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Region's jobless rates fall

Erie, Crawford counties both add to work force

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The Erie region made modest employment gains in March, giving some hope that the local economy could be on the path to a slow and steady rebound.

A report being released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry shows that Erie County's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped back to 10 percent in March after climbing a tenth of a percentage point in February.

The March unemployment rate for

Crawford County was also 10 percent, down from 10.3 percent in February. It was the third straight month of employment gains for Crawford County, which ended 2009 with an 11 percent unemployment rate.

The rates in both counties are still higher than the state and federal lev-

els. The unemployment rate for Pennsylvania was 9.0 percent in March, while the U.S. unemployment rate was 9.7 percent, according to the state Department of Labor and Industry.

But the good news is that the Erie

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percent

The March unemployment rate in both Erie and Crawford counties.

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Scott Russell, 13, takes video of his sister Kaylee, 5, to be posted on YouTube.

On video

Local residents make use
of 5-year-old YouTube

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If you took a YouTube tour of Erie, from a cell phone in Chicago to a laptop in China, what would you see?

You'd see videos of families relaxing on area beaches, and roller-coaster enthusiasts at Waldameer Park & Water World recording from a front-seat point of view.

You'd see a disgraced city police officer, the Millcreek Mall Santa Claus, and prominent politicians campaigning for the presidency.

You'd also see Scott Russell, a 13-year-old student at Harding School, videotaping his mother folding laundry in their kitchen,

and Randy Rajewski, a McKean resident, with his digital camera zoomed in on his daughter, Megan, during her horseback riding lessons.

YouTube, the world's largest streaming video Web site, turned 5 this month. The first video was uploaded April 23, 2005: a 19-second clip of elephants at the San Diego Zoo.

Since then, YouTube has become one of the most dominant forms of media and online social networking in the world, a site that has drawn the participation of thousands across the Erie region.

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LOCAL HITS ON YOUTUBE



ERIE POLICE OFFICER IN BAR: James Cousins II jokes about homicide victim Rondale Jennings Sr.
■ Posted April 16, 2009, by jezz4lenk0.
■ 93,537 views as of Monday night.



CANDIDATE OBAMA: Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama visits Erie.
■ Posted April 18, 2008, by BarackObama.com.
■ 37,821 views as of Monday night.

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Funeral set for Russian Orthodox bishop

By DANA MASSING
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Bishop Daniel, the Russian Orthodox bishop of Erie, died Monday at age 79. A native of Russia, he moved to the U.S. in 1949 and is today being remem-

bered as an accomplished iconographer, architect and loving shepherd.

"As a bishop, he was a very pastoral man and a man of great prayer," the Rev. Pimen Simon, rector of Erie's Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity of Christ, said.

"He was extremely gentle with everyone," Simon said.

The Church of the Nativity was Bishop Daniel's cathedral and his only parish. In the 1970s, the bishop helped heal a

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Bishop Daniel, shown here in 2003, died Monday in Erie.

Fatal county crash affects several

Student killed;
residents left
without home

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WATERFORD — Lois Clarkson was standing at her kitchen sink, still wearing her nightgown, when she felt her Waterford Township home shake late Sunday morning.

A 2007 Honda Civic had crashed into the west side of the 91-year-old woman's house, leaving a gaping hole in the foundation.

"She thought it was an earthquake," said her daughter, Carol-Ann Roberts. "We're lucky she wasn't in her bedroom. That's where the car struck, and it's in shambles."

Nathaniel James Lemock, 21, of Haskins Road, Waterford, lost control of the car while driving east on Old State Road at a high rate of speed, state police said. The car traveled off the road, spun counterclockwise and slid about 180 feet before striking the house.

Lemock, a junior plastics engineering technology major at Penn State-Behrend, died from his injuries.

A 17-year-old male passenger in the Civic remained hospitalized Monday at Hamot Medical Center. State police would not release the teen's name because of his age.

The injured teen's parents asked that no information be released about his medical condition, Hamot spokeswoman Lucia Conti said.

Clarkson was not injured in the accident, though she was taken to Millcreek Community Hospital for an examination, Roberts said. She is temporarily living at a local nursing home.

