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TransFamily Support Group starting up this month

from Caitlyn

I would like to invite everyone to attend the new TransFamily of Erie support group meeting in Erie, PA. Our “inaugural” meeting is Saturday July 28.

TransFamily of Erie is a new support group created to serve the transgender community in western PA and eastern OH and their loved ones. It provides a safe space for all who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or are searching. This includes all transgender subcategories (e.g. FTM, MTF, cross dresser, genderqueer, questioning, etc.). Family members of all ages, friends, parents and spouses are welcome at the meetings. Please share this invite with everyone you feel may be interested!

Meetings are held from 2 - 5pm on the 4th Saturday of each month at Mental Health Association of Northwest PA (MHA - 1101 Peach St. Erie, PA, 16501) Meetings consist of group discussion around some topic of interest, followed by time for social interaction. Please bring some type of snack to share. Parking in the MHA parking lot is free.

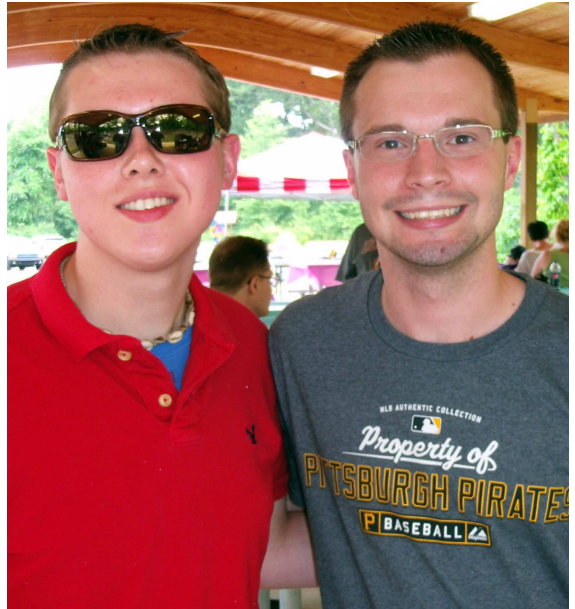
If you have any questions or would like additional information, or if you need immediate assistance with a trans-related issue, please contact me by e-mail at caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net or by phone at 814-823-1969.

I hope that you will join us!

LGBT Table at Blues and Jazz Fest

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. will have an LGBT community table at the Erie Art Museum’s 20th Blues and Jazz Festival. The festival runs Saturday August 4 to Sunday, August 5 in Frontier Park at W 8th and the Bayfront Parkway, in Erie. There has been an LGBT table for several years now, and this is a great way to reach out to the greater Erie community in a fun and relaxed setting. Individuals are welcome to stop by to just say hello or to help staff the table. We usually run from noon to about 8 PM each day. Other related groups



Straight ally Tim Emery and PFLAG Butler President Mitch Hortert at the PFLAG Butler Picnic on July 15. More photos on our website. Photo: Mike Mahler

are very much welcome to also share table space, but we do ask that your group has representatives to help staff at least part of the event. To let us know, either register online at <http://www.eriegaynews.com/pride> and fill in the name of your organization for Group name for info table or contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or mmahler@nwpapride.org.

Afternoon for Equality July 29

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) presents 2nd Annual Afternoon for Equality on Sunday, July 29, 4-6 PM at 21 La Rue Dix (21 West 10th Street) Come celebrate equality with other straight and gay friends and supporters; the end of Don't Ask,

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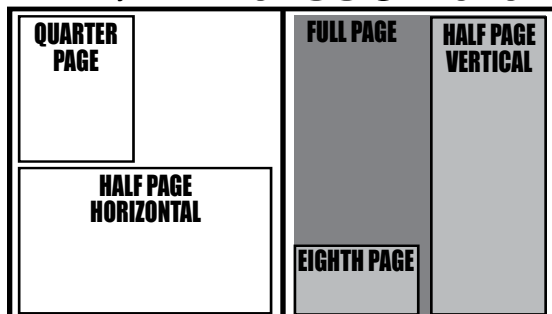
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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender people (GLBTs), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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To The Zone Dance Club for hosting; Ernie Staaf, Jerry McCumber, Joe Tottleben, Johauna, Julie, and Lisa for folding; Erin Moll, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, and Julie for distribution; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

