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## NW PA Pride Alliance float in Millcreek Parade

*From left to right: Melanie Shubitowski, Jaidyn Marklow, Julie Flagella, Michael Mahler, Will Koehler, Kelly Metzger, Daniel Thomas, Erin Terrizzi, Amy Terrizzi, Sandy, Ben Heggy, Chris Dye. Photo by Melanie Shubitowski*

## Erie Pride Fest on Sat, August 23

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

NW PA Pride Alliance will be presenting Erie Pride Fest on Saturday, August 23. The event will begin with the Pride Parade. Assembly for the parade begins at noon at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, and step off is at 1 PM. The parade will proceed east on 18th to State St, and north on State Street to Perry Square. If your group or organization would like to have a unit in the Parade, please let us know by August 16 by emailing [President@nwpapride.org](mailto:President@nwpapride.org). Individuals are very much welcome to be in the parade as well!

The festival will begin at 2 PM and will feature performers and entertainers. Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA.

There will also be vendors and info tables. Tables are \$15 each and come with 2 chairs. Deadline for getting a table is August 16

## “Reunited” Benefit for NWP A Pride Alliance and Dramashop Aug 22

*by Tony*

No LGBT pride is complete without a sharp-tongued drag queen and a snarky DJ. This year, Lovin Heart and DJ Tony G-Spot reunite to bring together the largest collection of entertainers any show in this area has ever seen! All proceeds will be split evenly between NWP A Pride Alliance, Inc and Dramashop.

The benefit will raise money to offset operating costs of the annual Pride Picnic and Pride Fest for NWP A Pride Alliance as well as give Dramashop the ability to continue to bringing entertaining and thought-provoking theatre to the Erie area.

*Reunited* will include 14 performers from north-west Pennsylvania and western New York. The show will be the most high-energy fundraiser either organization has seen in recent years! This year, they have decided to make the event all ages (but please leave the

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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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little ones at home).

*Reunited* will be presented on Friday August 22nd at Dramashop in the Renaissance Center, 1001 State St., second floor). Doors open 7pm., showtime is 8pm. Admission \$5 donation.

For more information, please contact Tony at [EriePrideBenefit@outlook.com](mailto:EriePrideBenefit@outlook.com).

*NWPA Pride Alliance, Inc. works to improve visibility of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersexed and Ally/ Asexual (LGBTQIA) community. DRAMASHOP, a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, provides entertaining and provocative theatrical experiences designed to challenge, educate and engage the Erie community.*

## Bob Howden appointed to Erie County HRC by Kathy Dahlkemper

Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper has appointed Bob Howden to a 4-year team on the Erie County Human Relations Commission. His term will expire on June 30, 2018. Bob is a past president and Board member of the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE).

## NW PA Pride Float in Millcreek Parade

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

About 17 people rode on NW PA Pride Alliance's float in Millcreek's 4th of July parade. There were about 110 units in the parade and about 20,000 people saw the parade.

This was the ninth year that there has been an LGBT contingent in the parade, and the 49th year for the parade.

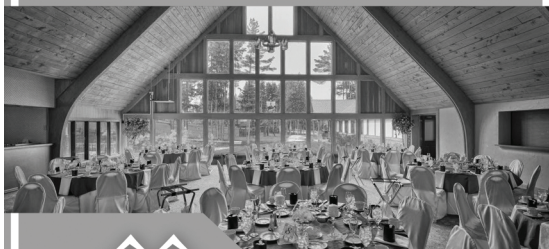
Our float was very well received, with many folks smiling, clapping and waving along the parade route.

Many thanks go to Ben Heggy for bringing his flat bed truck and to Chris Dye, Sandy, Will Koehler, Daniel Thomas, Amy & Erin Terrizzi for setup and teardown. Thanks to Melanie Shubitowski for taking photos.

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# Kathy Dahlkemper letter of apology

by Michael Mahler

*On Tuesday July 1, a letter written and circulated by Michael Webr, head of faith outreach in President Obama's re-election campaign, was sent to President Obama asking him to provide an exemption for religious organizations in a planned executive order banning federal contractors from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Among the 14 signatures on the letter was Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper.*

*The letter stated that the signatories "agree that banning discrimination is a good thing. We believe that all persons are created in the divine image of the creator, and are worthy of respect and love, without exception."*

*The letter went on to say that "even so, it still may not be possible for all sides to reach a consensus on every issue. That is why we are asking that an extension of protection for one group not come at the expense of faith communities whose religious identity and beliefs motivate them to serve those in need."*

