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Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield awarded United Way Honor Roll distinction

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield was awarded the Honor Roll distinction by United Way of Erie County for demonstrating five consecutive years of increased campaign contributions. Present at the award presentation were, from left, employees Karl McFadden, senior client manager, special & large accounts; Neil Parham, manager, community affairs; Ryan Tennant, client manager; Nina Ferraro, Caring Place program manager; Lisa Koshan, director, client management Erie; Atiya Abdelmalik, director, community programs, Highmark Health; Eileen Williams, senior community affairs relations coordinator; Christopher Clark, medical director, clinical client relations; and Chris Scarnati, manager, customer service.



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New state historical marker dedicated in Edinboro

Officials from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Edinboro Area Historical Society, and Hurry Hill Maple Farm Museum Association recently dedicated an official Pennsylvania Historical Marker honoring Edinboro author Virginia Sorenson and the region's maple industry at the Edinboro Branch Library. Sorenson's book, "Miracles on Maple Hill," won a Newbery Medal Award for children's literature in 1957. More than 180 people attended the ceremony, at which Janet Woods, from the Hurry Hill Maple Farm, introduced a panel of speakers who talked about Virginia Sorenson's work, her love of Edinboro, and her experiences in the community in the mid-1950s.



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Finish Thompson awarded United Way Honor Roll distinction

For the fifth consecutive year, Finish Thompson Inc. was awarded the Honor Roll distinction by United Way of Erie County for demonstrating five consecutive years of increased campaign contributions. Laurie Root, United Way of Erie County senior vice president of resource development, presented a plaque to Casey Bowes, Finish Thompson chief executive.



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Mercyhurst alumni recognized

Elisa Guida, founder and executive director of the StringsforaCure Foundation, was one of five Mercyhurst College alumni who were honored with special awards during Reunion Weekend 2015. Guida, a 1976 graduate of Mercyhurst College, received the distinguished alumni award for her outstanding service to the community by founding the StringsforaCure Foundation, which provides financial assistance directly to breast cancer patients in the form of gift cards, medical grants, comfort baskets and educational books on health, wellness and cancer prevention. Guida, right, was joined by other awardees, from left, David Armstrong, '86; Kathleen Lynch Murphy, '63; Margaret "Peg" Hock Heetman, '65; and Camille Licate, '96.



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Experience Children's Museum receives grant

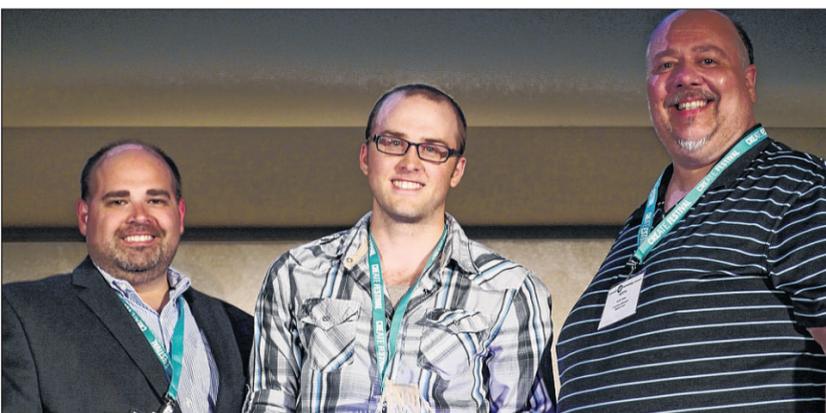
Experience Children's Museum received a \$25,000 Helping Today grant from the Erie Community Foundation for its Discovery Corner: Outdoor Classroom. On hand for the check presentation were, from left, Mike Batchelor, Erie Community Foundation president; Scott Beilharz, Experience Children's Museum board president; Kelly Hetz, ECM board secretary; Ainslie Brosig, ECM executive director; and Jennifer Geertson, ECM vice president.



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Student donates artwork to Shriners Hospital

Travis Turner, a student at Maplewood High School, recently donated artwork he created entirely out of LEGO blocks to Erie Shriners Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center, for children to enjoy while they visit the center. The art was constructed from more than 10,000 LEGO blocks. Travis, second from left, presented his Lego sculpture at the July board meeting to Robert Lee, chairman of the board of governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie; Becky Wilson, education coordinator at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie; and Michele DeRooy, right, child life specialist at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie.



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Erie company wins first place at festival

Signal-Tech was awarded first place honors at the 2015 Create Festival in Pittsburgh. From left, J.C. Carter, of Pittsburgh Technology Council, presented the award to Matt Cramer, web developer at Signal-Tech, and Keith Miller, graphics manager.

REUNION

The Academy Class of 1970 will hold its 45th reunion the weekend of August 21-23, with events planned for the Sunflower Club (alumni only), Erie Golf Club, and the Erie Maennerchor. For more information, call Lee-Ann Callista Czytuck at 881-1038 or Pat Rogan at 323-3085.

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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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