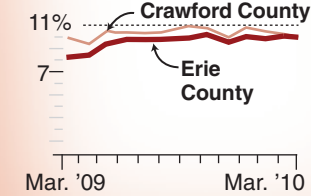
"A lady came to the house right after the accident and put a coat

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Unemployment rates

The jobless rates in Erie and Crawford counties dropped during March. How the rates compare with a year ago:

	Mar. '09	Mar. '10	Change
Crawford Co.	9.2	10.0	⬆️ 0.8
Erie County	8.0	10.0	⬆️ 2.0
Allentown	8.3	9.8	⬆️ 1.5
Oil City area	8.6	9.7	⬆️ 1.1
Nation	8.5	9.7	⬆️ 1.2
Philadelphia	7.9	9.2	⬆️ 1.3
Pennsylvania	7.8	9.0	⬆️ 1.2
Warren area	7.7	8.6	⬆️ 0.9
Pittsburgh	7.2	8.4	⬆️ 1.2



NOTE: Seasonally adjusted rates used.
SOURCE: Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

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Jobless: Rates fall in 2 counties

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and Crawford rates moved in a positive direction, while the state unemployment rate went up a tenth of a percentage point in March, and the federal rate has remained unchanged since January, said Lauren Nimal, industry and business analyst for the Department of Labor & Industry.

Both counties added jobs in March.

The biggest gain in Erie County was in leisure and hospitality, where the 12,200 people working in that sector represented a 2.5 percent increase over February's number.

The 300-worker increase was due in part to increases typically seen at this time of year, when seasonal businesses like golf courses begin picking up, Nimal said.

A notable gain in Crawford County was in manufacturing, as the number of workers climbed from 6,300 in January and February to 6,400 in March. Crawford County had 6,800 manufacturing jobs in March 2009.

Erie County's manufacturing jobs remained steady for the third straight month in March, at 18,700. The county had 21,800 manufacturing jobs in March 2009.

Service-providing jobs as a whole in Erie County grew by 600 to 101,900 in March. That number included slight increases in retail trade, professional and business services, and education and health services, according to the state Department of Labor & Industry data.

Service-providing jobs increased by 100 positions to 23,200 in Crawford County in March.

"Overall, there were more increases than decreases, and that's definitely a good sign," Nimal said. "They're small moves, but overall it's heading in the right direction."

Charles Campagne, president of Career Concepts Staffing Services, can speak to that.

Campagne said his company is seeing growth in job opportunities at its Erie and Meadville offices.

"It's sort of across the board," Campagne said. "It seems all of the companies that have slowed down are starting to get orders. I don't know how long-term it is, but it's positive."

Campagne added that, the way things are going now, the region's unemployment numbers could drop by another full percentage point by the end of May.

"I think it's just a matter of waiting things out and trying to be as positive as we can," he said.

Any increase in jobs, even a slight upturn in manufacturing, is good news for the Erie region, said Jim Kurre, professor of economics at Penn State Behrend and director of the Economic Research Institute of Erie.

Some economists have said that the nation's recession ended in 2009.

As Erie typically follows several months behind the national trends, it would seem that it is now Erie's turn to start turning around, Kurre said.

"Maybe this is the turn-around," he said. "But my guess is, we have to see a few more months to see a pattern where we've reached the bottom and we're starting to climb out."

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Fatal: Many affected by crash

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on Mom," Roberts said. "Within 10 minutes she was in a car, getting warm."

Roberts and her husband, Charles, also live in the house. They, too, must find temporary living arrangements.

The accident left a hole in the house. A ribbon of yellow caution tape encircled the home.

"The firemen said it's not safe to live there," Roberts said. "The chimney is cracked, the entire house is cracked."

Roberts, who was at church at the time of the accident, was home Monday afternoon to meet with an insurance adjuster and collect a few of her mother's belongings, including a Bible.

Cars, trucks and motorcycles often speed along the stretch of Old State Road that runs by the house, Roberts said.

"I knew something like this could happen," she said. "But I never thought it would happen to my house."

The Behrend community, meanwhile, is mourning Lemock's death.

According to an e-mail sent to Behrend students, faculty and employees Monday, Lemock was a member of the school's Chi Alpha Christian fellowship. He also had an Internet site that



CarolAnn Roberts, of Waterford Township, shows where the car struck her 91-year-old mother's house.

JACK HANRAHAN/Erie Times-News

explained in detail his interest in plastics engineering.

"Plastics have only begun to shape the way we live," Lemock wrote on the site. "In the future the potential for growth of the plastics industry is large."

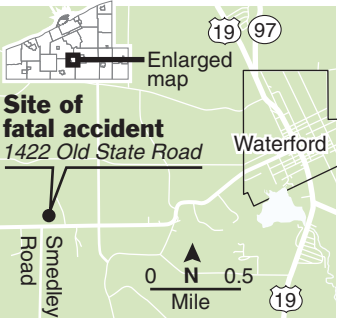
Lemock was also active in Behrend's Alternative Spring Break program, which took him and other Behrend students to New Orleans in March and to Gulfport, Miss., in 2008 to help residents of those areas clean up and rebuild

after Hurricane Katrina.

"Nate was just one of those good-natured people that you always wanted to be around," said Claire Chadwick, director of Behrend's Protestant Campus Ministry. Chadwick was among

Where it happened

Nathaniel James Lemock, 21, lost control of his 2007 Honda Civic coupe and crashed into a home on Old State Road in Waterford Township on Sunday. Lemock died as a result. A 17-year-old passenger suffered "major" injuries.



