

## Local Police Officer Dead in Tragic Hit and Run

By: Jenna Devinney  
Harborcreek—A local Harborcreek Police officer died in a tragic hit and run accident on the Bayfront yesterday afternoon. He was identified as Officer Jared Jones a 42-year-old local native.

Officer Jones was supposedly parked on the side of the road with his motorcycle, where he just finished giving a ticket to a car that was speeding. Witnesses state he did not even get a chance to get back on his bike before a white Ford Fusion going approximately 45 miles an hour straight towards Jones.

Witness Amy Sharp states, "All I heard was a scratching sound from tires and a big bang. I turned around, and the Officer was laying on the ground, and his motorcycle was laying on the side of the road."

The car who hit the officer was a white Ford Fusion, that's all I could see the driver did not get out of the car, just drove away immediately after. It almost was like he was aiming for the Police officer who was parked on the side of the road." Said by Jeff Jenkins, another witness.

Officials from Harborcreek are still investigating who was driving the car and why they wanted to attack Jones the night of October 5, 2017.

Officer Jones was a local Harborcreek native where he attended Harborcreek High school and continued his education at Mercyhurst University.

"He was a great friend and even greater father and husband. He will be truly missed. It is sad that this has to happen to such a great person." - Captain James Smith

He is survived by his former wife Michelle Jones, and two children Ellie, and Jacob Jones. His Parents Clark and Kathy Jones, and siblings John (Elizabeth) Jones and Natalie (Chris) Hadley.

Private services will be held for friends and family on Monday, Oct. 9.

## "Up for Job" Initiative Passed by Erie Council

By: Jenna Devinney  
ERIE COUNTY- In the monthly Erie County Council meeting that was held on Tuesday, Oct. 3, discussions were held about the "Up for Job" Initiative by the board and the concerned public.

In last months meeting, the initiative to bring jobs back to Erie was first proposed to the board for \$102,000 for 12 months, which sparked much criticism but in Tuesdays meeting the Amendment Ordinance was passed 6-1 for \$36,000 for six months.

Gary Lee, Director of Administrations of Erie County, states, "Instead of putting things off for down the road, we are excited to get to do it right now."

Scott Slawson of Millcreek Township was one of the three who spoke from the public. "Zorn's, Hammermill, Saris, General Electric have all moved on. We're watching our population dwindle, workers are leaving, and skill level is leaving. We are not willing to give up on Erie, many people leave, and that is why we come back



because we love it here. There is no reason why we can't attract manufacturers with our low cost of living, beautiful area, a body

of fresh water, railroad access, and an airport." Mr. Edward Dimattio Jr of the Erie County Council made a

statement before the amendment and ordinance voting, "I understand where everyone is coming from and I agree 100%. I have family members that are going to lose their jobs at General Electric, I had family members lose jobs from Kiser Aluminum, Stairs, International Paper, and we can go on about those factories. This is not the problem this has been going on for thirty years. If someone can tell me where we are going to start and end up. We have had failed proposals after failed proposals from economic development in Erie. We need a plan, if you give me something, then I will back it up 100%."

Gary Lee, states that he hopes to extend in the future, but will for now focus on the first six months then will measure our success for future growth.

## 2017 Country Record for Overdose Deaths

By: Jenna Devinney  
ERIE- Drugs such as heroin and cocaine are a big problem in the Erie County. Walking outside in downtown Erie with your friends, family and children you can walk right past a drug deal without even realizing it. Times are bad, especially in Erie, where you can find drugs easier than ever before. They are all around us and we must stop this and save innocent lives.

Mike Rencil a local from Springfield, attended the Erie Council Meeting on Oct. 3 with a big concern with Erie's Drugs and Alcohol problem. "Two friends of mine got involved with drugs and died. Another friend of mine got shot by his wife in February, people sold him drugs and he had a drinking problem. Although his cause of death was from a gun shot, I blame drugs. James Segrees was 21, and also my friend, he was involved with a marijuana deal and got shot. I know most of these people who do this. I see these people at the grocery store, and I do not want to be involved in this anymore. I have two rental properties on 16th street and as I cut grass I see people going in and out of this drug house. I am worried for what Erie, and the easy access to drugs on our streets needs to be handled."

According to ErieNews.com the year 2017 now holds the most overdose deaths in the country. As of August 21st, there has been 95 overdose deaths in the Erie Area, that's was the total number of deaths in 2016. See A2



## Erie Local Travels the World

By: Jenna Devinney  
MILCREEK- A local Millcreek girl always had a dream to travel the world, and now that she is

all grown up it's about time to travel the globe. Carolyn Tome had lived in Erie her entire life; she was born in the city and moved to Millcreek Township when she was just a baby with her parents and her older brother Adam.

Tome followed her mother's footsteps and attended Mercyhurst Prep High School where she was involved in the dance team, musical theatre, and National Art Honors Society. After High School, she decided to stay in Erie and continue her education at Penn State Behrend where she studies Communication and is involved with many activities on campus.

Tome is the Executive Director of the Student Programming Board, and the Lion Entertainment Board. She is also involved in Gamma Sigma Sigma, which is a service sorority on campus and has a BVZ radio show on campus since her freshman year. See A10

## Local Professor Passes Away in Car Crash



By: Jenna Devinney  
BOWEN, Karrie Ann age 46, of Harborcreek, passed away on Tuesday October 3, 2017 at UPMC Hamot Hospital from injuries sustained in a tragic automobile accident on Oct. 2 in Harborcreek Township.

Karrie was born January 30, 1971 in Sayre,

Pa. She graduated from Northeast Bradford Jr/Sr High School. Karrie attended Edinboro University and received a bachelors of Arts degree in speech and Communications Studies in 1997, and then received her Masters from Edinboro University in Communications in 2002.

She started her teaching career in 2000 at Broome Community College, in 2007-2014 she continued her teaching career at Penn State Brandywine and soon after she accepted a job at the local University Penn State Behrend in 2014 as a Lecturer in Social Media, Public Relations, and Media Productions.

She is survived by her former husband, Stephen Yevchak, daughter, RuthAnn (Ruthie) Dave, and Stepdaughter Marley Yevchak. Parents, Barry and Kathleen Bowen. Brothers and sisters Brian (Nancy) Bowen, and nephew Theodore Bowen and niece Kathleen Bowen.

Services will be Mon. Oct. 9 7-9, and Tuesday Oct. 10 2-4, 7-9 at Burton Funeral Home, 602 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16502. Burial will be held at Lakeside Cemetery on Wed. Oct. 11 at 10am.

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