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For tickets, contact any board member. Board members are listed on our website, greatereriealliance.com/board-of-directors. "It is the mission of the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Inc. to help bring the LGBT community and its straight allies together through social events, educational programs and informational opportunities designed to strengthen our voice and enhance our image in the region." – greatereriealliance.com

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality is a 501 (c) 3 organization as outlined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Donations made to GEAE are tax deductible on federal income tax returns to the extent allowable by law.

Leukemia/Lymphoma Benefit at the Zone

from Michelle Michaels

On Wednesday, May 9 at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA, we helped raise money for the fight against leukemia and lymphoma and Kristen Bailey was behind it. We raised over \$1,700 and within 10 weeks Kristen raised 22,000 and became Woman of the Year.

Thanks go out to Alaska Thunderfuck, Michelle Michaels, Celine Dashawn, Misty Kall, Velvet Lace, Buffy Lynn Hayes, and the Erie crowd for always coming out to help me and help others! Photos by Deb Spilko for Erie Gay News.

Photos of the event are online at www.eriegaynews.com

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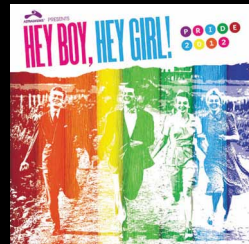
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Millcreek 4th of July Parade

from NW PA Pride Alliance

For the 7th year in a row, there was an LGBT contingent in the Millcreek 4th of July parade. About 25 people marched in the LGBT contingent, and the response was quite positive.

The parade typically draws around 20,000 spectators and is one of the largest in the region. NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc was the principal organizer. Other groups participating included Erie Gay News, Erie Sisters, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and PFLAG -Erie/Crawford County. There were also a number of individuals who marched with us who weren't particularly affiliated with a group, including openly gay Jamestown NY City Council President Greg Rabb, Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus co-founder Michael Bardo, Mike & Merideth Paff, a young straight couple who brought their two sons in a stroller, and LGBT friends from Oil City. Special thanks to Michael Coleman for taking photos.



A couple dozen people showed up to march in the LGBT contingent of the Millcreek July 4th Parade. More photos on www.eriegaynews.com

Photo by Michael Coleman.



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2012 Pride Parade & Rally Aug 25

from NWPA Pride

On Saturday, August 25, Erie will once again have a Pride Parade & Rally.

For further info contact Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: mmahler@nwpapride.org. Browse to www.nwpapride.org.

Pride Parade

We will assemble for the Pride Parade at 12 noon at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W. 18th St.

We will step off at 1 PM and proceed down State Street to Perry Square for the rally.

People who are not affiliated with any particular group are also very much welcome to march with us! If you want to march, but aren't up for marching the entire route, join us anywhere that you want to start along the State Street route.

Pride Rally

The Pride Rally in Perry Square begins at 2 PM and will include speakers and performers.

Please check in at the registration table when you arrive in Perry Square. We have a FREE Pride CD for everyone checking in, while supplies last!

The rally will include a variety of performers, speakers, vendors and information tables. We will also have a Dunk a Drag Queen booth. **The deadline for reserving vendor/info tables is Saturday, August 11!**

Donations

As for other Pride events, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. You may either bring your items with you to the Zone and drop them off before you march, or bring them directly to Perry Square for the rally.

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40 percent of homeless youth are LGBT kids

San Diego Gay and Lesbian News

LOS ANGELES – About 40 percent of homeless youth are LGBT, and nearly all homeless youth service providers in the U.S. now serve LGBT youth, according to a comprehensive report on LGBT youth homelessness released Thursday.

Nearly seven in 10 (68 percent) respondents indicated that family rejection was a major factor contributing to LGBT youth homelessness, making it the most cited factor. More than half (54 percent) of respondents indicated that abuse in their family was another important factor contributing to LGBT homelessness.