*The proposed exemption for religious organization would allow for "balancing the government's interest in protecting both LGBT Americans, as well as the religious organizations that seek to serve in accordance with their faith and values." according to the letter.*

*The letter followed the US Supreme Court Holly Lobby decision, which granted exemptions to closely held corporations in providing insurance through the Affordable Care Act for birth control on the basis of the corporation's religious beliefs.*

*Dahlkemper's signature was puzzling to many in the LGBT community as she has been supportive of LGBT rights. When she was a US Congressmember, she voted to overturn the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and also supported the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA). Her first meeting as a congressmember was with a group of LGBT activists. When running for Erie County Executive in 2013, she talked publicly about being the proud mother of a gay son. More recently, she attended the Decision Day Rally on May 20 when marriage equality became the law of the land in Pennsylvania. She happily informed the crowd that one couple had already registered that afternoon.*

*On July 10, Dahlkemper publicly apologized for an error in judgment and asked that her name be removed from the letter. Webr agreed.*

*As of this writing, the executive order is due to be signed by President Obama and does not contain a broad religious exemption.*

July 10, 2014

To my beautiful son, my many dear friends, the LGBT community, and all citizens –

I would like to let you know that I made an error in judgment when I signed a letter to President Obama regarding his expected Executive Order addressing federal contractors and LGBT employment policies. I have requested that my name be withdrawn from this letter.

When I signed the letter I knew that a religious exemption was in ENDA, saw it endorsed on the HRC website, and while it seemed appropriate legislatively, I failed to appreciate the effect it would have on individuals.

As County Executive, and as a friend to the LGBT community, I have made LGBT rights central to my career in public service. I am proud of the progress we have made, but we have so much more to do.

I have always said and genuinely believe that no matter your gender, your skin color, your religion, your socio-economic status, or your sexual orientation, you have a right to equality. This is the cause I will focus on moving forward – in partnership with my friends and allies in the LGBT community. I regret that my participation in this letter distracted from this important mission.

For those I have offended, I apologize. For those who engaged in a civil dialogue regarding this issue, even when you disagreed with me, I thank you.

As much as we are all the same, we are different. We need to work together to respect these differences and celebrate one another's uniqueness. I promise to continue to work for equality for all people, and to help create a community that provides opportunity for all.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Dahlkemper

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**Jul 21-27 - Pittsburgh Black Pride Week** Pittsburgh PA. Contact: Flecia Harvey 412-661-1350 [www.pittsburghblackpride.org/](http://www.pittsburghblackpride.org/)

**Jul 22-27 - Hotter Than July** Detroit MI Annual celebration of GLBT African-Americans. (313) 285-9733 [hotterthanjuly.org](http://hotterthanjuly.org)

**Jul 23 (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](mailto:chautauquamha@gmail.com).

**Jul 25 (Fri) - A Night to Give Back** Rockin Rick's 345 Spitzer Lane, Limestone NY. (702) 505-4771

**Jul 25 - 26 (Fri - Sat) - Community United Church Annual Rummage Sale** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 8 AM - 2 PM. Donations are welcome. Info: (814) 864-4429. [communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com](mailto:communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com) [communityunitedchurchoferiepa.weebly.com/](http://communityunitedchurchoferiepa.weebly.com/).

**Jul 25 - 27 (Fri - Sun) - Summer Beach Party - 600 Block Party!** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Jul 25 (Fri) - Men's Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA ) YOB Membership only, 18 and over. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@aol.com](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@aol.com). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Jul 25 - Aug 17 (Fri - Sun) - Poseidon! An Upside Down Musical** (Buffalo United Artists, One Curtain Up, Buffalo, NY 13205) Jimmy Janowski and a full manifest of Buffalo stage stars embark on Poseidon: The Upside Down Musical. One of the first and best specimens of the disaster movie genre, The Poseidon Adventure is archetype in full bloom: huge sets, big budget, a star-studded, award winning ensemble cast, and an over the top premise. As the celebratory clock strikes midnight, the luxury liner SS Poseidon is hit by a 90' high tidal wave and capsizes, forcing the cast of characters to climb from the top, now the bottom, up through the ship to safety. The production