SOURCE: State police at Lawrence Park

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the Behrend staff members who accompanied students on the Alternative Spring Break trips.

"He always had a smile on his face," Chadwick said. "He was always happy."

Behrend spokeswoman Sue Scarpino said that free, confidential grief counseling is being made available to the Behrend community.

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FISHING: John Fuhrmann, head of a state steelhead group, talks about Erie County streams. ■ Posted three years ago, by joeappel1. ■ 35,324 views as of Monday night.



TOURISM: VisitErie, Erie County's tourism promotion agency, markets the region. ■ Posted a year ago by christourism. ■ 12,193 views as of Monday night.



FUN: Erie Times-News and GoErie.com produced a point-of-view video aboard the Ravine Flyer II. ■ Posted a year ago by goerievideo. ■ 1,164 views as of Monday night.



HORSEBACK RIDING: Megan Rajecki, of McKean, learns to ride a horse. ■ Posted March 5, 2010, by FearlessJumper21. ■ 52 views as of Monday night.



Here are more examples of YouTube videos featuring people, places and events close to Erie.



WINTER WONDERS: Scott Russell compares his snowman with his sister's snowman. ■ Posted two months ago by scotty3590. ■ 19 views as of Monday night.

YouTube: Videos popular in area

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The first of about two dozen videos that Russell has posted on YouTube in the past year showed the Erie teenager playing piano. Sort of.

"I can't really play piano. But my friends at school saw it and were cracking up," said Russell, who goes by the YouTube username scotty3590. Many of his rather comical videos, one of which shows him making snow angels while wearing shorts, are recorded by his 5-year-old sister, Kaylee.

"We've always watched funny YouTube videos (as a family). Finally I just said we should make our own," Russell said. "We have a great time doing it."

Erie's YouTube presence — which consists of about 10,000 different videos, depending on which words you type into the search bar — runs the gamut from the serious to the silly.

You won't see anything remotely close to the 190 million views that Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" video has garnered, which last week made it the most-viewed video of all time on the site.

But several local YouTube videos have tens of thousands of views, most notably the controversial April 2009 clip showing off-duty Erie Bureau

of Police officer James Cousins II filmed in a bar and mocking a man who had been shot to death. The explosive video became a national story, airing on CNN, and Cousins was suspended from the force for 10 days.

The rest of the wide variety of user-generated content filmed in the region offers much-lighter fare.

Popular steelhead fishing spots, people out walking in snowstorms, and spoofs on MTV's "Cribs." Classic-car shows, advertisements offering the services of lawyers, car dealers and wedding disc jockeys, and two teenage girls sending out a plea begging the Jonas Brothers to play a concert in Erie.

With its accessible, easy-to-use format, YouTube's worldwide appeal is limitless, tailor-made for a visual generation immersed in immediacy and craving interpersonal connections online.

"We are social animals by nature, we want to tell people what we did or saw. With YouTube, you can show them," said Mark Steensland, a local filmmaker and lecturer in media production at Penn State Behrend. He has posted nearly 20 videos, primarily his collection of short films.

"We're seeing it manifest in all forms of online social media and net-

working," Steensland added. "People passing on stories, sharing their lives with each other."

Jenelle Dombrowski, a 27-year-old photographer who works at the Erie City Mission Donation Center, will often intertwine YouTube videos and her Facebook page to reflect her mood.

If she's feeling nostalgic, which is often, you'll see a clip from country music legend Patsy Cline. If she's channeling the 1960s, Dombrowski will post something from the English rock band the Zombies.

A funny mood once had her link to her Facebook status a ridiculous video of a dancing teenager wearing a scary clown mask and bonking her head on a TV.

Dombrowski said she checks out YouTube at least once a day every day, curious to see what she'll come across next.

"I have this love for vintage things, and I was watching this video of Marilyn Monroe entertaining the troops," she said recently. "I was so enthralled. Seeing it, I felt like I was there."

YouTube also can be used as a tourism marketing tool, said John Oliver, president of VisitErie.

Erie County's primary tourism agency produced a video in 2008 for

the site, a highlight reel for the region that has drawn more than 12,000 views.

"People are going to YouTube more and more to look at videos when they're considering vacation destinations," Oliver said. He added that VisitErie also has paired up with Pennsylvania's Great Lakes Region, a four-county tourism group, to jointly market the area with other videos on YouTube.

"YouTube allows us to reach the world," Oliver said, "while expending very little money."

Megan Rajecki also has reached the world through YouTube.

The 12-year-old McKean resident, who goes by the username FearlessJumper21, has posted about 20 videos of her horseback riding lessons over the past year.

