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Afternoon for Equality

From left to right: PA State Rep. Brian Sims (182nd District), PA State Rep. Ryan Bizzarro (3rd District), Erie County Councilmember Jay Breneman (4th District), Neil Parham at the 4th Annual Afternoon for Equality on July 27.



4th Annual Afternoon for Equality

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

On Sunday, July 27, 2014, the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality held its 4th Annual Afternoon for Equality at 21 la rue dix, 21 W 10th St, Erie PA.

This is the major fundraising event for the group. About 70 people attended. Major donors (\$1,000+) included Erie Insurance, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the McCain Foundation. In addition to the major donor gifts, approximately \$9,000 more was donated through sponsorships and individual ticket sales for the fundraiser itself.

Plans announced for the remainder of 2014 include a national speaker for the fall (November 30), Cleve Jones, who is the founder of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and was an associate of Harvey Milk before his assassination. GEAE also announced that they will be hosting a health workshop this fall with Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield; they will also provide a national LGBT youth specialist for an Erie Public School District teacher/administrator in-service (November

4); continue their monthly third Wednesday service project at Calamari's; and pending final fundraising for the year, make a \$10,000 LGBT educational gift back to the larger Erie community.

Documentary includes Erie Transgender community members

from Melanie Shubitowski

Erie Sisters president, Melanie Shubitowski, and Erie Sisters member, Chelsea Jones, were recently honored to be selected for an upcoming documentary entitled "Trans Across America".

Transfamily of Erie founder Caitlyn Strohmeier, and Melanie's fiancée, Julie Flagella, were also appearing in this segment of the upcoming film which was filmed at Melanie's home in Conneaut, Ohio.

The documentary is headed by Chloe Prince, founder of the PinkEssence Transgender network, and her friend, April Wilks, and is to include multiple stops across America showing selected transgenders

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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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 From Your Friends at Erie Gay News

To Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania for hosting! Audrey, Collis, Johauna, Matthew Robison, and Peggy Maurana for folding; Andrea, Collis, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Kim, Matthew Robison, and Peggy Maurana 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.

Community News

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throughout the country. The film is being produced by Hollywood producer, T. Smith III, and should be out for viewing in film festivals around the country in late summer or early fall. At each filming location along the journey, Chloe and April are doing a bigger, better trade-up with participants, where the participants are trading an item acquired for something bigger, better and of more value. At the end of the tour, Chloe and April will donate the final item collected to charity.

Look for "Trans Across America" later this year in your area. Visit transacrossamerica.wordpress.com

LGBT table at Blues and Jazz Fest

from NW PA Pride Alliance

On August 2, 2014, NW PA Pride Alliance was proud to once again staff an LGBT info table at the Annual Blues and Jazz Fest in Frontier Park. The Blues and Jazz Fest is organized by Erie Art Museum and other organizations and is attended by over 20,000 people.

The table also had info from Erie Sisters and

Mental Health Association of NW PA, as well as cards from Equality PA in support of HB 300/SB 300 for Equality PA's campaign to pass anti-discrimination legislation at the state level.

Thanks go out to Brian Davies, Johauna, Melanie Shubitowski, Julie Flagella, Alex Sphon, Daniel Thomas, Will Koehler and Rex Apps.

Diversity speaker Andrew Solomon at Mercyhurst Sep 24

from Tanner Speaker Series

The Tanner Speaker Series will be sponsoring a campus talk by Andrew Solomon, author of the best-selling book "Far from the Tree", on September 24, 2014, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst University in Erie.

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Obituary

Fredia Hurdle

Was plaintiff in PA marriage equality suit

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She is survived by her partner and spouse of 24 years, Meadville native Lynn Hurdle.

Fredia and Lynn joined the *Whitewood v. Wolf* lawsuit for marriage equality in 2013.

Fredia lived long enough to see her dream of marriage equality become a reality, but, sadly, passed away before she and the woman she loved were legally wed.

You can read two tributes to Fredia's life at our website (see "Featured Stories" section)

A large advertisement for Camp Davis Campground. On the left, a shirtless young man with short brown hair is shown from the chest up, looking towards the camera. The background is a lush green forest. On the right, the text and logo are set against a green background.

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Aug 29 - Sep 1 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend - British Invasion! (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Aug 30 (Sat) - Huge Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Aug 30 (Sat) - Camp Davis Holiday Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. [\[ground.com\]\(http://ground.com\).](http://www.campdaviscamp-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Sep 4 - 7 (Thu - Sun) - Friends & Family Weekend - All Welcome (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Sep 5 (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 once a month. Email list at lists.eriegaynews.com.

Sep 5 (Fri) - "Moonlight on the Bay Gala" Crime Victim Center fundraiser (Perry Monument, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) "This unique event will bring together the best Erie has to offer including fine dining, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, local wines and craft beers. We will not only celebrate the beautiful Presque Isle and its rich history, but also raise much needed funds in the fight against child abuse in Erie County. The Crime Victim Center and partner agency, Vision of Hope, work tirelessly to bring education, prevention programs, and services to every corner on Pennsylva-

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nia. Our hope is to someday end child sexual abuse in Erie County.” Contact: Jeff Clorley. (814) 455-9414. jeffrey.clorley@cvcerie.org. www.cvcerie.org.

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Sep 6 (Sat) - Cowboy Country Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Sep 6 (Sat) - Dart Night (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB. Membership required, purchase from bartender. 18+ (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 7 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) Support group for parents, friends and families of lesbians, gays and transgendered people. Contact: Joshua Crawford. (724) 602-8447. president@pflag-butler.com. www.pflagbutler.com.

