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Erie Gay News

Announcing the 6th Annual Afternoon for Equality

from the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

For the past five years, the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality has hosted our signature fundraising event: **An Afternoon for Equality** in honor of the advancements in equality for the LGBT community throughout the greater Erie area and beyond. Last year, we initiated an LGBT Community Progress Award, given to two Keystone allies in addressing issues of equality in the greater Erie community; Erie Insurance and GE Transportation.

This year, we have decided to honor the pioneers of the LGBT movement in the greater Erie community, but we need your help! **Do you know someone who is over 60 years old that you would like to nominate for the LGBT Community Progress Award?** Please help us by emailing their name and a brief explanation of why you think they should receive this year's LGBT Community Progress Award to geaefinfo@gmail.com no later than *Sunday, June 5th, 2016*. All nominees will receive two complimentary tickets to the 2016 Afternoon for Equality on June 26th from 3pm – 7pm at the Sunset Inn, 1990 Lakeside Drive, Erie, PA 16511.

As part of our desire to honor our community's LGBT pioneers, *anyone 60 years old and up* is also invited to attend the Afternoon for Equality free of charge. Enjoy an afternoon of excellent food, fine wine, live music, and guest speaker Peter Stewart from West Sussex, England on us! Register your attendance by email at geaefinfo@gmail.com or by calling Lake Erie Counseling at (814)455-4009 *by Monday, June 20th*. Let us know if transportation is an issue for you as well!

If you are not part of the 60+ crowd, please come and help us honor the great individuals who have worked to make our area a place of equality for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. *Tickets are a \$30 donation* and can be reserved through PayPal on our website: www.greatereriealliance.com *before Monday, June 20th*. Sponsorship levels start at \$50. We hope to see you there!

24th Annual Pride Picnic on June 4

from NW PA Pride Alliance

This event is free and open to the public, so bring your buns down to the beach and see what's cooking!

The Northwest Pennsylvania Pride Alliance, inc. would like to invite you to join us for the 24th Annual Erie Pride Picnic on Saturday, June 4th at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle (near Beach 7) from 1 to 6 PM. Please note that once again this year's picnic is the first weekend in June, rather than the second.

Hot dogs, ox roast, soft drinks, water and table settings are provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share. Food will be served from 2 to 4 PM. Note that state law does not permit alcohol in the park and we respectfully ask that you abide by rules the good folks at Presque Isle State Park have set for everyone's safety.

Be sure to check in at the registration table when

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DF12: Phillip B., Webby, Rick V. at Drenched Fur 12 held in Erie April 7-10. Recap of the event on page 6. Photo by Devin L.

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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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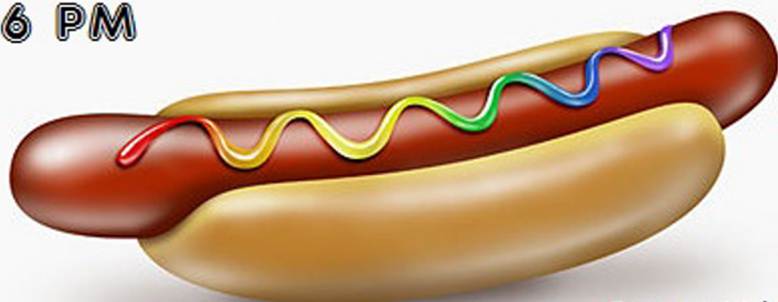
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Community News

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you arrive. We will be taking the annual Family Portrait around 4:30 PM, and there will also be roving photographers. If you prefer to not be included in photos, put a red dot on your name badge.

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. As always, there will be a collection taken for Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA (non-perishables, Please and

Help keep Pride events in Erie free!

from NW PA Pride Alliance

We'd like to thank you, each and every one of you who have helped us grow into who we are today. As the Northwest PA Pride Alliance, Inc. heads into our 5th season of Pride events we want to thank you from the bottom of our rainbow hued hearts for all the love and support you've shown us.

Pride Month will be here before you know it, and we're looking forward to bringing you free and low cost events all summer long. We'd like to keep our events open to the public and as affordable as we can, because pride is for everyone!

