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LGBT Roundtable

Representatives from several local LGBT groups met on Feb 21 at the Erie Maennerchor Club. More photos on our website, more details and updates next month.

Photo: Mike Mahler



“The New Black” at Edinboro Mar 3

from GEAE

Join Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) in watching *The New Black*, an award-winning documentary followed by a panel discussion with Rev. Dr. Parris Baker, Rev. Dr. Richard McCarty, and Rev. Sonny Concepcion. The documentary will be shown Tuesday, March 3rd. at the Pogue Student Center at Edinboro University from 6:30-8pm, followed by a panel discussion from 8:15-9pm. *The New Black* tells the story of how the African-American community is grappling with the gay rights issue in light of the recent marriage equality movement and the fight over civil rights.

This screening is sponsored by the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and the Edinboro University Department of Social Work. It is DIME Eligible for University Diversity Council.

“With same-sex marriage being evaluated...[by] the Supreme Court... decision on the subject, the documentary The New Black could hardly be more timely.”

~Dana Ferguson/ Los Angeles Times

Community Awareness Night Mar 24

raises awareness of free services

from Crime Victim Center of Erie County

On Tuesday, March 24th, Crime Victim Center of Erie County will host a Community Awareness Night presentation at the Blasco Memorial Library Admiral Room, 160 East Front Street, Erie PA from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Learn about the free services offered by Crime Victim Center, Bradley H. Foulk Children’s Advocacy Center, and Northwestern Legal Services. Additionally, those in attendance will be educated on the latest best practices and prevention skills related to child safety, internet and cybercrimes, and victim’s legal rights.

Prior to the presentation there will be an open networking opportunity from 5 to 5:30 pm with complimentary snacks and refreshments provided by Wegmans Food Markets. Community leaders, stakeholders, and concerned citizens are invited to share concerns,

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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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ask questions, and provide input on the barriers facing the access to services.

For more information or additional comments contact Paul Lukach, Crime Victim Center at 814.455.9414 or execdir@cvcerie.org

Trans Lifeline offers free support

from Trans Lifeline

Trans Lifeline is a non-profit dedicated to the well being of transgender people. We run a hotline staffed by transgender people for transgender people. Trans Lifeline volunteers are ready to respond to whatever support needs members of our community might have. This is a *free* helpline run by volunteers and supported by the community. US: (877) 565-8860 www.translifeline.org/

“Mass Appeal” presented in Jamestown March 6, 7 and 13, 14

from Winged Ox Players

Winged Ox Players presents *Mass Appeal*. It is a play about a young priest who wants to shake up and challenge an older priest with his ideas on women in the priesthood, homosexuals in the church and the reason for wanting to be a priest. In the sanctuary of Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church in Jamestown NY (a better setting there could not be). Show times will be Mar. 6, 7 and Mar. 13, 14 at 7:00PM. There will be a special dinner and ticket package (only 50 seats available for this package; dinner will be served at the new Valhalla’s restaurant) There will also be a ticket package to the show without dinner for \$10. Discussion will be held after the show in the undercroft of the church with coffee and a dessert. Steven Michael Cobb is directing the play and Lars Benson and Deacon Pierce will be playing the younger and older priests respectively. We hope you can join us! Info: Venue: (716) 483-6405 Steven Michael Cobb: (716)499-5142

March Against Crime 5k Run/Walk on March 8

from Crime Victim Center

There will be a March against Crime 5k Run/Walk on March 8, 2015 at 9am at the Rotary Pavilion, Presque Isle State Park—Erie, PA. The event is a benefit for Crime Victim Center of Erie. The fee is \$25



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The Table and Theology on Tap updates

from Jodi

The Table continues to meet for contemplative, participatory experiences on Sunday's at 5:30 pm at 3176 W. 41st Street Erie PA..

The Table now has a website! Visit www.thetableerie.com

For the season of Lent, a daily reflection linked to an image and the daily scripture will be available on the website and on our Facebook page. Feel free to add your thoughts or stories in the comments.

Theology on Tap will be Wednesday, March 11 at 7 pm at Andy's Pub, 3866 Peach St. Look for us downstairs!

Info: www.facebook.com/thetableerie 814-724-9775

Check out special bonus content online at eriegaynews.com .

MISSING EMAILS FROM EGN MAILING LISTS?

Because of a web crash in October, all mailing lists through the EGN website were lost. If you had previously been on one of the email lists that we maintain, you will need to sign up again at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Affected lists:

- Erie GLBT News/Events
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- NW PA Pride Volunteers
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Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

Hope that everyone is having a great month! We here at *Erie Gay News* are very proud to bring you the directory of wedding officiants in this month's issue. In addition to government and secular resources, I am very proud of the fact that we have several different faith traditions represented among the various clergy. I think that this helps even those who are not necessarily looking to be married to see that there are LGBT friendly/welcoming faith centers in our area.

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) and NW PA Pride Alliance (NWPAPA) have started on a joint project of an LGBT Roundtable. The first phase involves a needs assessment, and the focus is on groups/organizations. Representatives from several groups met on February 21 at the Maennerchor Club, and there was a lot of great dialogue. There will be another meeting within the month for organizations and groups that weren't able to be at the first meeting. If your group would like to be part of this, please contact Will Koehler at wkoehler@edinboro.edu. We

will have a more in depth article about this in the next issue of *Erie Gay News*.