The data comes from the LGBT Homeless Youth Provider Survey, a web-based survey conducted from October 2011 through March 2012 as a collaboration by The Palette Fund, True Colors Fund and the Williams Institute.

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July 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA.) 7 PM. Erie Sisters is a local transgender support group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. Dinner out and dancing at the Zone will follow the meeting. (440) 265-8191. <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Jul 28 (Sat) - Camp Davis Christmas in July Weekend 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Gift Exchange 8 pm Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Jul 29 (Sun) - Dancin' in the Streets, 2PM until 11PM on Clifton Blvd. between W. 116th and 117th St. in Cleveland. Free admission with suggested dona-

tion. 28th year for this AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland fundraiser.

Jul 29 (Sun) - 2nd Annual Afternoon for Equality Fundraiser (21 la rue dix, 21 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 PM - 6 PM. Please join us again this year to help raise funds for the work of GEAE. Individual ticket sales will start soon; \$100 host and \$250 sponsor options available. This year we will celebrate the end of DADT and detail what GEAE has accomplished in 2011 and 2012 for the greater Erie community Phone: (866) 229-1974. Email: GEAEinfo@gmail.com. Browse to <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Jul 30 (Mon) - Craze Night Club Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 11:30 PM. (814) 456-3027. www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jul 31 - Aug 3 (Tue - Fri) - Jones Pond Vacation Week 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Plan your vacation at The Pond. Activities every day and evening! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 2 (Thu) - Paula Poundstone at Lucy Fest In



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Aug 2 - Garden Party to benefit SafeNet

Aug 3 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)
(Bullfrog Bar, 3864 Peach St, Erie, PA 16509). 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Aug 3 - 19 (Fri - Sun) - "9 to 5: The Musical" at Erie Playhouse 13 West 10th Street, Erie, PA. The hit movie is now a hit musical featuring a new score by Dolly Parton. In a farcical turn of events, Violet, Judy and Doralee live out their wildest fantasy - giving their "sexist, egotistical, lying, hypocritical bigot" of a boss the boot - but soon their schemes spin wildly and hilariously out of control. Adult Situations/Language. Phone: (814)454-2852. Email: info@erieplayhouse.org. Browse to www.erieplayhouse.org/.

Aug 3 - 4 (Fri - Sat) - Island Heat Summer Party at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Don't let your

summer turn into a bummer! On Friday, August 3, and Saturday, August 4, we're gonna heat up the island with one big summer party! Enjoy two great nights of fun dancing, frozen drinks, and some great summertime shots! Surf on in with your favorite swim trunks or bikinis! There's sure to be some great waves! Come to the islands and get lei'd! August 3rd and 4th! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Aug 3 - 5 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Black Leather-Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Mr Jones Pond Leather Contest. Sat. Night Devil's Lair Underworld Party. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 4 (Sat) - Camp Davis Jocks & Socks Weekend 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicscampground.com.

Aug 4 - "Veronica's Girls" at Rock'n Rick's 543

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Aug 4 - 26 - "Mommie Queerest" opens at Buffalo United Artists www.buffalobua.org/

Aug 4 - 5 (Sat - Sun) - LGBT Table at the Blues and Jazz Fest (Frontier Park, 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16502) For the 4th year, there will be an LGBT table at the Erie Blues and Jazz Fest. We invite all friends and supporters to spend a nice day hanging out with friends and reaching out to the greater community in a fun and easy way! Please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com. The cell is (814) 746-9281. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: mmahler@nwpapride.org. Browse to www.nwpapride.org.

Aug 7 to 12 (Tue - Sun) - Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, www.michfest.com.

Aug 10. (Fri) K.D. Lang at Chautauqua.- Chautauqua Amphitheatre Visit www.ciweb.org

Aug 10 - 12 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Mardi Gras Beads and Boys Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Mardi Gras Festival sponsored by the 100 Block of Seasonal Campers. Golf Cart Parade - Prizes for Best Golf Cart. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 10 (Fri) - LBT Women: Come and Hang With The Beans and k.d.lang (Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY 14722) 8:15 PM. The ampitheatre is a small intimate venue, and uses non-reserved, bench-style, festival seating, first-come (festival seating) basis. For evening entertainment, gates open at approximately 7 p.m. ** You must also have a gate pass or entertainment ticket to enter the event. The preferred seating add-on alone will not permit entrance into the event. Several of the Beans ahead have purchased their tickets. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to see kd lang up close and personal! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>. Browse to venue web site www.ciweb.org/.

