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Drag Queen Bingo kudos

by NW PA Pride Alliance

On November 9, NW PA Pride Alliance held Drag Queen Bingo at Erie Clown Hall, 512 Kelso Drive in Erie. Many thanks to the Erie Clowns for being so friendly and welcoming, particularly Doodles and Mr. Donut, who prepared yummys. Thanks also to our drag performers who gave 110 percent: Michelle Michaels, Velvet Lace, Lovin Heart, and Misty Kall. Thanks to our volunteers, Amy Terrizzi, Erin Moll Terrizzi, Chris Dye, Preston Blood and Christine H!

See photos page 10.

Survey: Transgender Erie-to-Pittsburgh Shuttle

from Caitlyn Strohmeier

Having trouble getting Hormone Replacement Therapy? Persad Center may be able to help.

As many of us in the transgender community know, finding a competent endocrinologist in Erie is not possible. This has prevented many of us from obtaining the proper transitional care that we require. Some of us have the means to travel to Pittsburgh, Cleveland, or Buffalo to obtain proper care, but what about those of us who are "transportationally challenged?"

A member of TransFamily of Erie Transgender Support Group (www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie) has suggested to Persad that what we need, short of a local specialist, is help with transportation to and from these bigger cities so that we can visit with a qualified doctor. Persad has recognized this need and responded by considering the operation of a shuttle between Erie and Pittsburgh to help alleviate this problem.

While Persad investigates the feasibility of this idea, we need your help. TransFamily of Erie is conducting a needs analysis to find out how many people in Erie and the surrounding areas might be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to investigate, start, or continue HRT with a competent endocrinologist.

If you or one of your trans* besties is interested



Janice Hanusik and Laurie Finch in their Erie home. They will be moving to Florida after Christmas. Photo by Deb Spilko

in making this a reality, please contact me and I will compile the information and pass it on to Persad. Please provide your name, email address (preferred) or other contact info, the need that you have, and a brief summary of how this would benefit you in your transition. Any information that you provide will be held in the strictest confidence. Your contact information will not be made available to anyone but me, and will be helpful in keeping you informed of progress.

To take part in this needs analysis, or if you have any questions regarding this idea or TransFamily of

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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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Erie, please send me a message. You can contact me via: Facebook: www.facebook.com/caitlyn.strohmeyer
Email: Caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net

PFLAG Butler Blanket Drive

from Joshua Cranford

We will collect blankets at my businesses: Hair Studio 124 and Tanning and M&J's Lounge. I am proud to announce Great Clips has joined us! I am hoping we can collect some at our December PFLAG meeting and from there; we can donate them to the local homeless shelter.

If you can't bring a blanket you can still donate. Send donations to PFLAG Butler County P.O. Box 1631, Butler, Pa 16003. Please mark BLANKET DRIVE in the memo of your check.

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Updated Contact info for LBT Women of Erie

from LBT Women

Please note that LBT Women of Erie has updated contact info. Kim is taking over as coordinator, and can be reached at ErieBeans@aol.com or (814) 214-9512. The website is still <http://womynoferie.wikifoundry.com/>. Many thanks to Laurie Finch for her long service to the LBT Women community and wishing her and Jan the best!

PFLAG Erie Officers Change

from PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties

Congrats to the new officers for PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties: Alex Sphon is now serving as President, Diana Ames is Vice President, and Michael Mahler is Secretary/Treasurer. We thank outgoing president Jayne May for keeping the chapter going. The chapter meets the second Monday of the month at 7 PM at the Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie PA. Also find the chapter on Facebook.