Here's how you can help:

Every little bit of your tax deductible donations help us make sure that there's ox roast for the picnic, decorations on the 4th of July float and bigger and better surprises in the years to come. Contributions can be made via PayPal at the online version of this article. Or if you'd rather do it the old fashioned way, we certainly don't mind. Checks should be made payable to NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. and can be mailed to NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. PO Box 11448 Erie PA 16514. Please feel free to contact donations@nwpride.org or call (814) 314-9075 if you need any additional info or have questions.

Thanks again and Happy Pride!

Thank You).

Start your Pride off right at one of the longest running Pride Events in the fine state of Pennsylvania!

The picnic area and Beach 7 area are accessible.

For more information or if you have questions you are welcome to call (814) 314-9075 or email president@nwpride.org

National HIV/AIDS Testing Day

from Community Health Net

June 27th is National Aids Testing Day. Community Health Net, 1202 State St, Erie PA, will be offering free, confidential HIV testing to anyone interested. The first 100 people to come in and be tested will receive a gift card to a local establishment. The testing will be between 9 and 3 on the 2nd floor. Get tested and know your status!

UU Garage Sale June 17 & 18

from Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie

You're invited! To the 27th annual Yard Sale. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie - June 17-18 9am-2pm. Your donated items are also welcome - evenings, June 12-16. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie is located at 7180 Perry Highway, Erie PA.

Come as you are... to our Sale, and to our Sunday Services at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome to check out our many varied activities: Buddhist Sangha Mondays at 7pm; Homeschool Group Tuesdays at 12; Memory Café for those with Dementia, and their caregivers; QiGong and Tai Chi Saturday at 9am; Alcoholics Anonymous Gatherings Saturday at 9am; Erie Moot gatherings; Fiber Arts Circle Wednesdays at 6pm; Whispering Lake Grove gatherings; Book Club discussions; our Memorial Garden; Our Mission Teams – Act, Connect, Inspire, and Green Sanctuary.. and so much more!

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Drenched Fur 12 scores big

by Gary Snyder

During the second weekend of April, once again the Erie community hosted Erie's exclusive Bear Weekend known as Drenched Fur. This time the 'Best Little Run for Fun' brought together hundreds of men hailing from around the tri-state area and as far away as Chicago, San Francisco, DC, and Toronto.

Erie has been annual hosting Drenched Fur for twelve years allowing men to appreciate each other and their natural masculinity.

On Friday night, DJ Tony Ruiz returned for the "Locker Room" themed dance. The main event for Drenched Fur is an exclusive Saturday night time private event at Splash Lagoon, our local indoor water park resort. In addition to enjoying the fun wet times there, the weekend this year also included Bear-e-oke, BEAR Bingo, a Winery Tour to North East, PA, and this year's game show spoof, Furry Feud. Sunday morning the weekend wrapped up with the charity silent auction which raised over \$1,000 for the Mental Health Associa-

tion of Northwestern PA.

The Drenched Fur 12 Committee did an amazing job hosting one of the biggest events for Erie's GLBTQA community and thanks all the individuals and businesses that helped make this year a success. To find out more about Drenched Fur, you can visit www.drenchedfur.com to review our photo gallery from over the years. And don't miss out on next years installment of DF13 to be held March 30 - April 2 in 2017!

Intersections of Equality recap

from the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

The Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Inc. (GEAE) would like to thank those who sponsored the highly successful Intersections of Equality Symposium on April 30, 2016 at Penn State Behrend. Special thanks to our major sponsor, Erie Insurance! Additional generous donors were; Penn State Erie, Highmark, Northwest Savings, UPMC Health, and Sunset Inn. Table sponsors included Lake Erie Counseling, the Cultured Purl, SafeNet, Safe Harbor, *Erie Gay News*, and NWPA Pride Alliance.