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**Jul 26 (Sat) - Christmas in July** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Jul 26 (Sat) - Drag Show** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB Membership only, 18 and over. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@aol.com](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@aol.com). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Jul 26 (Sat) Jamestown Pride Picnic and Celebration** Noon- 5 PM. Allen Park, 200 W. Virginia Blvd., Jamestown, NY Food and beverages provided, donations accepted. Organized by Rainbow Pride Connection, Steven Michael Cobb, Co-director 716-499-5142 Helen C. Walther, Co-director 716-720-1479 [www.rainbowprideconnection.net](http://www.rainbowprideconnection.net)

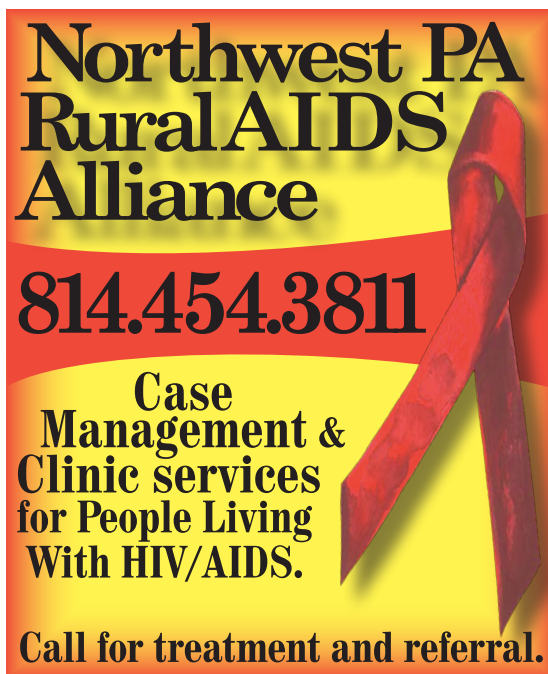
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**Jul 26 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets** (Mental Health Association of NW Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Refreshments, free parking is available in a lot to the south of MHA. Please bring a snack to share. Caitlyn (814) 823-1969.

**Jul 26 (Sat) - PFLAG Butler Friendship Outing** (Butler Memorial Park, 416 Mercer St, Butler, PA ) 2 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of lesbians, gays and transgendered people. The first pavilion on the right near the pool. Contact: Joshua Crawford. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [president@pflagbutler.com](mailto:president@pflagbutler.com). Browse to [www.pflagbutler.com](http://www.pflagbutler.com).

**Jul 26 (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](mailto:shub1@suite224.net). [erisesisters.ning.com/](http://erisesisters.ning.com/).

**Jul 27 (Sun) - 4th Annual Afternoon for Equality** (21

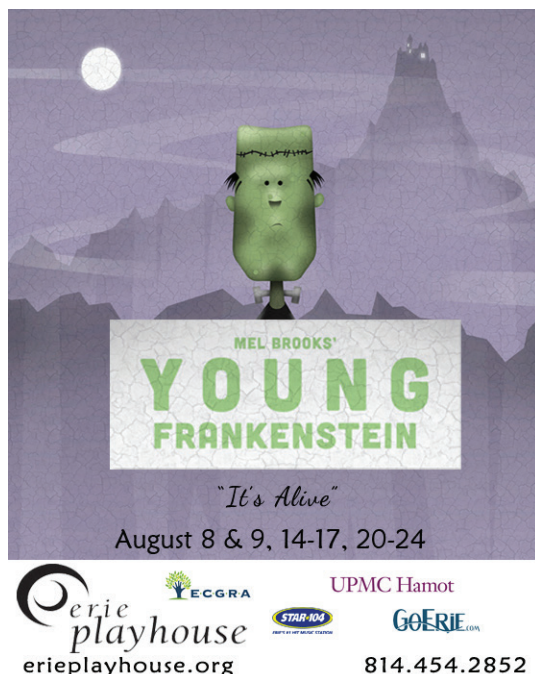


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**July 29 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 1 PM. (412) 518-1515.

**Jul 29 (Tue) - LBT Women of Erie go to 8 Great Tuesdays concert** (Liberty Park, Erie, PA) 6 PM. Contact: Kim. (814) 314-9512. Email: ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Jul 31-Aug 5 - "5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche"** Dramashop, Renaissance Centre, 2nd Floor, 1001 State St., Erie, PA. "This year's Studio Show, direct from the NYC Fringe Festival and is currently playing off-Broadway, An absurdist look at a ladies' society in the 1950s, "5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche" ... is packed with tongue-in-cheek humor, absurdist comedy, and subtle social satire, all of which combine to form a rollicking and sometimes shocking theatrical ride." dramashop.org info@dramashop.org