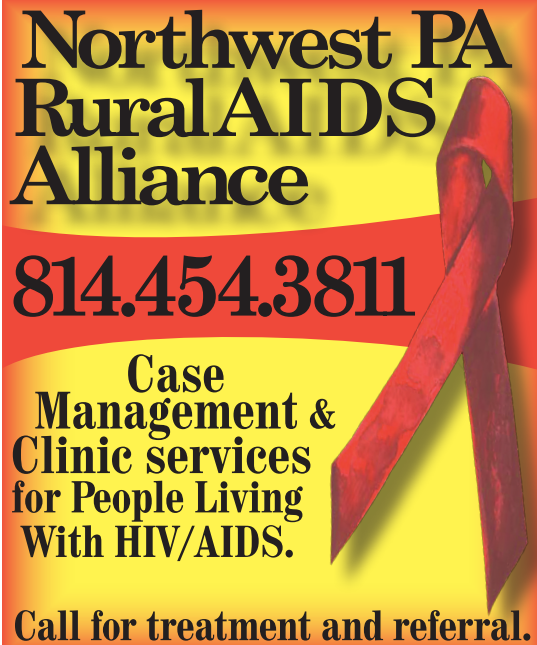
Registration for Drenched Fur 10 Begins December 1

by Gary Snyder

As the year wraps up and winter is descending, one thing is just starting to heat up: registration for Drenched Fur 10, Erie's Bear Run, kicks off on Sunday, December 1st. With just over four months to go, the DF Committee is excited to begin preparations for our anniversary year of hosting Drenched Fur on April 10-13, 2014.

Folks can register on-line at the run website, www.drenchedfur.com.

This year's run includes the Basics Package for all the main items of the weekend along with the Splash Lagoon Water Park Event on Saturday Night. Attendees can choose to add on a limited edition Drenched Fur 10 Beach Towel, or even one of three different tour packages on Friday or Saturday during the run weekend. The Drenched Fur Committee is working away at finalizing details for events and plan to post further info



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in the coming months. So keep an eye out for updates on the run website, our Facebook, Twitter, or Yahoo Group accounts as they post.

We look forward to you joining us here in Erie for our tenth year of providing "The Best Little Run For Fun!" Info: www.drenchedfur.com

Alternative Families in Children's Literature Presentation

from SUNY Fredonia

Amanda Pruden, a junior Women's and Gender Studies major, will explore how alternative family living arrangements are depicted in children's literature on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at SUNY Fredonia in Fredonia NY.

Her presentation, which is a project for the class, Women's and Gender Studies Special Topics, will look at the wide disparity between children's books depicting non-nuclear families compared to nuclear or traditional families.

Participants will be able to share ideas that they

would like to see in children's literature and then discuss how to make gender and family structure ideas understandable to a child. The program will also include a creative writing workshop and presentation.

The presentation takes place at 5 p.m., at Room G103B Williams Center, SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia NY
Info: <http://ww2.fredonia.edu/news/>
The program is free and open to the public.



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Nov 29 (Fri) - Picnic Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) Bring 1 Picnic food. \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Nov 30 (Sat) - Drag Show and Pageant 2014 Mr or Miss M&J's (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 1 (Sun) - World AIDS Day

Dec 1 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie Christmas Dinner (Calamari's Squid Row, 1317 State St, Erie, PA) 2 PM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Please RSVP ASAP to Robin and Barb. Contact: Kim. Phone: (814) 314-9512. VEmail: ErieBeans@aol.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wikifoundry.com/>.



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Dec 1 (Sun) - An Evening Of Praise Gospel Concert (Erie County Public Library, 160 E Front St, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM. Special Guest Vernessa Mitchell & The Windy City Spiritualaires World AIDS Day event.

Dec 1 (Sun) - Erie Awareness Outreach Presents 'This Joy' In The House (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 10 PM. With Michelle Michaels and The Erie FACE Cast. Special Live Performance by: Vernessa Mitchell. Special Mix Performance of "This Joy" to venue web site www.thezonedanceclub.com World AIDS Day event.

Dec 1 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 5 PM. PFLAG (Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is a national organization providing support, education and advocacy for the LGBT and allies community. The meeting includes an hour long confidential discussion and you're invited to talk about your own needs and challenges. You'll also learn about the latest in national, state and local LGBT news. PFLAG is a great way to help make Butler a welcoming and safe community for everyone. Contact: Joshua Crawford. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: president@pflagbutler.com. Browse to www.pflagbutler.com.

