially seemed like yet another targeted police raid on "the gay bar in the city," the Stonewall Riots broke out in Greenwich Village, NYC. These violent clashes between baton-wielding police and some of the most vulnerable and outcast personages in the city — who nonetheless stood their ground, fed up with centuries of oppression and bigotry — played a large role in ushering in the

Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Raptors at Arundel
Jun. 22 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Arundel Cellars & Brewing, 11727 E. Main St., North East, PA 16428 tamarackwildlife.org.

Wesleyville Community Day Festival

Jun. 22 — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
The 6th Annual Wesleyville Community Day is a family-focused festival that offers live music, face painting, games, a delicious selection of festival foods, craft booths, contests and drawings, and

more — followed by a spectacular fireworks display synchronized to music.

Wesleyville Memorial Ball Fields, North St. and Wesley Ave. facebook.com.

Cricut Basics: Make a Vinyl Decal
Jun. 22 — 2 to 3 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Pokemon League
Jun. 22 — 2 to 4 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Super Hero Saturdays
Jun. 22, 29 — 3 p.m.
Splash Lagoon, 8091 Peach

St. splashlagoon.com.

Candlelight Ghost Walk
Jun. 22 — 8 p.m.
Dobbins Landing candlelightghostwalks.com.

Patio Yoga w Deb
Jun. 23 — 10 to 11 a.m.
Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, 8398 W. Main Rd. (Rt. 20), Westfield, NY 14787 fiveand20.com.

Summer Sunday Fundays
Jun. 23 — noon
Presque Isle Wine Cellars, 9440 W. Main Rd., North East, PA 16428 piwine.com.

Sunday Funday: Pollinators
Jun. 23 — 1 to 4 p.m.

Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.

Rockets and Rovers Discovery Camp
Jun. 24, 25 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
expERIENCE Children's Museum, 420 French St. facebook.com.

Perry Peddlers
Jun. 24, Jul. 1 — noon
Perry Square eriedowntown.com.

Total Body Bootcamp
Jun. 24, Jul. 1 — 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
Erie Art Museum steps, 411 State St. eriedowntown.com.

Monday Afternoon

New Book Club
Jun. 24 — 1 to 2 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.eriellibrary.org.

Monday Makers: Constellations
Jun. 24 — 4 to 5:30 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.eriellibrary.org.

Book Bingo
Jun. 24 — 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Throwback Game Night
Jun. 24, Jul. 1 — 6 p.m.
Tipsy Bean, 2425 Peach

St. tipsybean.cafe.

DNA and Genealogy
Jun. 24 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Monday Makers: Open Drawing Sessions
Jun. 24 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.eriellibrary.org.

Seed Library Grand Opening
Jun. 24 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Edinboro Branch Library, 413 W. Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 events.eriellibrary.org.

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After SeaWolves games // UPMC Park, 110 E. 10th St. // Jul. 3 display features the Erie Philharmonic Brass Quartet // erie-seawolves.com

Lights over Lake Erie

Wednesday, Jul. 3
10 to 11 p.m. // Launched from the Bicentennial Tower, 1 State St. // Free // Tune into Star 104

for patriotic music, synchronized with the display, sponsored by Mercyhurst University

Boro with the Works

Wednesday, Jul. 3
Events start at 6 p.m., Fireworks set to start at 9:30 p.m. // Near Mallory Lake on campus at Edinboro University, 219 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA 16444 // Features plenty of food trucks and a kids zone

Friends and Family Day

Thursday, Jul. 4
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Kids activities from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., fireworks at dusk // Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E. Front St #100 // Celebrate the commemoration of the

adoption of the Declaration of Independence with free admission to the museum and tours of the Brig Niagara // flagshipniagara.org

Millcreek Township 4th of July Parade

Thursday, Jul. 4
Starts with a bang from the Cannon at 9:45 a.m., fireworks at dusk // Parade begins at W. 12th & Marshall and ends with fireworks at American Legion, 4109 W. 12th St. // themillcreekparade.com

Ultimate Freedom Event

Thursday, Jul. 4
Ultimate Freedom 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk begins at 8 a.m., Classic Car Cruise-In starts at 4 p.m., Kids fun zone open from 4 to 8 p.m., concessions available from 4 to 9 p.m., main stage entertainment runs from 5 to 9:30 p.m., fireworks will be launched at night, approx. 10 p.m. // Crawford County Fairgrounds, 13291 Dickson Rd. Meadville, PA // theultimatefreedomevent.com

Lawrence Park

Thursday, Jul. 4
Bike parade at Lake Cliff Park starts at 10 a.m., parade begins at 2 p.m., fireworks will commence at dusk // Lawrence Park, 3600 E. Lake Rd.