Since 2010, GEAE has committed to strengthening the voice of the LGBT community through educational programming. This biannual symposium consisted of four diverse plenary sessions designed to advance GEAE's mission in a variety of sectors in the greater Erie community. Dr. William Koehler and Dr. Hilary Copp from the Edinboro University Social Work Department presented a trauma-informed approach to working with LGBT youth. Pennsylvania Physician General, Dr. Rachael Levine informed participants of the state of transgender health care and rights throughout Pennsylvania. Dr. Andrew Caswell from the Gannon University Psychology Department discussed rebellion and conformity in gender roles. The final session consisted of a panel of four different artists facilitated by Allegheny College faculty, Darren Miller, MFA. Additionally, information tables from 8 different agencies and organizations were available throughout the day for participants to gain an understanding of the variety of services available to the LGBT individuals and families in the region. If you would like to obtain a copy of the slides presented in any of the plenary sessions, or would like to find out about future GEAE educational programming, please email us at geaeinfo@gmail.com



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Erie LGBTQIA Team helped raise donations in March for Babies

from Michael Mahler

On Sunday, May 1, 2016, representatives from various LGBTQ & affiliated groups, including NW PA Pride Alliance, LBT Women of Erie and The Table participated in the March of Dimes fundraiser, March for Babies, which was held at Penn State Behrend. In addition to walking in the march, members of the community donated over \$300. We all had a good time and were glad to help out a worthy cause!

Pictured above: Kim Conti Jodi Shay, Mike Mahler, Alex Sphon. Photo by Andrea Shaffer

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First ally governor

by Mark Segal, from Philadelphia Gay News

Listen up, LGBT history fans.

When you think of LGBT history, you likely think of San Francisco or New York City, but the truth is, 40 years ago, Pennsylvania was at the vanguard of the American struggle for LGBT equality. You're probably thinking I'm going to mention those pickets outside Independence Hall every July 4 from 1965-69, or the Dewey's sit-in in 1965. None of the above.

On April 12 in Harrisburg, the State Museum of Pennsylvania held a program to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Governor's Council on Sexual Minorities. This was the first time in American history that a government body was created to look into the issues of the LGBT community. There was no roadmap; instead, Gov. Milton Shapp built the roads for every mayor, governor and even president to make strides for LGBT equality.

He not only created the council, he backed it up with an executive order ending antigay discrimination in all state departments under his jurisdiction. He also

issued the first statewide gay Pride resolution in the nation. I say all of this with some pride, since Gov. Shapp was my friend. That friendship came from a letter I wrote Gov. Shapp in 1973, which has just been unearthed in the State Archives.

He was courageous. Up until him, no U.S. governor had ever been willing to even meet with, as we were called then, gay activists. Gov. Shapp, however, not only met with us, he had his press team invite media to photograph the meeting. But most importantly, he took our issues seriously.

Every state department was to have a representative at meetings of the council, which was comprised of gay activists. Members would then pair off with the various department heads to talk about changing government from the inside. Nothing like this had ever been done before.

There were 30 departments under Gov. Shapp's purview, and 27 of them made sweeping changes because of this council. At each change, the legislature would fight back, and the governor held his ground. At times, his own party pleaded for him to stop. He got death threats, people protested him wherever he went, his family was harassed, but he continued. Why?

As he told me when I asked, "My real last name is Shapiro. I had to change it to get into politics. I understand discrimination when I see it."

Governor, thank you for your leadership as the nation's first LGBT ally governor.

Mark Segal is the nation's most-award-winning commentator in LGBT media. His memoir "And Then I Danced," is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble or your favorite book seller.

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Exhibit at State Museum: PA's Pioneering role in LGBT rights

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Open April 13 through October 30, 2016, this exhibit focuses on the equality movement for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights in the late 1960s and its progress in the Commonwealth during the 1970s. The show focuses on the partnership between dedicated LGBT activist coalitions and Governor Milton J. Shapp, leading to unprecedented executive action in Pennsylvania for LGBT equality and features photographs, documents and objects related to this movement.

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Calendar

Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar
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Live & Let Live is an LGBTQA-friendly AA meeting that meets every Sunday, at 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 West 38th St., , Erie, PA . For more information, visit www.aaeriepa.org.