**Aug 1 - 3 (Fri - Sun) - Leather Weekend** - (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

**Aug 1 (Fri) - LBT Women of Erie for to First Friday in North East** (Lake Country Bike, 21 East Main, North East PA) 5 PM, free event. Music, local shops and vendors line downtown North East. Then we will head to the play, Five Lesbians Eating a Quiche at the Dramashop in the Renaissance Center in Erie at 7:30 PM. (Tickets \$5). Contact: Kim. Phone: (814) 314-9512. Email: ErieBeans@aol.com. Browse to https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Aug 1 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Alto Cucina, 3531 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM - 8 PM. Our August event is now confirmed - one of our traditional and best attended events of the year. We are reserved for a part of the deck. Hope you can join us. See you soon. 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. You can also sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

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**Aug 2 (Sat) - Tropical Hawaiian Night** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Aug 2 (Sat) - Boxers Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA ) BYOB Membership only, 18 and over. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Aug 3 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Lughnasadh Celebration** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Doors open 5pm, pre-briefing at 5:30pm and ritual at 6:00pm with potluck dinner to follow ritual. Whispering Lake Grove, A.D.F. exists as a chartered subsidiary, branch and/or division of Ar nDraiocht Fein, A Druid Fellowship, Inc. Information: Rev. Carrion Mann at [carrionmann@gmail.com](mailto:carrionmann@gmail.com) or Rev. Christopher Temple at [grollwynn72@hotmail.com](mailto:grollwynn72@hotmail.com). Phone: (814)

720-1560. Browse to [www.whisperinglakegrove.org/](http://www.whisperinglakegrove.org/)

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**Aug 3 (Sun) - Big Gay Boat Ride** Sponsored by Imperial Court of Buffalo, benefits charities of ICOPB Reign 24. Details: [www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com](http://www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com)

**Aug 4 - 8 (Mon - Fri) - Vacation Week - Another Fun Filled Week** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

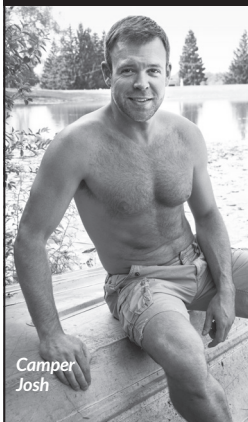
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**Aug 7-10 (Thu - Sun) Toronto Queer Arts Festival** "Grassroots community festival aims to showcase an alternative side to queer culture in the city." [www.queerwest.org](http://www.queerwest.org) (Passport required for border crossing)

**Aug 8 (Fri) - Country Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA ) BYOB Membership only, 18 and over. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Aug 8 - 10 (Fri - Sun) - Mardi Gras Weekend - Beads, Boys & the 100 Block Party** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Phone: (585)

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**Aug 9-16 - Gay Games 2014 Cleveland and Akron** Festival village includes performances. www.gg9cle.com

**Aug 9 (Sat) - Name That Tune** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA ) BYOB Membership only, 18 and over. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

**Aug 9 (Sat) - Mr & Miss Rock N Ricks 2014** (Rockin' Ricks, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY) Phone: (702) 505-4771. Email: veronycas.showgirls@gmail.com. Browse to www.myspace.com/rockinricks.

**Aug 10 (Sun) - LBT Women meets** (Brew Ha Ha, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Contact: Kim. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Aug 10 (Sun) - Dancin'** (Mall C, Lakeside Ave. at West Mall Drive, Cleveland, OH). 2PM-midnight, NE Ohio's popular HIV/AIDS services fundraiser returns as part of the 2014 Gay Games celebration. 10-hour dance party will feature internationally known, NYC-based DJ/producer Joe Gauthreaux as its headliner. Local DJs Saint and Glisten and surprise performances will keep the beat and energy going throughout the day. The event will be the opening day for Festival Village, which continues through Aug. 15. www.aidstaskforce.org, www.

gg9cle.com.

**Aug 10 (Sun) - Sisters at Sea Cruise** aboard Cleveland's Goodtime III with the Rock 'n' Roll City Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence., 7 -10 pm, board at North-coast Harbor, East 9th St., Cleveland. Tickets and info at www.rocknrollcitysisters.org and on Facebook.

**Aug 10 (Sun) - Eighth Annual TransOhio Unity Picnic** 10 am, Shadblow Shelter, Blendon Woods, 1069 W. Main St, Westerville, OH www.transohio.org.