Findley Lake, N.Y.

Thursday, Jul. 4
Duck Race at the Water Flume/Dam at the north end of the lake at 10 a.m.;

chicken BBQ at the fire hall starts at 11 a.m.; boat parade flume at Lakeside Park, Main Street, begins at 2 p.m.; flare lighting at the shoreline around the lake is at 9:30 p.m.; fireworks (best viewed from the north end of the lake) at 10 p.m. // findleylake.com

Warren County Fourth of July Celebration

Thursday, Jul. 4
Parade starts at 11 a.m., fireworks at 10 p.m. // Betts Park, 100 Ludlow St., Warren, PA 16365 // This year's theme: Salute to Warren County // warrenpajuly4th.com

Conneaut 4th of July Festival

Thursday, Jul. 4 – Saturday, Jul. 6
Noon to midnight each day; fireworks will be on Saturday, Jul. 6, at 10 p.m. // Lakeview Park, 340 Erie St., Conneaut, OH 44030 // Rides, food, games, live entertainment, pageants, a parade, and a singing contest // visitashtabulacounty.com

Canadohta Lake

Saturday, Jul. 6
Firecracker 5K and 10K run/walk kicks off at 8 a.m.; bike, golf car, and pet parade starts at noon; boat parade begins at 3 p.m.; fireworks are set off over the lake at 10 p.m. // 22978 Shreve Ridge Rd., Canadohta Lake, PA 16438 // canadohtalake.org

TUESDAY, JUL. 2 – 6

The Fourth of July isn't truly a celebration of our country's independence without fireworks, parades, and all kinds of fun outdoor activities. The City of Erie will get their pyrotechnics primarily on Wednesday, Jul. 3, while neighboring sites will see the festivities on the Independence Day proper and into the weekend. Viewing the fireworks is free, naturally, although some event tickets and restrictions may apply. — Madeline Dufala

Erie SeaWolves

Tuesday, Jul. 2, Wednesday, Jul. 3, Thursday, Jul. 13, Thursday, Jul. 27, Saturday, Aug. 3

Bayfront Park n Ride callingallcruiserez.com.

Time Out Tuesday

Jun. 25, Jul. 2 — 6:30 a.m., noon, & 5:30 p.m.
Dobbins Landing & Perry Square eriedowntown.com.

Branching Out

Jun. 25, 26, Jul. 2, 3 — 10 to 11 a.m. or noon to 1:30 p.m.
LEAF Education Center, 1501 W. 6th St. leaferie.org.

Assuring Accuracy in Your Research

Jun. 25 — 10 a.m. to noon
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieliibrary.org.

Erie VA Medical Center LGBT+ Pride Month Celebration

Jun. 25 — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Erie VA Medical Center, 135 E. 38th St. erie.va.gov.

Intro to Word II

Jun. 25 — 1 to 4 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieliibrary.org.

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Jun. 25 — 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
McCord Memorial Library, 32

W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 mccordlibrary.org.

Master Builders: Block Party

Jun. 25 — 4 to 6 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieliibrary.org.

Game Night

Jun. 25 — 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieliibrary.org.

Presque Isle Trivia Night

Jun. 25 — 6 p.m.
Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

Teen Zone: Stained Glass

Jun. 25 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieliibrary.org.

Dog Days of Summer

Jun. 25 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Teddy Bear Picnic & Open Field Play

Jun. 26 — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
This is a great opportunity

to get out and play, socialize, and enjoy summer vacation; bring your own picnic, blanket, and teddy bear (or other toy), and a friend — but don't forget your sunscreen!
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.