Through Oct 30 - Exhibit "We're Here: Pioneering LGBT Rights in Pennsylvania" (State Museum of PA, Harrisburg PA) statemuseumpa.org

May 25 (Wed) - Spirituality in Everyday Life at the Table (The Table, 3176 W. 41st St., Erie, PA) 7 PM. www.thetableerie.com/.

May 27 - 30 (Fri - Mon) - Memorial Day Weekend - Army Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. www.jonespond.com.

May 28 - May 29 (Sat - Fri) - Memorial Holiday Weekend at Camp Davis (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) www.campdaviscampground.com.

May 28 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Troika Russian Festival (Church of the Nativity, 251 East Front St., Erie, PA) 12 PM. (814) 314-9512. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

May 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Transgender Support Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2 -5 PM. "We provide a safe space for all who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning." (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

May 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesisters.ning.com/.

May 28 (Sat) - Lip Sync Contest (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required. . www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

May 29 (Sun) - Big Gay Picnic (North Park Lodge, Pearce Mill Rd, Allison Park, PA) 12-6 PM. 18+ to attend/21+ to drink/proper ID required. (412) 322-2800. info@deltafoundation.us. Order tickets at pittsburghpride.org/tickets or 888-71-TICKETS.

Jun 1 (Wed) - Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus: "Big Gay Sing" (Evergreen Commons, Buffalo NY) buffalogaymenschorus.com


Jun 1 (Wed) - Worship at The Table (Asbury Woods, 4105 Asbury Road, Erie, PA 16506) 7 PM. Behind the main building. Venue Phone: (814) 835-5356. Email: pastrixjodi@gmail.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/thetableerie. Browse to venue web site <http://>

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Jun 3 - 5 (Fri - Sun) - Construction Zone Weekend - Hard Hats & Bodies (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 4 - 5 (Sat - Sun) - Renaissance City Choir Pride Concert (East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA) rccpittsburgh.com/

Jun 4 (Sat) - Skirt Night (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) www.campdavicampground.com.

Jun 4 (Sat) - 24th Annual Erie Pride Picnic (Rotary Pavilion, Presque Isle State Park, Erie PA) 1-6PM www.nwpapride.org

Jun 4 (Sat) - Zone Pride Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM. "Come celebrate your Pride with your Zone Family." Doors open at 8 pm. (814) 452-0125. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Jun 4 (Sat) - Drag Show and Mr. and Miss M&J's Lounge (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 4 - The D'Vyne Pride Show (Allegany American Legion, 4350 Rte 417 Allegany NY) 10pm \$6 door.

Jun 5 (Sun) - TransFamily Youth Transgender Support Group meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. We provide a safe space for all youth who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning, We welcome anyone 21 and younger who identifies as gender-variant. We also support the community through advocacy efforts and education to the larger cisgender community, and we attend to charges of discrimination experienced by transgender youth in Erie County. Contact: Tyler Titus. tylertituslpc@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth/. v

Jun 5 (Sun) - Kate Buczek Memorial Jazz Concert (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy Erie, PA) 4 PM. With Colony Trio featuring Howard Hamme, Carl Alanakian and Harry Jacobson; plus The U-Tones featuring Jackson Froman, Sonny Froman, Pat Lorei, Doug Hunsberger, Doug Russell, and Tammie Johnson. Free, but donations to Kate

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Jun 5 - Buffalo Pride Festival Canalside (44 Prime St, Buffalo, NY) Admission: \$5 (children under 10 get in for free) www.buffalopridefestival.com

Jun 8 (Wed) - LBT Women go to UPMC Sunset Music Series (Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE. venue web site www.presqueisle.org/.

Jun 8 (Wed) - The Table: Theology in Tap (Schickalay's On The Bay, 2860 W. 6th, Erie, PA) 7 PM. pastrixjodi@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/thetableerie.

Jun 10 - 12 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Pride - 200 Block Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) ! (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 11 (Sat) - Pride at Camp Davis (Camp Davis,

311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. info@campdavicscampground.com. www.campdavicscampground.com.