Dec 2 (Mon) - Real Time (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. *Real Time is for LGBTQ friends and allies (ages 14-21) who reject negative labels and want to overcome difficulties in a positive way. Everyone faces tough situations at home, at school and around town. But no one should ever be bullied or harassed for who they are. Real Time is about finding ways to deal with tough times. Real Time is about taking care of yourself and standing up for others. Fun, food, friends, free!* Check it out at [**VAPOR LOUNGE**
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Erie, 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Contact: Leann Romitti. (412) 538-7862. lromitti@persadcenter.org.

Dec 4 (Wed) - "Non-traditional families in children's literature" SUNY Fredonia. Amanda Pruden, a junior Women's and Gender Studies major, will explore how alternative family living arrangements are depicted in children's literature at 5 p.m., at Room G103B Williams Center. The program is free and open to the public.

Dec 6 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Location TBA) 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. Sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Dec 7 (Sat) - Foam Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) Bring a can of shaving cream. \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 8 (Sun) - "Noodles for Equality" Unitarian Universalist Cong of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie PA. Benefits Marriage Equality for PA. "We will have delicious pasta, sauce and meatballs made by a very wonderful group of volunteers using an Italian family recipe! There will be coffee, soda, water, and desserts." \$8 advance/\$10 at door. Kids ten and under eat free. www.me4pa.org Email: david@me4pa.org

Dec 9 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News January 2014 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. PLEASE NOTE! Early this month due to holidays! Issue released evening of Dec 17. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Dec 9 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Meets 2nd Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Jayne May. Phone: (814) 367-3311. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Dec 9 (Mon) - Erie Awareness Outreach Presents Twerkland (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Featuring Special Guest DJ. 9-10PM special electronic music set. 11:00pm Show: featuring some of Erie's Best Female & Male Illusionists. Cash Prizes: Best Chest & Best Twerker in the House. 18yr. to Party, 21yrs, to Drink (cover.) State ID Required for

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Dec 9 (Mon) - Tegan and Sara in Concert (Masonic Auditorium, 3615 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH) 8 PM. Browse to www.teganandsara.com/.

Dec 13 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Erie Maritime Museum Christmas Tree Ship (Erie Maritime Museum, 150 E Front St, Erie, PA) 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Free family-friendly event. See the Niagara lit up and decorated for the holidays. Santa will be there along with live reindeer. There will be crafts for the kids and hot beverages and treats for all. Andrea and Kim will be volunteering. We'll be available to greet any of the beans before volunteering. If you email to let me know you are coming we can meet with you. Plan on being at the museum between 5:00-5:15. Hope to see lots of the Beans and your families. Contact: Kim. Phone: (814) 314-9512. Email: ErieBeans@aol.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wikifoundry.com/>.

Dec 13 (Fri) - Ugly Christmas Sweater Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 13-15 Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus: "Our Favorite Things" Visit buffalogaymenschorus.com

Dec 14 (Sat) - Renaissance City Choirs: "Holiday Concert: Welcome Home", 7:30 pm East Liberty Presbyterian Church Sanctuary 116 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA <http://rccpittsburgh.com>

Dec 14 (Sat) - Chili Cook Off (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 14 (Sat) - "Ladies of Illusion" At Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount, Jamestown NY. Hosted by Anita Waistline, with Fantasee Queen, Anna Lee, Anita Mandalay, Tanner, Matthew Kaydyn, and DJ'ing is Miss Jaala Haskins! \$5 cover. (716) 661-3212 Facebook: SkyBar Jamestown

Dec 14 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls Christmas Extravaganza (Rockin' Ricks, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover. Featuring Veronyca, Sabrina, Diva, Manny, Licia and Celine. Phone: (702) 505-4771. Browse to www.myspace.com/rockinricks.