Craft Corner

Jun. 26 — 1 to 3 p.m.
Iroquois Branch Library, 4212 Iroquois Ave. events.erieliibrary.org.

Why Poetry Matters: Poetry of Protest and Prayer

Jun. 26 — 7 p.m.
Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 E. Lake Rd. eriebenedictines.org.

The Heroic Life of Strong Vincent

Jun. 26 — 7 p.m.
Fairview Area Historical Society, 4302 Avonia Rd., Fairview, PA 16415 jeserie.org.

Garden Sprouts Preschool

Jun. 27 — 11 a.m. to noon
Goodell Gardens & Homestead, 221 Waterford St., Edinboro, PA 16412 goodellgardens.org.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Jun. 27 — 3 to 4 p.m.

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

Meet Author Jon Steinman

Jun. 27 — 6 p.m.
Whole Foods Co-Op, 1341 W. 26th St. wfcerie.coop.

Erie Downtown Block Party

Jun. 27 — 6 to 10 p.m.
Griswold Park erie-downtown.com

Rainbow Family Storytime

Jun. 27 — 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieliibrary.org.

Erie Day of Code 2019

Jun. 28 — 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Erie Art Museum, 20 E. 5th St. eriedayofcode.ticketleap.com.

My First Fandom Storytime

Jun. 28 — 10 to 11 a.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieliibrary.org.

Eco Paddle: Lagoons

Jun. 29 — 9 a.m.
Lagoon Boat Launch at PI State Park, 1 Peninsula Dr. events.dcnr.pa.gov.

Why You Should Care About Climate Change

Jun. 29 — 11 a.m.

Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Erie Pride Parade and Fest

Jun. 29 — noon
The Zone Dance Club, 133 W. 18th St. nwpapride.org.

North East in Bloom Garden Tour

Jun. 29 — noon to 9 p.m.
North East Chamber of Commerce, 44 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428 814-602-0146

Shrink Plastic Key Chains

Jun. 29 — 1 to 2 p.m.
Edinboro Branch Library, 413 W. Plum St., Edinboro, PA 16412 events.erieliibrary.org.

Super Science Saturday

Jun. 29 — 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Rd. asburywoods.org.

Olde Fashioned Fourth of July

Jun. 29 — 4 to 9 p.m.
Heard Park, North East, PA 16428 nechamber.chambermaster.com.

Hill District Flea

Jun. 30 — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Hill District, W. 26-24 and Peach St. facebook.com.

Tall Ships Summer Camp

Jul. 1
Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E. Front St. Ste. 100 flagshipniagara.org.

Gentle Yoga & Meditation Lvl. 1

Jul. 1 — 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Lincoln Community Center Library, 1255 Manchester Rd. events.erieliibrary.org.

Monday Makers: Make a Duct Tape Wallet

Jul. 1 — 6 to 8 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieliibrary.org.

Cricut Basics: Create and Apply an Iron-On Decal

Jul. 2 — 6 to 7 p.m.
Blasco Memorial Library, 160 E. Front St. events.erieliibrary.org.

Boro with the Works

Jul. 3 — 6 to 10 p.m.
Edinboro University, 219 Meadville St., Edinboro, PA facebook.com.

Blessid Union of Souls Kick Off 8 Great Tuesdays



Blessid Union of Souls, renowned for turn-of-the-century hits "I Believe" and "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me For Me)," will perform at the Highmark Amphitheater for a second consecutive year as they open this year's 8 Great Tuesdays concert series at Liberty Park.

guitarist Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root), a reunion show from local eclectic alt-rockers Plato's Cave, Pittsburgh's The Clarks, and country western artist/master of the fiddle Chris Higbee. Last, but certainly not least, is The Classic Rock Experience, a national arena rock band set to round out 2019's 8 Great Tuesdays.

