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Erie Gay News



22nd Annual Erie Pride Picnic

from NW PA Pride Alliance

Join us for the 22nd Annual Erie Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 14 at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle (near Beach 7) from 1 to 6 PM. Enjoy a great day with friends—it's *free!*

Hot dogs, ox roast, soft drinks, water and table settings are provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Note that state law does not permit alcohol in the park.

Please check in at the registration table when you arrive. We will be taking the annual Family Portrait around 4:30 PM, and there will also be a face photo table. If you prefer to not be included in photos, put a red dot on your name badge.

There will be free health screening available.

If your group or organization would like to set up an info table, please let us know by May 30. There is no charge for an info table, but vending at the park is not permitted. If you can bring your own table, that is very much appreciated, but not required.

Collection taken for Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA (non-perishables).

The picnic area and Beach 7 area are accessible.

For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com

Get Your Pride T-Shirts!

From NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance is very excited to bring you this year's Pride shirts! This helps make Pride possible. New this year is that we have V-neck shirts rather than T-shirts. V-neck shirts are sizes small to 3XL (\$18 for sizes small to XL, \$20 for t-shirts 2XL & 3XL), and tank tops are sizes small to 2XL (\$19 for tank tops sizes small to XL, and \$20 for tank tops size 2 XL.) On the back of the shirt are all of the sponsors helping to bring Pride to you this year, and a listing of the great events happening in our community! Cash and credit/debit cards are accepted for payment.

For more info, contact Michael Mahler at president@nwpride.org or (814) 456-9833. Be sure to



A couple of the 250+ men who celebrated the tenth annual Drenched Fur 10 bear weekend in April. Photos on our website. Details page 5.

check out the NW PA Pride Alliance web site at www.nwpapride.org. We will have shirts for sale at local establishments and also at the 22nd Annual Erie Pride Picnic on June 14!

Small Business Supporters sought for PA Anti-Discrimination Law

Pennsylvanians from all walks of life – Republicans and Democrats, businesses large and small, people from every part of the Commonwealth – share the fundamental value that everyone should have the opportunity to get a job and provide for themselves and their families. That's why ending discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is so important. Across the country businesses are leading the charge in speaking out against discrimination: nearly 90 percent of Fortune 500 companies have sexual orientation non-discrimination policies; while 57 percent have gender identity non-discrimination

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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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Community News

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policies. Your business is a reflection of who you are. Equality Pennsylvania is looking for small business supporters of equal protection under the law for all Pennsylvanians.

That's why we hope that you feel strongly that employees should be hired and retained based on their qualifications, talents, and merits and would be willing to sign on as a supporter. Small business owners across the state are proudly showing their support for fairness and equality in the workplace by supporting HB 300, which would add sexual orientation and gender identity protections to the state's Human Relations Act. If you support equal protection under the law, then please fill out the Word document in the online version of this article at www.eriegaynews.com and email it to EricEquality@gmail.com.

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Pride Night at the Erie SeaWolves

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NWPA Pride is having a Pride Night at the Erie Seawolves in Jerry Uht Park, 110 E. 10th St, Erie PA 16501 on Tuesday June 17. We will have our own section and welcome any one to come out for a family and friends night at the ball park! A portion of the ticket costs will go directly to NWPA Pride and help us with

future events. Tickets will be \$8 and you must get a voucher from NWPA Pride prior to purchasing your ticket. More info to come if you have any questions please contact Mike Mahler at President@nwpa pride.org. See you there!

Unitarian Yard Sale June 13-14

from Mary Zuck, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie

Come out and enjoy our Unitarian Universalist 25th Annual Yard Sale, 7180 Perry Highway, Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th. 9am - 2pm each day.

Stop by Friday, June 13 or come over on Saturday morning, June 14th, then head out to the Pride Picnic at Presque Isle. Donations are appreciated, drop off days are June 8- 12. call 814-864-9300. If needed, we will pick up.

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Drenched Fur Celebrates 10th Year

from Gary Snyder

In early April, the city of Erie hosted the Exclusive Bear Weekend known as Drenched Fur. This was the tenth annual bear run that brought together over 250 men from around the tri-state region and across the nation from Florida, Texas, California, and Canada. The attendees enjoyed the various events that incorporated the pirates theme held primarily at the Clarion Lake Erie and Bel-Aire Conference Center.

On Friday night, attendees headed out to the Zone Dance Club for a night of music and fun while helping raise money for this year's charity focus, the John Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation. This year's event weekend also included food, winery and beer tours, pool socials, and a comedy roast.