**Aug 11 (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.

**Aug 11 (Mon) - Gay Games White Party** Headline performers Boy George, DJ Marc Vedo and DJ-producer Evan Evolution, Jacobs Pavilion at Nautica in downtown Cleveland. www.gg9cle.com

**Aug 12 (Tue) - GG9/The Center Skyline Cruise** 7 pm, \$25, Cleveland OH Docking behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame E.9th Street Pier .www.lgbtcleve-



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**Aug 15 (Fri) - Deadline for Erie Gay News September 2014 print edition** Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of August 26. (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

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**Aug 15 - 17 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Olympics - Mount Olympus Toga Party** (Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 16 (Sat) - Underwear III - Tightly Whiteys** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdaviccampground.com](http://www.campdaviccampground.com).

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**Aug 17 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. (814) 452-0125. [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Aug 19 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexualty Discussion Group meets** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 7 PM. Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty At Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). [richmccarty@msn.com](mailto:richmccarty@msn.com).

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**Aug 20 (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-



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**Aug 22 (Fri) - "Reunited" Benefit for NWP A Alliance and Dramashop** Dramashop, Renaissance Center, 1001 State, 2nd floor, Erie. Doors open 7pm., showtime is 8pm. Admission \$5 donation. Lovin Heart and DJ Tony G-Spot reunite to bring together the largest collection of entertainers any show in this area has ever seen! All proceeds will be split evenly between NWP A Pride Alliance, Inc and Dramashop. Fourteen performers coming from northwest Pennsylvania and western New York. All ages (but please leave the little ones at home). Details on front page of this issue, or more information, please contact Tony at [EriePride-Benefit@outlook.com](mailto:EriePride-Benefit@outlook.com).

**Aug 22 - 24 (Fri - Sun) - Wild Wild West Weekend - 400 Block Party** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 23 (Sat) - Leather & Levis** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavis-campground.com](http://www.campdavis-campground.com).

**Aug 23 (Sat) - Erie Pride Fest** (Perry Square, W 6th and State Streets, Erie, PA 16501) Event starts with Pride Parade assembling at Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA at noon, step off at 1 PM. Festival in Perry Square starts at 2 PM. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: [president@nwppride.org](mailto:president@nwppride.org). Browse to [www.nwppride.org](http://www.nwppride.org).

**Aug 23 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets** (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 M. support group dedicated to providing safe, supportive space for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones. Refreshments are provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring something

to share with the group, but this is not required. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. Phone: (814) 823-1969. Email: [caitlyn\\_xpress@verizon.net](mailto:caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net). Browse to [www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie](http://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie).

**Aug 23 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. 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, followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: [shub1@suite224.net](mailto:shub1@suite224.net). Browse to [erisisters.ning.com/](http://erisisters.ning.com/).

**Aug 25 (Mon) - Bears Do Dinner** (Brewerie at Union Station, 123 W 14th St, Erie, PA 16501-1717) 7 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Venue Phone: (814) 454-2200. Email: [info@drenchedfur.com](mailto:info@drenchedfur.com). Browse to <http://www.drenchedfur.com>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.brewerie.com/>.

**Aug 26 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party** (Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages welcome! Contact: Michael (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

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**Aug 26 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA1) 1 PM. Monthly Meetings are the last Tuesday of each month (Jan – Nov) at 1:00 PM Phone: (412) 518-1515. Browse to [www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork).

**Aug 27 (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](mailto:chautauquamha@gmail.com).

**Aug 29 - Sep 1 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend - British Invasion!** (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 30 (Sat) - Camp Davis Holiday Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Sep 5 - Moonlight on the Bay Gala** Crime Victim Center fundraiser [www.cvcerie.org](http://www.cvcerie.org)



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Contest	Begins
<i>Stromae Racine Carree</i>	July 25
<i>Five Dances DVD; Tennessee Queer DVD</i>	July 29
<i>The Queen of Clubs</i>	August 1
<i>Getting Go, The Go Doc Project DVD</i>	August 5
<i>I Am Happiness on Earth DVD</i>	August 19

Here are contests which are currently active..

Contest	Ends
Ariana Castelli - <i>Love Is Love</i> ; Sir Ivan 'Here Comes The Sun' remix CD	July 25
Magic Man - <i>Before The Waves</i>	July 29
<i>My Husband's a Woman Now</i> (eBook)	August 1
Pair of Tickets to <i>Young Frankenstein</i>	August 5
Rachel Taylor 'Come Alive' EP; <i>Sex Tape</i> prize pack	August 8
<i>Wizard of Oz FAQ</i> from Applause Books	August 12

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