Jun 11 (Sat) - Erie LGBT Rainbow Alliance meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 1 - 3 PM. "safe, confidential space for LGBT community members" Co-facilitators: Chelsea Nicole, Dale Allgeier, LCSW. (814) 455-4009. ErieLGBTRainbowAlliance@gmail.com.

Jun 11 (Sat) - PFLAG Meadville Picnic (Woodcock Lake Park, 23050 Woodcock Lake Park, Meadville, PA) 1 PM. "Lawn chairs, Favorite non-alcoholic beverage, dish to share, any yard games. *Please RSVP by Sunday, June 5th* so that we have an idea of who is coming and what you are bringing." Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. meadvillepflag@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/PFLAGMeadville/. www.woodcocklakepark.com/.

Jun 11 (Sat) - TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (Counseling Center, 898 Park Ave (2nd flr), Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Richelle Kohler. richellekohler@hotmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

Jun 11 (Sat) - KESHA at Pride in the Streets (Liberty Ave between 9th& 10th., Pittsburgh, PA) 6 PM. Tickets pittsburghpride.org/tickets or 888-71-TICKETS.

Jun 11 (Sat) - Lounge Closed for Pittsburgh Pride (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) (724) 602-

Jun 12 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler marches in Pittsburgh Pride Parade (Pittsburgh, PA) Contact: Joshua Crawford. (724) 290-9674 . www.pflagbutler.com

Jun 12 (Sun) - Aging With Pride (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. "Safe, comfortable space for the older LGBT individual to seek support, friendship, social opportunities and discussion of issues of importance. (814) 455-4009. da-leallgeier@outlook.com. www.lakeeriecounseling.com/

Jun 12 - Dolly Parton at Artpark (Artpark Outdoor Amphitheater, Lewiston NY) dollyparton.com

Jun 13 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News Jul 2016 print edition (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA) Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Jun 14 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. Contact: Marguerite youngstownpflag@aol.com. www.youngstownpflag.org/.

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Jun 15 (Wed) - LBT Women go to UPMC Sunset Music Series (Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Jun 15 (Wed) - The Table: Contemplation 101 (Beach 6, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA 16507) 7 PM. Exploring the practice of Long Wandering Prayer at Presque Isle. Meet at the building on Beach 6, Email: patrixjodi@gmail.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/thetableerie. Browse to venue web site http://www.presqueisle.org/.

Jun 16 (Thu) - Bears Do Dinner (Casablanca Grill, 2174 W 8th St., Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Jun 17-18 - 27th Annual Hundred Family Yard Sale (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie PA) 9AM-2PM "We are a Welcoming Congregation!" Details on page 6. www.uuerie.org (814) 864-9300

Jun 17 - 19 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboy Weekend - Brokeback Campground (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com.

Jun 18 - Columbus Pride Festival and Parade www.columbuspride.org

Jun 18 (Sat) - Underwear Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. info@campdavicampground.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Jun 18 (Sat) - Toga Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 18-19 North Coast men's Chorus: "Workin' It" Waetjen Auditorium, Cleveland OH. www.ncmchorus.org


Jun 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show! (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Jun 21 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, 55 West Bay Road, Erie, PA 7 PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Jun 21 (Tue) - PFLAG Meadville meets (Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S Main St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. meadvillepflag@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/



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Jun 22 (Wed) - The Table: Spirituality in Everyday Life (Chautauqua Park, 1 Chautauqua Blvd, Erie, PA 16511) 7 PM. Explore spiritual themes in nature at Chautauqua Park. Bring a folding chair or blanket to sit on. For those who would like to stay, we will have a brief meditation as we watch the sun set. Email: pastrixjodi@gmail.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/thetableerie.

Jun 22 (Wed) - LBT Women go to UPMC Sunset Music Series (Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Jun 24 - 26 (Fri - Sun) - Illumination Weekend - New Years Eve Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jun 25 (Sat) - Summer Swimwear Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA). www.campdavisground.com.

Jun 25 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Transgender Support Group meets (Mental Health Association of


Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2 -5 PM. (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWP. venue web site www.mhanp.org/.