The guys also turned out in force on Saturday night for the main event of the weekend, an exclusive night time private event at Splash Lagoon, our local indoor water park resort. Guests enjoyed hours of fun with all the water slides, wave pool, and new Aqua Tumbler to enjoy that night.

The Drenched Fur 10 Committee is creating a wonderful experience in hosting one of the biggest and long-standing event for Erie's GLBTQA community. Many thanks to all the individuals and businesses that helped make the anniversary weekend such a success. To find out more about Drenched Fur, review our photo gallery, and contact us, you can visit our website at www.drenchedfur.com.

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Calendar

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May 23 - 26 (Fri - Mon) - Memorial Day Military Weekend - a Few Good Men (9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) mail: info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

May 24 (Sat) - Camp Davis Holiday Weekend (311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. camp@aol.com. www.campdaviscampground.com.

May 24 (Sat) - LBT Women of Erie go to Troika Russian Festival (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

May 24 (Sat) - Imperial Court of Buffalo Coronation 2014 www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com

May 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Association of NW Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Refreshments, free parking is available in a lot to the south of MHA. Please bring a snack to share. Caitlyn (814) 823-1969.

May 24 (Sat) - Wheel of Fortune (M & J's Lounge,

124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 Cover (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

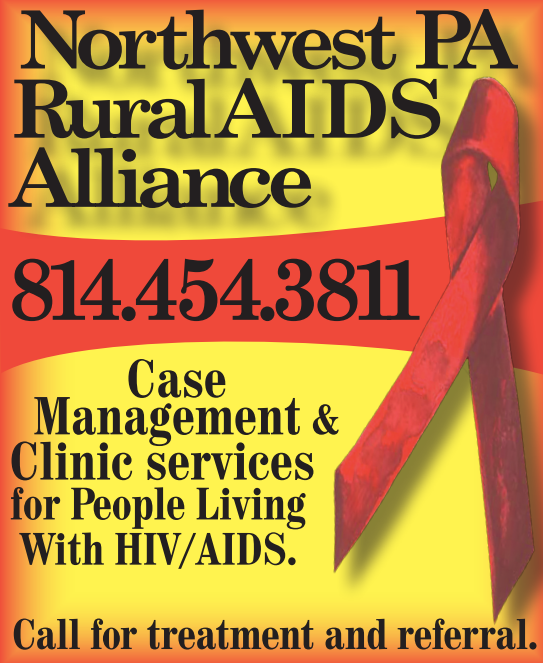
May 25 (Sun) - Big Gay Picnic (North Park, Babcock Blvd & E Ingomar Rd, Allison Park, PA) 12 PM. (412) 246- 4451. www.pittsburghpride.org/.

May 27 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 1 PM. (412) 518-1515.

May 28 (Wed) - J-Pride - LGBT Social Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. in Chautauqua Co., 31 Water St. Ste 7, Jamestown, NY) 6 PM. Contact: Steven Michael Cobb. (716) 661-9044. chautauquamha@gmail.com.

May 29 - Jun 1 (Thu - Sun) - Friends & Family - Extra Long Weekend (Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

May 30 (Fri) - LBT Women of Erie go to Rib Fest (Perry Square, Erie, PA1) 6 PM, meet at the gazebo. Free admission, charge for the rib tasting and other food and beverages. Contact: Kim. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. <https://www.facebook.com/>



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May 31 (Sat) - PFLAG Butler Rummage Sale (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) 9 AM - 4 PM. (724) 602-8447. www.pflagbutler.com.

May 31 (Sat) - Hag Drag Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

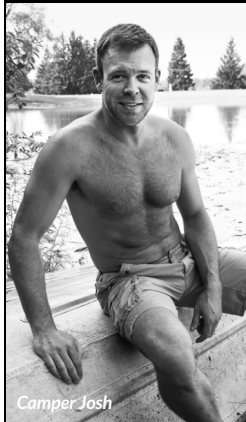
May 31 (Sat) - Dance Escape Reunion (Erie Clown Hall, 512 Kelso Dr, Erie, PA) 7 -11 PM. \$5, Partial proceeds to benefit Because You Care Animal Rescue. BYO - beverages, snacks, mixers, cups, plates and ice (814) 392-4757.

May 31 (Sat) - Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover BYOB (724) 602-8447 www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

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byterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St. Butler, PA) 5 PM. (724) 602-8447. www.pflagbutler.com.

Jun 6 (Fri) - Graffiti T Shirt Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 BYOB (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 6 - 8 (Fri - Sun) - Disco Weekend- 200 Block Party! ((Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY)) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 7 (Sat) - Toga & Bathhouse Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavisground.com.