Friends and relatives have told her how much they like her clips, but it's the comments she receives from people in other countries that impress her the most.

"Horse riders and owners from Germany and Australia have said that I'm a good rider," she said. "It's really cool, knowing people from all over the world are watching me."

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Bishop: Russian Orthodox leader dies at 79

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three-century schism in the Russian Orthodox Church, which in turn led to a 1983 reunion between it and the Old Rite church in Erie, according to information from his church.

Born Dimitri Borisovich Alexandrow, he was given the name Daniel when he was tonsured as a monk in 1988, according to the Web site of the Eastern American Diocese of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad.

He was consecrated as bishop

FUNERAL SCHEDULE

- **Memorial service:** Today, 3-4 p.m., followed by vespers and matins, 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Visitation and liturgy:** 7:30 a.m., followed by hierarchal funeral service, 9:30 a.m.
- **Where:** Church of the Nativity of Christ, 251 Front St.
- **More information:** Obituary, 3B.

of Erie in August 1988.

During his tenure here, Bishop Daniel ordained three deacons and a priest.

He was ordained to the priesthood of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia in 1965. He had graduated from Trinity Theological Seminary in Jordanville, N.Y., in 1958.

Bishop Daniel moved to New Jersey with his mother in 1949. Before that, they lived in Romania, Austria and Switzerland and had spent time in a camp for displaced persons after World War II.

They left Russia in 1944. His father was executed by the Bolsheviks.

Besides painting icons and de-

signing churches, Bishop Daniel spoke a dozen languages.

Simon said the bishop taught himself Spanish by reading the Bible, a book he knew well, in that language.

"He probably was one of the most brilliant men I've ever known in my life," Simon said.

The bishop suffered from poor health in recent years and had been at Saint Mary's Home East since surgery earlier this year.

"His body will lay in state in the church during services (today)," Simon said.

He said a funeral is scheduled for Wednesday with Bishop George, of Mayfield, presiding.

With the death of Bishop Daniel, Simon said the Russian Orthodox Church will have to decide whether to consecrate another bishop for the Old Rite parish in Erie. In the meantime, he said, the church will be directly under Metropolitan Hilarion, head of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia.

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Bishop Daniel Alexandrow

Bishop Daniel Alexandrow, Russian Orthodox Bishop of Erie and the Old Rite, reposed on Monday, April 26, 2010. Bishop Daniel of Erie was born Dimitri Borisovich Alexandrow on September 15, 1930 in Odessa, Russia into a soldier's family. His maternal grandfather was governor of Alaska during the Russian Empire. In 1938, Dimitri Alexandrow's father was arrested by the Bolsheviks and executed.

In 1944, during the occupation of Odessa by the Romanian army, he became a member of the choir in his church. That same year he immigrated with his mother to Romania, later moving to Austria. After the war he lived in a camp for Displaced Persons at Feldkirchen, later moving to Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1949 Dimitri Alexandrow moved to the United States and settled in New Jersey, where he met and befriended Pimen Sofronov, the famous Old Ritualist iconographer. Sofronov taught him how to paint Orthodox icons and the two of them spent several years traveling to many parishes, beautifying them with the images of Christ and the saints.

He graduated with honors from Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, New York in 1958 and was ordained to the priesthood by Metropolitan Philaret of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia (ROCOR) in 1965. While serving as a priest, Father Dimitri continued to paint icons and also demonstrated a mastery of architecture, designing various churches including the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Washington, D.C.

In 1974, Father Dimitri played a major role in healing a 300-year-old schism in the Russian Orthodox Church. Since the 17th Century, followers of the Old Rite of the Russian Orthodox Church had been anathematized for refusing to accept reforms that had been introduced in 1653. Father Dimitri introduced a draft that was soon ratified by the Synod of Bishops, lifting all anathemas against the Old Ritualists. It was this act that would lead the Old Rite Church of the Nativity in Erie, Pennsylvania to reunite with the rest of the Russian Orthodox Church in 1983.

In 1988, the Synod of Bishops chose to consecrate Father Dimitri as the first bishop in 300 years to be ordained for the Old Rite. He was first tonsured as a monk and given the name of Daniel. On August 26, 1988, he was consecrated as the Bishop of Erie and the Old Rite and the Church of the Nativity in Erie became his cathedral.

During his tenure, Bishop Daniel ordained three deacons and one priest. He also concelebrated the consecration of Bishop John of Caracas and Venezuela. He was a world-renowned iconographer, architect and translator, and was an expert in an ancient style of church singing known as Znamenny Chant.

A hierarchal funeral service will be held on Wednesday morning in the Russian Orthodox Church of the Nativity, 251 East Front Street. Hours and Liturgy will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the funeral service will follow immediately thereafter at 9:30 a.m. He will be buried at St. John the Divine Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Church of the Nativity Endowment Fund.