Sep 8 (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.

Sep 10 (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.

Sep 12 (Fri) - Bar Trivia & Guest Bartender (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Halloween Weekend - Wizards & Warlocks (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Sep 13 (Sat) - Camouflage/ Military Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

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Sep 14 (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.

Sep 15 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News October 2014 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of September 23. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com

Sep 16 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality 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.

Sep 17 (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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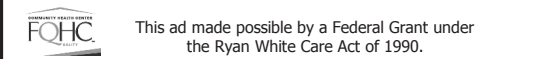
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Sep 20 - Pride Conference of Western New York and the Greater Southern Tier 2-9PM Crystal Ballroom, Hotel Jamestown Building, 110 W 3rd, Jamestown NY. Free. "Enjoy a free luncheon with keynote speakers, informational and vending booths as well as the very first Mister and Miss Gay Chautauqua County Pageant. We ask that you confirm your attendance on facebook, or through our website."

Sep 20 (Sat) - Be Yourself - Come as You Are (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Sep 20 (Sat) - Member's Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership re-

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Sep 21 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Harvest Tide Celebration (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Doors open at 5:00pm, 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 Arndraiocht Fein, A Druid Fellowship, Inc. Info: Rev. Carrion Mann at carrionmann@gmail.com or Rev. Christopher Temple at grollwynn72@hotmail.com. (814) 720-1560. www.whisperinglakegrove.org/.

Sep 21 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Sep 23 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Mental Health Association of NW 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. www.eriegaynews.com.

Sep 24 (Wed) - Tanner Speaker Series: Andrew Solomon The Tanner Speaker Series will be sponsoring a campus talk by Andrew Solomon, author of the best-selling book "Far from the Tree" at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst University in Erie. For information visit andrewsolomon.com This event is free and open to the public.

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Sep 26 (Fri) - End of Summer Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 27 (Sat) - Masquerade 2014 (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Sep 27 (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.

Sep 27 (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/.

Sep 27 (Sat) - Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 30 (Tue) - Anais Mitchell w/ Dietrich Strause Erie Art Museum 411 State St Erie PA 7:30P Visit erieartmuseum.org Tickets miac.mercyhurst.edu or at the door

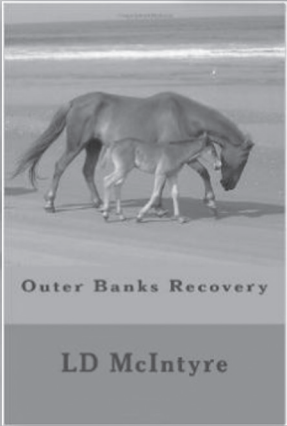


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Oct 3 (Fri) - Bowling Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 3 - 5 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Closing Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Oct 4 (Sat) - Black Out Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@aol.com www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 8 (Wed) - J-Pride - LGBT Social Group meets (Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, 31 Water St. Suite 7, Jamestown, NY) 6 PM. Meet the 2nd and 4th Wed. each month at 6pm for support and

the fellowship. Drive into the big parking lot at the Gateway Center and drive to back of the 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. Venue (716) 661-9044. chau-tauquamha@gmail.com.


Oct 9 (Thu) - Karen Williams on LGBT/Civil Rights Movement (Cole Memorial Hall, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA) 7 PM. African American lesbian comic Karen Williams reflects on LGBT rights movement from the perspective of the broader civil rights movement (with humor). www.edinboro.edu/.

Oct 10 - 11 (Fri - Sat) - Murder Mystery weekend (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 11 - 12 (Sat - Sun) - Body Electric Men's Massage Workshop (Cleveland, OH) 9 AM - 7 PM. Introductory men's massage workshop will focus on the entire body in an environment that is private, safe, playful and honoring. For men traveling to Cleveland from out of town, a local hotel is setting aside a block of rooms at a special rate. For nearby residents, parking is available in an adjacent lot. cleveland@b-e-school.com. www.thebodyelectricschool.com

Oct 25 - "Rocky Horror Show" at Academy Theatre 275 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335 (814) 337-8211 www.theacademytheatre.org

Nov 12 (Wed) - Gray Pride Thanksgiving Potluck, 6 pm, Lakewood Senior Center West, 16924 Madison Ave just west of Hilliard, Lakewood, OH. bring a dish to share Gray Pride is a friendly monthly gathering of GLBT seniors.



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Contest	Begins
<i>Active Duty: Gay Military Erotic Romance</i>	August 29
<i>Rookies: Gay Erotic Cop Stories</i>	September 2
<i>Blackmail, My Love: A Murder Mystery</i> galley	September 5
<i>I'm Not Bossy, I'm the Boss</i> from Sinead O'Connor	September 9
<i>Man at Bath DVD</i>	September 12
<i>South Park FAQ</i>	September 16
Isabel Rose's brand new album, <i>Trouble in Paradise</i>	September 19
Shara Strand <i>RSVP</i> re-mixes maxi-single	September 23

Here are contests which are currently active..

Contest	Ends
Bastille - <i>Of The Night</i>	August 29
Ferras EP sampler	September 2
<i>Love Or Whatever DVD</i>	September 5
<i>I Am Happiness on Earth DVD</i>	September 9
Leela James - <i>Save Me</i>	September 12
St. Lucia - <i>When The Night</i> (digital download)	September 16

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