Dec 14-15 North Coast Men's Chorus "Keeping the Yuletide Gay" Hanna Theatre @ PlayhouseSquare 2067 E. 14th St. Cleveland, OH www.ncmchorus.org

Dec 15 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 PM. Don't miss Michelle Michaels and her FACE Series drag show as her and the girls celebrate the Christmas Season with a night of your favorite local and out of town performers. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Dec 15 (Sun) - Colors Unity Christmas Party Rock'n Rick's, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY. Please remember to RSVP by Dec. 2 to colors.14760@gmail.com with how many are coming and what dish to pass. Adopted family of three, \$10 adult gift \$3 child gift, contact for details. <http://facebook.com/colors.unity>

Dec 16 (Mon) - Real Time (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. *Real Time is for LGBTQ friends and allies (ages 14-21) who reject negative labels and want to overcome difficulties in a positive way. Everyone faces tough situations at home, at school and around town. But no one should ever be bullied or harassed for who they are. Real Time is about finding ways to deal with tough times. Real Time is about taking care of yourself and standing up for others. Fun, food, friends, free!* Check it out at [**ABC'S OF BUILDING BETTER LIVES**

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Dec 17 (Tue) - Erie Gay News Folding/Distribution Work Party (Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA, 1011 Peach St, Erie, PA) Help us get out the print edition of EGN. All ages welcome! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Dec 17 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner (Pittsburgh Inn, 3725 West Lake Rd, Erie, PA) 7 PM. We invite you to join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.

Dec 17 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Every 3rd Tues. (Sept. - May), the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

Dec 18 (Wed) - GEAE 3rd Wednesday Happy Hour (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry, Erie) 5-8PM. 866) 229-1974. info@gmail.com. <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Dec 20 (Fri) - Single Out Dinner Club (Hard Rock Cafe Pittsburgh, 230 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA) 6:30 PM. Total cost is \$25. Great way to meet other GLBT singles & socialize. A gay dining group in Pittsburgh that meets monthly at different restaurants in Pittsburgh area. We usually get between 20-35 people at the dinner. It's for single men & women & the whole GLBT community. Phone: (412)

337-0701. Email: singlesoutpgh@yahoo.com.

Dec 20 (Fri) - Zone Christmas Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Check out your favorite Zone Divas as they put on their annual Christmas Drag Show. P(814) 452-0125. TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Dec 20 (Fri) - Cookie Bake off (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 21 (Sat) - Christmas Gift Exchange (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover. BYOB. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 24 - 25 (Tue - Wed) - Zone Open for Christmas Eve and Christmas Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Dec 27 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Join the Bears at the



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Zone for our monthly Bear Bar Night. Please note that we are having both Bears Do Dinner *and* Bear Bar Night! Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.

Dec 27 (Fri) - Christmas Ball (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover, BYOB. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Dec 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. Browse to https://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie

Dec 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Erie Sisters is a local transgender support group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. The group meets for discussion the fourth Saturday of each

month at 7pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church; 7180 Perry Hwy Erie PA, followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to http://ericsisters.ning.com/.

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Jan 26 (Sun) - 4th Annual CVC Cornhole Tournament 2014 Maennerchor Club. Teams must register by January 17th for \$50 Food and drinks are included with your \$50. We'll have two sessions at 12 and 4pm to fit your schedule. There will be tons of giveaways, prizes, raffles, and competition. Details at www.cvcerie.org

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<i>Perfect Wedding</i> DVD; Demi Lovato <i>Neon Lights</i>	December 3
<i>Papal Bull</i> by Dr. Joe Wenke	December 6
Kelly Clarkson - <i>Wrapped in Red</i>	December 10
Bastille - <i>Bad Blood</i> album	December 13
Erik Hassle - <i>Talk About It</i> (Single)	December 17
Foxes <i>Youth</i> EP	December 20
<i>Saturday Night Live</i> FAQ	December 24
<i>Out Loud</i> from Ariztical Entertainment	January 14

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>But You Like Really Dated?</i> by Ryan Casey; Zendaya	November 29
Betty Who <i>The Movement</i> EP; Paris Hilton - <i>Good Time</i>	December 3
<i>Kill Your Darlings</i> prize pack	December 6
<i>And While We Were Here</i> DVD	December 10
<i>Bad Idea</i> by Damon Suede; <i>Philomena</i> prize pack	December 13
<i>The Fall: Testament of Love</i> DVD	December 17

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