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COMMUNITY ALBUM



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Student musicians honored

The Erie Music Teachers Association recently announced the winners of the Scholarships and Awards Competition. A recital featuring the 2015 winners took place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. Five students were awarded cash prizes and three college music majors received scholarships. Winners included, in the front row, from left, John Hanyao and Matthew Lee; in the second row, from left, Grace Back, Sean Zhao and Alex Liu, and in the back row, from left, Dylan Vogt, Jared Hancock and Erin Baker at the harp.



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Buffalo Wild Wings helps StringsforaCure

Buffalo Wild Wings in Erie held an Eat Wings and Raise Funds event in February and raised more than \$339 for the StringsforaCure Foundation. Tony Barilla, manager of Buffalo Wild Wings, presented the check to Elisa Guida, founder and executive director of StringsforaCure. This money enables StringsforaCure to purchase \$100 gift cards for gas, grocery and pharmacy, which are provided directly to breast cancer patients.



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Student collects books for Erie Shriners facility

Kira Bonawitz, a sixth-grader at Port Allegany Elementary School, in Port Allegany, presented children's books to Rick Liebel, development officer at Erie Shriners Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center. Kira held a book drive as her sixth-grade service project. Along with many children's books, Kira raised \$550 for the hospital.



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Painting fundraiser benefits Dress for Success

At a fundraiser for Dress for Success Erie at the Cocktails & Color studio, participants painted a Presque Isle sunset and raised \$815. The Sassy Peacock coordinated the event, which included a gift auction. On hand for the check presentation were, from left, Gretchen Wheeler, owner, Cocktails & Color; Renee Trian and Toni Barry, Dress for Success Erie; Mary Graziano, Dress for Success Erie director; and Sabrina Fischer, owner, the Sassy Peacock.



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Family Services employees donate to United Way

From left, Steve Minick, vice president of programs, Family Services of NWPA; Paula Hayes, program director, Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Greg Loop, president and chief executive, Family Services of NWPA, present a check for \$8,459, representing contributions from employees of Family Services of NWPA, to Charles "Boo" Hagerty, United Way of Erie County board member. The contribution will support United Way's efforts to reduce poverty, promote self-sufficiency and improve the lives of many in Erie County.



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Gliding Stars receives donation from Zukor Club

During the Gliding Stars of Erie annual ice show in March, the Zukor Club of Erie made a donation of \$10,000 to the Gliding Stars adaptive ice skating program. From left, Chris Oleski, Zukor Club member, and Chris Neville, Zukor Club president, presented a check to Linda Althof, Gliding Stars of Erie director, and Linda Allen, Gliding Stars of Erie volunteer.



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Shining Star supporters recognized

St. Martin Center Inc. recently held the Shining Star luncheon to recognize organizations and individuals who participated in the 2014 Shining Star Program to provide Christmas gifts to children most in need. The Brightest Star Award was given to the Erie Community Credit Union, in recognition of its efforts beyond the traditional scope of the program. Credit union employees raised money toward the purchase of gifts and volunteered to assist during all aspects of the program, including signing children up and organizing gifts. Jessica Kruger, St. Martin Center's development and public relations coordinator, center, presented the award to Sara Newell, marketing assistant for Erie Community Credit Union, left, and Pamela Palotas, marketing and business development director for ECCU.

REUNIONS

Academy High School

The Academy High School Class of 1965 will hold 50th-reunion celebrations on July 31 and Aug. 1. For further information, contact Judy Selling at 864-5634. For e-mail inquiries, write to billsharon4748@yahoo.com.

Conneaut Lake High School

The Conneaut Lake High School Class of 1975 will hold its 40th year reunion on June 27, from 5 to 11 p.m., at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club. The cost of \$20 per person or \$30 per couple includes dinner, a gift bag and entertainment, plus a cash bar. To make a reservation, send a check payable to "CLHS Class of 1975" in the appropriate amount to: 8848 Free Road, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316. Include the full name of each guest, along with a telephone number and/or e-mail address for confirmation. More information can be found on Facebook or by sending an e-mail to clhs1975@hotmail.com.