Aug 11 (Sat) - ACLU NW PA Chapter meets (Erie, PA) Contact for meeting details. Email: northwestchapter@aclupa.org. Browse to www.aclupa.org/chapters/northwestpa/.

Aug 11 (Sat) - Camp Davis Bears in the Woods Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers,

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PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavis-campground.com.

Aug 12 (Sun) - Pride Planning meeting (Panera's - Yorktown, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA) 2:30 PM. NW PA Pride Alliance meets to plan the Pride Parade and Rally on August 25 and so much more! All are welcome to help out. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: mmahler@nwpapride.org. Browse to www.nwpapride.org.

Aug 12 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Help us plan events! This will be followed by a movie -*Volcanoes of the Deep Sea* at the TREC Big Green Screen \$5.00 Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Aug 13 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy Erie. 7 - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and

transgendered people. Phone: (814) 456-0901. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Aug 13 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News September 2012 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of August 21. For complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Aug 14 - 18 (Tue - Sat) - Dreams of Hope QAMP for LGBT Youth (Emma Kaufmann Camp, 297 Emma Kaufmann Camp Rd, Morgantown, WV 26508) Dreams of Hope's overnight camp for LG-BTA youth ages 13-17 Cost for QAMP is on a sliding scale based on need. Go to www.dreamsofhope.org/camp for application materials. Browse to www.dreamsofhope.org/.

Aug 17 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night at Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 10 PM. Join the Bears for a night of hot summer fun! Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Aug 17 - 19 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Hollywood Nights Weekend 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. High hats, high heels and high balls—dress to impress! Hollywood Red Carpet Premier Party- BBVS Punchbowl. (Bring bottle of vodka to share.) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Aug 18 (Sat) - 4th Annual LBT Women of Erie Picnic (Kim and Andrea's, Erie, PA) PM. Please bring a dish to share and whatever you would like to drink.



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Aug 18 (Sat) - Camp Davis Leather Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.

Aug 18 (Sat) - Toronto Festival of Queer Arts and Culture <http://artsfestival.queerwest.org/> Passport needed for border crossing.

Aug 19 (Sun) - LBT Women Annual Pontoon Boat Ride and Picnic (Presque Isle State Park at the Lagoons, 301 Peninsula Drv #1, Erie, PA 16505) 10 AM. We have an ALL BEAN BOAT leaving at 10 am for a tour of the lagoons. Those signed up for the 10 am tour are Laurie, Jan, Kim, Andrea, Robin, Barb, Dee F, Johauna, Papa, Tina, Julie, Colleen, Jen, Holly, and Ethan. (15) If any of those listed are not able to go, please let me know ASAP! There is at this time room for one more person on the 10 AM boat. Donations are accepted and all monies go to Presque Isle State Park. E-mail me at LFinch003@neo.rr.com if you are

interested or want to be put on the waiting list. There is a public tour boat leaving at 11 AM. If anyone would like to go on that tour, you need to be at the Pontoon Station in the lagoons canoe livery area before 10 am to sign up for 11 AM boat. All rides are free, and are popular, so get there early to sign up! First come, first served. After the pontoon boat ride we'll hang around the beach for a picnic. Bring a dish to share, table service and whatever non-alcoholic drink you wish. (Alcohol not permitted on Park) If you'd like to bring cards, chairs, or lawn game, please feel free to do so. Any of you who have kayaks or canoes, bring them too. We will check out the lagoons! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Aug 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Show at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie. 10:30 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the third Sunday. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.