As always, the event will be flanked by local sponsors, food and beverage vendors, and more, including balloon sculptures and even face painting. The Erie Metropolitan Transportation Authority will also be providing a free shuttle service beginning at 5 p.m., making itself available at the Intermodal Transportation Center and the Thomas C. Hoffman Transportation Hub. Twenty years later, there's never been a better time to experience a unique local tradition like 8 Great Tuesdays. — Aaron Mook

Tuesdays, July 2nd – Aug. 20, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. // Highmark Amphitheater at Liberty Park, 726 W Bayfront Pkwy. // Free // porterie.org/8-great-tuesdays

TUESDAY, JUL. 2

It's a special season for 8 Great Tuesdays. This year, the popular summer concert series will be celebrating its 20th anniversary, and what better way to celebrate than with the return of a familiar alternative rock band. The festivities will kick off on Jul. 2 with a headlining performance from Blessid Union of Souls, the '90s and 2000s power-pop act responsible for radio hits such as "I Believe" and "Hey Leonardo (She Likes Me For Me)." The band eventually pivoted into Christian rock territory with their most recent album, 2011's *The Mission Field*, but their

six-album discography showcases the band's strong sense of melody and a diverse range of songwriting abilities fit for the festival stage. If this sounds familiar, it's for good reason, as the band played the series last year as well.

While bringing Blessid Union of Souls back to Erie will prove a great way to draw locals to the series' first installment, a cavalcade of other artists is bound to keep the crowds there, starting with local funk band The Groove on July 9th. Following The Groove in succession are: Journey tribute act Separate Ways, Up-rooted (which features vocalist and

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MOVIE REVIEWS

“Dying is Easy, Comedy is Hard”: *Late Night* Wastes a Charming Lead Performance

★★



AMAZON STUDIOS

The new comedy *Late Night* is very concerned with changing the world. Its central premise is all about letting go of the past and moving ahead into a friendlier, more inclusive future. This is a noble goal, of course, but I wish the film could have expanded its message of change to its filmmaking. Unfortunately, the film is as rote and by-the-numbers as can be and is only held together by a truly great leading lady.

This film is about Katherine Newbury (Emma Thompson), a legend of the late night talk show world who begins to realize that her old-fashioned comedy and icy demeanor have alienated her audience. She hires a young, inexperienced woman (Mindy Kaling) initially merely to add some diversity to her writing staff, but soon learns that this young writer may be the key to revitalizing her career.

The film manages to hit all the marks of both a “career comeback” and “rising star” narrative, complete with the standard montage to move everything into the third act. Also, it’s ironic that the film concerns late night television because it feels like a TV show, with flat, bland cinematography, shot-reverse shot editing, and absolutely no interesting visuals. The film relies solely on its dialogue, which isn’t good enough to hold interest throughout. However, Thompson rises above it all with a memorable curmudgeon character. With rapid-fire, acidic put-downs and comebacks (all done with her classic, British sophistication), her presence keeps you entranced, but one great performance isn’t enough to save a film this routine. — Forest Taylor

Directed by: Nisha Ganatra // Written by: Mindy Kaling // Starring: Emma Thompson, Mindy Kaling, John Lithgow, Reid Scott, Denis O’Hare, Hugh Dancy, Max Casella, Paul Walter Hauser, John Early, and Amy Ryan // 102 minutes // Rated R

“They’re Dead. They’re ... All Messed Up”: *The Dead Don’t Die* is a Dry and Very Unusual Comedy

★★★

Indie legend Jim Jarmusch has a unique talent for taking classic genres and making them uniquely his own. Whether they’re Westerns (*Dead Man*), urban crime films (*Ghost Dog: Way of the Samurai*) or vampire movies (*Only Lovers Left Alive*), it’s easy to point them out thanks to Jarmusch’s offbeat sense of humor and existentialist musings. His new film *The Dead Don’t Die* is his take on the Zombie Apocalypse film and as expected of Jarmusch, it is much more concerned with small-town quirkiness than any genre conventions.

Set in a very small Pennsylvania town, the film follows two police officers (Bill Murray and Adam Driver) who find the mutilated bodies of several townspeople. Soon the town is being invaded by the living dead and an ensemble cast of characters must fight to survive the night.