Jun 25 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy Erie PA) 7 PM. “provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesters.ning.com/

Jun 25 (Sat) - Pajama Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Jun 26 (Sun) - An Afternoon for Equality: Honoring LGBT Pioneers (Sunset Inn, 1990 Lakeside Dr. Erie, PA) 3 -7 PM. Annual fundraising event for Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. Includes presentation of LGBT Community Progress Award. As part of our desire to honor our community's LGBT pioneers, anyone 60 years old and up is also invited to attend the Afternoon for Equality free of charge. Enjoy an afternoon of excellent food, fine wine, live music, and guest speaker Peter Stewart from West Sussex, England on us! Register your attendance by email at geaefinfo@gmail.com or by calling Lake Erie Counseling at (814)455-4009 by Monday, June 20th. Let us know if transportation is an issue for you as well! If you are not part of the 60+ crowd, please come and help us honor the great individuals who have worked to make our area a place of equality for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Tickets are a \$30 donation and can be reserved through PayPal on our website: www.greatereriealliance.com before Monday, June 20th. Sponsorship levels start at \$50. (866) 229-1974.

Jun 26 (Sun) - Miss Erie 2016 “A Girl’s Day on Rodeo Drive” (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8:30 PM. ‘Come cheer on all of the great contestants as they compete for the crowning title Miss Erie 2016. The girls will work hard to show you their daytime look with their “Creative Presentation”. Next the girls will show off their night time look with their “Evening Gown Presentation”. And for their last attempt to impress the judges, the girls will amaze you with their fantastic “Talent Number”. There will also be intermission entertainment numbers by your favorite former Miss



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Erie's! ' Doors open 7 pm and pageant begins at 8:30 pm. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Jun 27 (Mon) - Community Health Net - National HIV Testing Day (Community Health Net, 1202 State St, Erie, PA) 9 AM - 3 PM. Community Health Net will be offering free HIV testing. First 100 participants will receive a gift card for getting tested. (814) 455-7222. chnadmin@community-healthnet.com. www.community-healthnet.com/.

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Jun 29 (Wed) - The Table: Let's go play! (Waldameer, 220 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA) 7 PM. "We will meet at the entrance at 7 PM. You can purchase an evening pass or simply pay as you go to ride, enjoy the food, play games and, of course, people watch. Just a fun evening practicing the spiritual art of play!" patrixjodi@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/thetableerie.

Jul 3 - Toronto Pride Parade (other events throughout month) Note: Passport required for border crossing.

Jul 16 - Pride Youngstown - Downtown Youngstown Ohio. Facebook: Youngstown Pride Festival Website: prideyoungstown.org/Buffalo.NY.

Jul 30 - Pride Festival of Central PA Riverfront Park, admission \$10, under 12 free. www.centralpapridefestival.com/

Aug 13 - Cleveland Pride Date changed this year because of construction and the Republican National Convention. www.clevelandpride.org

Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Begins
<i>Memo EP</i> download from Grace	May 27
<i>I'm In Control</i> from AlunaGeorge ft Popcaan	May 31
Ariana Grande - <i>Dangerous Woman</i>	June 3
<i>When Your Child is Gay: What You Need To Know</i>	June 7
<i>Boystown Season 5</i>	June 10
<i>Imagine</i> from Sir Ivan	June 14
Autographed copy of <i>The Second Half: A Gay American Football Story</i>	June 17
<i>Twin Peaks EAQ</i>	June 21
<i>Dear Mom and Dad</i>	June 24
<i>Carl(a)</i> DVD	June 28

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>All My Friends</i> from Snakehips ft. Tinashe & Chance The Rap	May 27
<i>Hunter</i> DVD	May 31
<i>Only If You Want To</i> EP by Lexxica	June 3
Tickets to <i>Kiss Me Kate</i> at Erie Playhouse; <i>Goddess</i> DVD	June 7
Autographed copy of <i>Free Days with George</i>	June 10
Digital HD download of <i>TOP GUN</i>	June 14

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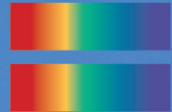


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