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Erie Kiwanis honors Strong Vincent students

The Erie Kiwanis Club recently recognized Kiana Morgan and Kevin Richardson, second from right, recent Strong Vincent High School graduates, for their achievements in their school during the past four years. With them are Richard Giacomelli, left, Erie Kiwanis Club president, and Brad Meely, Erie Kiwanis Club recognition chairman. The students, who received Kiwanis recognition certificates and Visa gift cards, were honored at a luncheon at the Erie Maennerchor, with their families and guidance counselors in attendance. This event is part of the Erie Kiwanis Club's focus to develop young people into future community leaders.



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Explosion game raises funds for cancer charity

StringsforaCure founder and Executive Director Elisa Guida, left, and Development Director Patti Larson accept a \$1,250 check from Erie Explosion football player Shon Rowser. The money was raised as part of the Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser during the Explosion's game on April 27. An additional donation of \$500 from Rebich Investments was also received. The funds will be used to purchase gas, grocery and pharmacy gift cards to give to breast cancer patients undergoing treatment. StringsforaCure provides education, comfort, support and financial assistance directly to cancer patients, primarily those with breast cancer.



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Family celebrates 5 generations

The family of Lena Savelli, 99, a resident of Saint Mary's East, gathered on Mother's Day to celebrate the achievement of five generations with the birth of her great-great-grandson Keegan Cullen. Savelli, seated, was joined by, standing, from left, Annette Cullen, Keegan's grandmother; Daniel Cullen, Keegan's father, holding Keegan; and Myra Vacanti, Keegan's great-grandmother.



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Lincoln Recycling recognized for support

This afternoon at 1 p.m., in Perry Square, the Visiting Nurse Association of Erie County plans to hold its 10th annual Wings of Hope Memorial Butterfly Release, the largest fundraiser of the year for the hospice services the VNA provides. Lincoln Recycling has been the major sponsor every year since its inception in 2004, donating \$50,000 over the 10-year period. The VNA recently presented two of Mary Lincoln's granddaughters, Eva Gezymalla, 7, left, and her sister, Marin Gezymalla, 8, with a butterfly pot in recognition of the company's longtime support of the event.



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Credit union raises funds, collects items for veterans

Erie Federal Credit Union raised more than \$1,500 for Embracing Our Veterans, a nonprofit referral network of local businesses and organizations that help veterans and their families find discounted or no-cost services. Credit union employees also collected a van full of food and items for Project Support Our Troops. Those items will be sent to local men and women serving abroad. Erie FCU Chief Executive Brian J. Waugaman, center, and Erie SeaWolves President Greg Coleman presented the cash and donated items to Kim Lengling, representing Project Support Our Troops and Embracing Our Veterans, at an Erie SeaWolves game on July 2 at Jerry Uht Park.



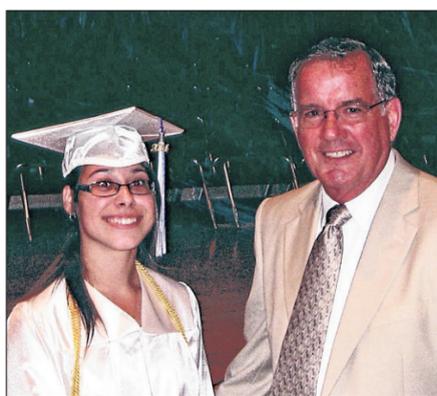
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Student donates 8 inches of hair

Ava Fetzner, 11, donated 8 inches of her hair to Children with Hair Loss, a nonprofit organization that provides hairpieces to children and teens suffering from hair loss due to medical conditions. Ava grew her hair for several years with plans to donate it. The staff at Game On Cuts cut Ava's hair and gave her a new hairstyle.

Cambridge Springs student receives award

This year's recipient of the Peter and Margaret Weidner Memorial Award is Sequoia Pangborn, a 2014 graduate of Cambridge Springs High School. The award is given annually by the Weidner children, all 13 of whom graduated from CSHS, in honor of their parents' commitment to education. Pangborn, daughter of Melissa and Robin Pangborn, will attend Penn State Behrend to major in engineering. Jerry Weidner presented the \$1,000 award to Pangborn.



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Former Erie Homes director gets award

Paul Carpenedo, former executive director of Erie Homes for Children and Adults, recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities in Harrisburg. Carpenedo retired in June after heading EHCA for 26 years. With Carpenedo is his wife, Karen, who serves on the agency's development committee.



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REUNIONS

Academy High School

The Academy High School Class of 1948 will hold its 66th reunion on Aug. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Erie Maennerchor. The cost is \$15 per person (for classmates and their guests). For reservations, call Robert Cross at 454-4820.

Harbor Creek High School

Harbor Creek High School's All-Class Reunion/Picnic will take place Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Whitford Park, Iroquois Avenue, Harborcreek. Sign-in will begin at 4 p.m., and dinner at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. Spouses, friends and guests are welcome. The weekly community music concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature Kurt Nova performing as Elvis. Bring a lawn chair. For more information, call 899-3692.

Iroquois High School

The members of the Iroquois High School Classes of 1969 and

1970 are looking for classmates for their Aug. 16 reunion. If you know of anyone who did not receive information about the upcoming reunion, or if you did not receive the information, please contact Gary Foster, 899-5071.

Cathedral Preparatory School

The Cathedral Prep Class of 1971 will hold its annual reunion on Aug. 7 and 8. The "Sled Open-16/Mr. Z Memorial Classic" will be held at Rusty Tracy's Crab Apple Ridge Golf Course on Friday, Aug. 8, at noon. A Pairings Party will be held the evening of Thursday, Aug. 7, at the Plymouth Tavern. This year, the Prep class of '71 welcomes members of the Class of 1969 football team to celebrate their 45th anniversary, while piling up beaucoup demerits together. For information, contact Jim Gervase at 440-6840, or Ed "the Sled" Schneider at (941) 724-3695.

McDowell High School

McDowell High School Class of

1989 will hold its 25th reunion Aug. 16, 7 to 10 p.m., at Slugger's Sports Bar & Grill, 14 E. 10th St. Cost is \$25 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, appetizers and two adult beverages. Cash bar will continue through the night. RSVP by Aug. 6 to Denise (Schroek) Albright at denisealbright@gmail.com.

Meadville Senior High School

The Meadville Senior High School Class of 1969 will hold its 45th reunion Aug. 15 and 16. Events will include a mixer at the Voodoo Brewery in Meadville, a breakfast paddleboat cruise on Conneaut Lake (reservations required), a wine tasting and tour of Conneaut Cellars, a reception and dinner/dance at the Country Club (reservations required), among others. Sign-up is required for all free and pay-as-you-go activities. To make reservations for the boat cruise or reunion dinner, or to sign up for other activities, call Carrie Thomas at (570) 559-7844 or send her an e-mail at carriethomas99@yahoo.com.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

What's going on in your life? Send in your snapshots and share your news. Here's what you need to know:

THE PHOTOS: Photos should be in color. Poor-quality photos, i.e., eyes closed, too dark, out of focus, Polaroids and computer-printed photos on paper cannot be used.	WHAT'S GOING ON? Tell us about the nature of the event and when and where it was held. Identify everyone pictured in order, row by row, left to right, with first and last names.	ALSO NOTE: Provide the name and number of a contact person. If you want the photo returned, put your name and address on the back. Questions? Call 870-1689.
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