The description makes it sound like a typical zombie film, but this film is unique in its quirky and very dry humor. It also moves very slowly, with Jarmusch taking his time to introduce us to his characters, ranging from three juvenile detention inmates, a strange old hermit (Tom Waits), and even a Scottish samurai coroner (Tilda Swinton). Also, the film is self-aware to the point of characters pointing out the fact that they are in a zombie movie. With characters referring to a song on the radio as “The Theme Song” and even two characters having a conversation about the script of the film, Jarmusch is obviously not taking this story seriously, but it never goes overboard into the pretentious. However, it takes a particular sense of humor to click with this very unusual film and audiences wanting a more conventional zombie story may find themselves disappointed. — Forest Taylor

Written and Directed by: Jim Jarmusch // Starring: Bill Murray, Adam Driver, Tilda Swinton, Chloe Sevigny, Steve Buscemi, Danny Glover, Caleb Landry Jones, Rosie Perez, Iggy Pop, Sara Driver, Selena Gomez, Carol Kane, RZA, and Tom Waits // 103 minutes // Rated R



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1:05AM "I WILL HAVE TO TELL EVERYONE ABOUT THAT ONE GUY I CALLED A BIG BALONEY 'COS HE SAID HE DIDN'T LIKE SERGE GAINSBURG OR SCOTT WALKER OR LEE HAZLEWOOD!"



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She is Coming EP
RCA Records



Make no mistake; *She is Coming* is a pivot for Miley Cyrus, and likely the first of several. In 2017, Cyrus controversially dismissed hip-hop, a genre she had been swimming in for years, and returned to her “roots” with a neo-country/pop album titled *Younger Now*. As one may gather, that album was not well-received (critically or otherwise), which leads us to *She is Coming*, the first of three EPs meant to comprise Cyrus’ new studio LP, *She is Miley Cyrus*. It’s shameless, and on the surface, *She is Coming* is an improvement upon its predecessor only in the sense that it suits Cyrus as an artist so much better. Cyrus’ strongest asset is still her husky and unique voice, which drives tracks like “D.R.E.A.M.” into irresistible territory. Lyrically, *She is Coming* tackles nothing that Cyrus didn’t cover in her *Bangerz* era. This leads to some truly unfortunate moments, such as the eye-roll-inducing rapping on “Cattitude,” but Cyrus does manage to hold onto some of the psychedelic influence from her Dead Petz project, lending to some fascinating production choices (“Party Up the Street”). Only time will tell whether this blend of aesthetics will be the one that sticks. — Aaron Mook

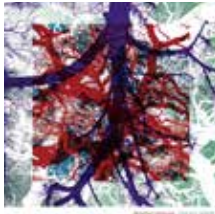


Silversun Pickups

Widow's Weeds
New Machine Recordings



Sometimes, it’s easy to forget that a band like Silversun Pickups has been active for nearly 15 years. Comparisons to ‘90s alternative rock and shoegaze acts are common. Over this span of time, the band has managed to simultaneously emulate the creative decisions of the bands who came before them as well as carve a path of their own. *Widow's Weeds* is certainly an experimental record, and from a listener’s perspective, it’s all the better for it. Something you’ll pick up from lead single “It Doesn’t Matter Why” (and the rest of the record to follow) is the presence of acoustic guitars and string sections — instruments atypical of a band whose hallmark is loud guitar music. Brian Aubert’s vocals are as clean as ever, falling somewhere between Maynard Keenan and Andy Hull, blending just as much of the past with the present as his band does. There are psychedelic components throughout, with several tracks pushing six minutes, and even a slight country-western influence on songs like “Simpatico” and “Straw Man.” Each of these elements point to *Widow's Weeds* not being the album Silversun Pickups will be remembered for, but for fans, it may wind up being their most rewarding. — Aaron Mook



Baroness

Gold & Grey
Abraxan Hymns



Baroness has an impressive track record. Nearly every one of their five studio albums has been met with considerable critical acclaim, and for good reason. Their latest is titled *Gold & Grey*, following the band’s established format of connecting the album’s title with the color scheme of its album art, done in gorgeous detail by the band’s frontman John Dyer Baizley. Once again, the band has brought something fantastic to the table. A frenetic, fuzzy riff opens up the album, in “Front Toward Enemy,” and Baizley’s soaring vocals come in moments later. As a metal band, they barely seem to fit in the genre at times (though that does apply to many of their Savannah-based peers as well), with tracks like “I’m Already Gone” and “I’ll Do Anything” sounding more like emo/punk stalwarts Hot Water Music than most filed under their given taxonomy. In fact, there are numerous times in the album’s run where you nearly question if you’re actually listening to Baroness at all, like the vibrato-laden interlude “Crooked Mile.” The record is filled with epic moments, emotional passages, with complicated, technical leads around every corner, fit for fans of any genre. — Nick Warren