Jun 7 (Sat) - Youngstown Pride Festival 2014 Noon - 9 PM. (330) 799-1240. www.prideyoungstown.org/.

Jun 7 (Sat) - Candlelight Vigil for Marriage Equality (Diamond Park, Meadville, PA 16335) 6 PM. (814) 724-4023. church@uumeadville.org. www.uumeadville.org.

Jun 7 (Sat) - Best Dancer Competition (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 BYOB (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 9 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County

meets (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) . 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 367-3311. pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Jun 11 (Wed) - J-Pride - LGBT Social Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. in Chautauqua Co., 31 Water St., Ste. 7, Jamestown, NY) 6 PM. Drive into big parking lot at Gateway Center, go to back of building to the smaller rear parking lot. You'll see a bright light over door 14. Enter there. Contact: Steven Michael Cobb. (716) 661-9044. chautauquamha@gmail.com.

Jun 13 - 15 (Fri - Sun) - Under A 'Big Top' Weekend - Leather & Twinks & Bears, Oh My! ((Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY)) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 13 - 14 (Fri - Sat) - Unitarian Universalist 25th Annual Yard Sale (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16508) 9AM to 2 PM each day. Stop by Friday, June 13 or come over on Saturday morning, June 14th, then head out to the Pride Picnic at Presque Isle. Donations are appreciated, drop off days are June 8- 12. call 814-864-9300. If needed, we will pick up. Phone: (814) 864-9300. Email: revaschmann@uuerie.org. Browse to <http://www.uuerie.org>.

Jun 13 (Fri) - Pride Kick off party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 BYOB (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 14 (Sat) - Pride Skirt Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavisground.com.

Jun 14 (Sat) - 22nd Annual Erie Pride Picnic (Rotary Pavilion, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 1 - 6

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Jun 14 (Sat) - Closed for Pride (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA)

Jun 15 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News July 2014 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of June 24. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com

Jun 15 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the 3rd Sunday of the month. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Jun 15 (Sun) - Pittsburgh PrideFest www.pittsburghpride.org

Jun 17 (Tue) - Pride Night at the Erie SeaWolves

(Jerry Uht Park, 110 E. 10th St, Erie, PA) 7:05 PM. Come out and have fun at Pride night at the Erie SeaWolves. Tickets are \$8, and benefit PRIDE when purchased from NW PA Pride Alliance. You can buy vouchers from board members and also get them at the Pride Picnic the preceding Saturday. (814) 456-9833. www.nwpapride.org.

Jun 17 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 7 PM. (Sept - May), Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty At Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). richmccarty@msn.com.

Jun 18 (Wed) - GEAE Monthly Happy Hour/Erie Community Service Project (Calamari's SquidRow, Upper Room, 1317 State St, Erie, PA) 5 - 8 PM. GEAE will provide light snacks and a crate of water—all are welcome. GEAE is an LGBT and straight ally non-profit organization, focusing on education, service, and social opportunities. (866) 229-1974. GEAEinfo@gmail.com. greatereriealliance.com/.

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Jun 20-29 - WorldPride 2014 Toronto. .www.worldpridetoronto.com (*Passport now required for border*)

Jun 21 (Sat) - Summer Kick Off - Swimwear Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Jun 21 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Local transgender group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. Followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesisters.ning.com/.

Jun 24 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA) 1 PM www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork.

Jun 24 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Mental Health Assoc. of NWP, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out with folks! (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com.

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Jun 25 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - Illumination Weekend - New Year's Eve Ball ((Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY)) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 28 - Cleveland Pride 2014 www.clevelandpride.org

Jun 28 (Sat) - Underwear I - Boots & Boxers (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Jun 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 M. Providing safe, supportive space for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones. Refreshments are provided. Attendees encouraged to bring something to share, but not required. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie.

Jun 30 - Jul 4 (Mon - Fri) - Vacation Week - Celebrate Canada Day & Independence Day ((Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY)) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.



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<i>Living the Rainbow: A Gay Family Triptych</i> by Hans M. Hirschi	May 23
<i>Love Comes Home</i> by Andrew Gray	May 27
Hedley <i>Wild Life</i> and "Gimme Hedley" t-shirt	May 30
Afrojack <i>Forget The World</i>	June 3

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Begins
<i>Sia Chandelier</i>	May 25
<i>Truth; Hot Guys With Guns</i>	May 27
<i>What To Do Before You Say I Do</i> ; Tori Amos <i>Unrepentant Geraldines</i>	May 30
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