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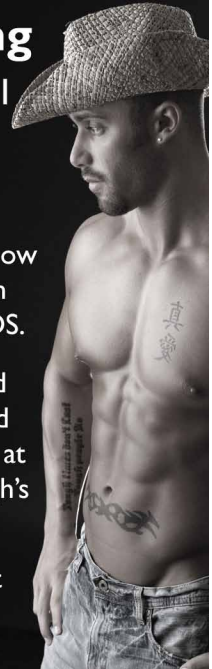
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Aug 21 (Tue) - Eric Gay News folding/distribution work party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Eric Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. 21 and over, please (alcohol establishment). It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! You can also sign up for the Eric GLBT News and Events list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/>. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. com.

Aug 24 - 26 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Cowboys and Indians Weekend 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Wild West Rodeo Party. Sponsored by the 400 Block of Seasonal Campers. Line Dance and 2-Step Workshop. Hoedown at the Barn. P(585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Aug 25 (Sat) - 2012 Pride Parade (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 12 PM. We will assemble at 12:00 at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St for the Pride March. We will step off at 1:00 PM and proceed down State Street to Perry Square at 6th and State Street for the rally. People marching unaffiliated with any particular group are also very much welcome! If you want to march, but aren't up for marching the entire route, join us anywhere along the State Street route. As for other Pride events, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: mmahler@nwpapride.org. Browse

to www.nwpapride.org.

Aug 25 (Sat) - 2012 Pride Rally (Perry Square, W 6th and State Streets, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM. O. The rally in Perry Square begins at 2 PM and will include speakers and performers. Please check in at the registration table when you arrive in Perry Square. The rally will include a variety of vendors and information booths. We will also have a Dunk a Drag Queen game, and will be taking a Family Portrait after the speakers and performers. As for other Pride events, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. You may either bring your items with you to the Zone Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: mmahler@nwpapride.org. Browse to www.nwpapride.org.

Aug 25 (Sat) - Erie Pride Official Afterparty (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. Come join us for the official Erie Gay Pride after party! Dance the night away and show us your PRIDE! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Aug 25 (Sat) - Camp Davis Underwear Night II 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavisground.com.

Aug 26 - 6th Annual SafeNet Poker Run to End Domestic Violence Info: Kathy CS at 814-455-1774, ext.249 or kclingersmith@safenerie.org. <http://safenetpokerrun.weebly.com>

Aug 31 - Sep 3 (Fri - Mon) - Jones Pond Labor Day Weekend 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Welcome to Wonderland! Saturday - Alice in Wonderland Show & Queen of Hearts Masquerade Ball. Sunday - Mad Hatter Tea Dance - BBVS Tea. (Bring a Bottle of

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Sep 1 (Sat) - NOW Annual fundraising party & auction Food, drinks and fun. 4PM Goodell Gardens in Edinboro PA, \$10 or auction item. Reservations required (814)734-5467

Sep 7 (Fri) - Moonlight on the Bay Gala to benefit Crime Victim Center to bring attention to child abuse and raise much needed money to work towards eradicating this problem in Erie County. www.cvcerie.org

Sep 7-9 (Fri-Sun) - Ohio Lesbian Festival <http://ohiolesbianfestival.wordpress.com/> Performers, workshops, sports, merchants, etc.

Sep 15 (Sat) - Swimsuit Contest at Sky Bar 108 Fairmount, Jamestown NY

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- Millcreek 4th of July Parade
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Contest	Starts
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<i>Transitions of the Heart and Going Down In La-La Land</i>	Aug 3
Hal Leonard Performing Arts Group Grab Bag	Aug 10
<i>Queerwolf</i> by Rob Rosen	Aug 14
<i>Sexual Intimacy for Women: A Guide for Same-Sex Couples</i>	Aug 17
<i>HE MET HER Crime Novela EP</i>	Aug 21

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<i>Hi Tiger - I Love Music; DIRECTV Hit & Miss prize pack</i>	July 27
Pair of tickets to <i>9 to 5: The Musical</i> at the Erie Playhouse; <i>The Miles</i> by Robert Lennon	July 31
<i>Nightflight</i> by Kate Miller-Heidke	Aug 3
<i>Star Trek FAQ</i>	Aug 7
<i>be Absolutist</i> by John Boyne	Aug 10
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