Bill Callahan

Shepherd in a Sheepskin Vest
Drag City

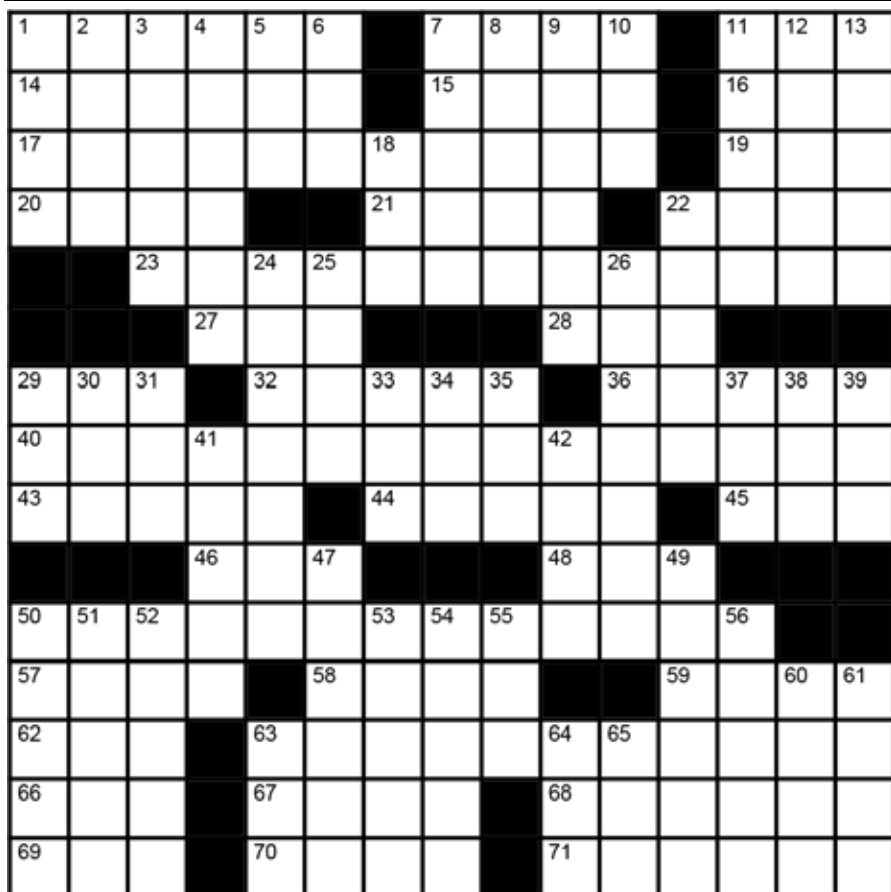


With an almost unnervingly stripped-down palette, Bill Callahan is able to paint a minimalist folk picture that’s all his own. The Maryland songwriter is not a new artist by any means, though as *Shepherd in a Sheepskin Vest* continues to gather attention, new fans will no doubt flock to his discography and back catalog. From 1990 to 2005, Callahan released 11 albums under the moniker Smog, with a more experimental indie sound. Following 2009’s *Sometimes I Wish We Were an Eagle*, Callahan had arrived at his current sound, the sophomore effort under his own name. His is a subdued, literate (and occasionally humorous) brand of songwriting, perfect for fans of Mark Kozelek (Sun Kil Moon), or Fred Thomas. It’s a very personal technique that feels effortless and lackadaisical, built upon decades of practice. At times it feels navel-gazy, with tracks like “Writing” (on its surface about ... writing), and perhaps it is. Callahan’s deep vocals waver, sometimes soothing and other times filled with tension, often within the same line (listen to tracks like “Morning Is My Godmother”). Coming in at 20 tracks in over an hour’s time, it’s an undertaking, but a satisfying one. — Nick Warren



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Across

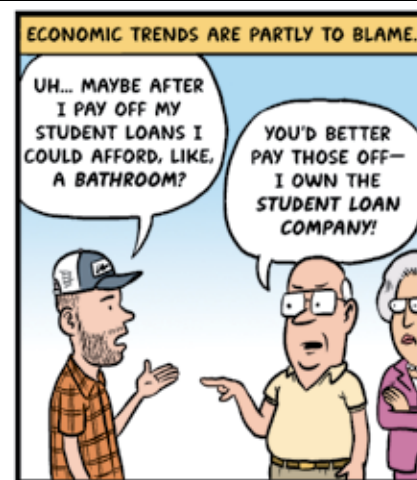
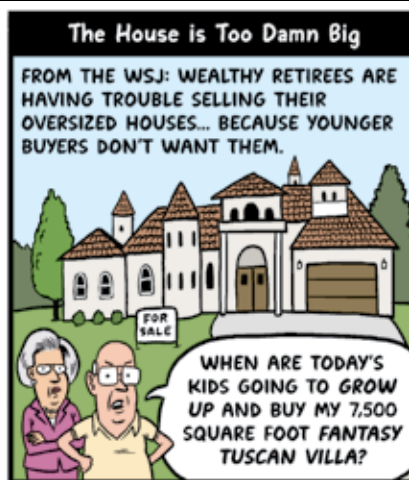
- 1. How one might keep something
- 7. "___ pronounce you ..."
- 11. Smucker's product
- 14. Cards that may be "wild" in poker
- 15. Prefix with -gon
- 16. Tiny
- 17. Like someone buried really deep?
- 19. Fifth qtrs.
- 20. James who sang "At last, my love has come along ..."
- 21. Papal name chosen 12 times
- 22. Has
- 23. Super-duper wide road?
- 27. Ending for glut-, del- toid- and other muscle names
- 28. One with pointy ears and shoes
- 29. San Francisco's ___ Hill
- 32. Ones wearing black eyeliner and ripped jeans, say
- 36. Outlet from the left ventricle
- 40. What multibillionaires earn?
- 43. Labor leader played by Jack Nicholson in a 1992 biopic
- 44. Noted architect who turned 100 in 2017
- 45. Deplete (of)
- 46. Swelled head
- 48. Weapon in medieval

Down

- 1. "And if ___ before ..."
- 2. Barbershop call
- 3. Civilian attire
- 4. Aid in climbing a snowy peak
- 5. Melania Trump ___ Knauss
- 6. "Spring forward" letters
- 7. Belly button type
- 8. "Well, obviously!"
- 9. Tot's attire
- 10. Subject for "Dunkirk" or "Apocalypse Now"
- 11. "Snooki & ___" ("Jersey Shore" spinoff)
- 12. Corporate giant named for a mountain
- 13. Like drawn-out divorces
- 18. Bygone channel that aired "Veronica Mars"

22. Granny's "Darn it!"

- 24. It's checked before taking off
- 25. Not worth ___ (valueless)
- 26. Beyond slow
- 29. Org. behind the Human Genome Project
- 30. Big brand of kitchenware
- 31. #1 pal
- 33. Prefix with cycle
- 34. Fashion line?
- 35. Not guzzle
- 37. Motel units: Abbr.
- 38. Sweet ___
- 39. Nile viper
- 41. Sondheim's "___ Pretty"
- 42. Get excited about crosswords, say, with "out"
- 47. Cameo stones
- 49. 1980s supergroup that included Ricky Martin
- 50. Trump who wrote "The Best Is Yet to Come"
- 51. Pioneer in photocopying
- 52. Linguistic origin of "mulligatawny"
- 53. Terra ___
- 54. "I remember now"
- 55. ___ de plume
- 56. Instrument in "Norwegian Wood"
- 60. Fork-tailed bird
- 61. Inquires
- 63. "___ Ruled the World" (1996 Nas hit)
- 64. Alternative to Food Lion or Piggly Wiggly
- 65. Nonverbal "yes"



Answers to last puzzle



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