Drenched Fur, Erie's annual Bear run, is shaping up very well for April. In addition, we have had some great Bear Bar Nights at the Zone the first Friday of each month (see the photo on this page and the photo gallery online), as well as our monthly Bears Do Dinner. More info at www.drenchedfur.com,

Growing up, my family always had cats, and I have had cats most of my adult. However, since the death of my cat Puck this past Labor Day, I have been without feline company. On Groundhog Day, I went to the Anna Shelter with my friend Matthew. There were some wonderful pets for adoption, and I left with Oscar Wildecats, who is an orange tabby and a little over a year old, and Hades Cat-thulhu, who is a black domestic shorthair and about 4 1/2 years old. (In my opinion, it's simply not a home without a black cat.) They are both ridiculously adorable and wonderfully affectionate. My two dogs, Hecate Sable and Heracles Turlough, get along with them fairly well.



Some of the guys at February's Bear Bar Night, organized by Drenched Fur. Next one is March 6. More photos on our website!

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A Listing of Local Authorized Officiants

Who Welcome Same-Sex Couples

Marriage equality became the law in Pennsylvania in May 2014.

But same-sex couples who wish to wed may still face prejudice. The number of churches that will allow their clergy to conduct same-sex weddings is still small. And a judge may refuse to perform a ceremony.

This listing was inspired in large part by an incident last fall, when an Erie district justice turned away a same-sex couple on their wedding day. We wanted to provide a resource where couples did not have to risk feeling the sting of prejudice on their special day.

All of the officiants in this listing have contacted us and specifically stated that they want to be included.

We contacted all district and town justices in Erie, Crawford, and Chautauqua counties. Although only a handful told us they wanted to be included in our listing, it is our sense that there are many more.

One judge wrote to us with an explanation that may be a common sentiment: "I do marriages," he wrote. "And, in fact, I have done a couple same-sex marriages. However, I would prefer not being listed in a directory. I would like to focus on serving the citizens in my area and not reaching out to persons in other areas served by other courts."

We are grateful to all who have allowed us to list them as welcoming officiants. We will be adding to this listing as time goes along. And hopefully, at some point in our lifetimes, a special listing won't be needed anymore!

Best Wishes!
Deb & Mike

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[Editor's note: It was Judge Carney who married the two women who'd earlier been turned away by another judge]

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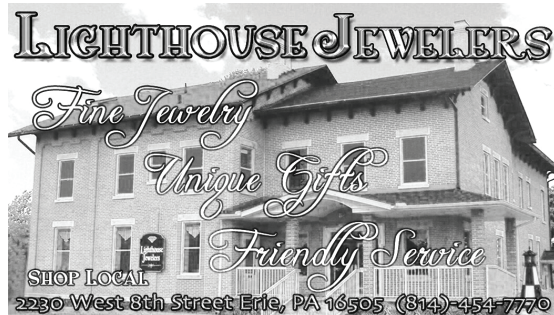
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Feb 20-Mar 14 - Terrance McNally's "Mothers and Sons" at Buffalo United Artists Buffalo NY. www.buffalobua.org

Feb 25 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Film at the Erie Art Museum (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA) Doors open 6 PM, Film at 7 PM. Admission is \$5.

Feb 25 (Wed) - J-Pride - LGBT Social Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. in Chautauqua Co., 31 Water St. Ste 7, Jamestown, NY) 6 PM. 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.

Feb 27 (Fri) - Bar Bowling (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.

Feb 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Support group dedicated to providing safe, supportive space for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones in Erie Co. and the surrounding region. Judgment-free environment. Refreshments provided. Attendants are encouraged to bring something to share with the group, but this is not required. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie.

www.TransfamilyOfErie.com

Feb 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, followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesisters.ning.com/

Feb 28 (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.

Mar 1 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler, PA) Elections will be held. Educational program will be Ask Ellen, the Social Worker. Contact: Joshua Crawford. (724) 290-9674 president@pflagbutler.com. www.pflagbutler.com/.

Mar 4 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Film at the Erie



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Mar 6 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Join the Bears for a night of fun and friends! Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327 info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

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Mar 6 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Gallery Crawl (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA) 7 PM - 10 PM. Visit local art galleries as well as the Erie Art Museum. All are free and many will serve beverages and snacks. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. xwww. ErieBeans@aol.com. https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE

Mar 7 (Sat) - Chinese Auction Bingo (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.

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martine@cvcerie.org. www.cvcerie.org/.

Mar 8 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Brew Ha Ha at the Colony, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) Following meeting, we will go to the Erie Art Museum (free every 2nd Sunday.) Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512.xwww. ErieBeans@aol.com. https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE. www. https://www.facebook.com/brewhahaerie.

Mar 9 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie PA) 7 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Also meets 4th Tues. of the month at 7 PM at Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S. Main St. Meadville, PA. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 367-3311. pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-Erie-Crawford-Counties/1.

Mar 10 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) Support groups are open to the public, starts at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Contact: Marguerite Felice. youngstownpflag@aol.com. www. youngstownpflag.org

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Mar 11 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner (Serafini's Italian Restaurant, 2642 W 12th St, Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. www. info@drenchedfur.com.

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Mar 14 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Maple Taste and Tour (Erie, PA) We will head to some of the local Maple producing locations to taste their local made maple products and tour their facilities. www. pamaple.org Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512.



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Mar 14 (Sat) - The O'Zone Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Come get some Luck O The Irish at the O'Zone Saint Patrick's Day Party! (814) 452-0125. TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Mar 14 (Sat) - Our 4 year Anniversary Party and St. Patrick's Day 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.

Mar 14 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls: Drag Gone Wild - Veronyca Edition (Speed Trap Restaurant, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover. Venue (716) 771-2711. www.speedtraprestaurant.com

Mar 15 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News April 2015 print edition (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of Mar 24. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com.

Mar 15 (Sun) - FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. All of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the 3d Sun. of the month. (814) 452-0125. TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Mar 17 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty This group provides LGBTQA people the confidential opportunity to share questions, stories, and experiences about what it means to be both a sexual and spiritual person. Contact: Rich McCarty. 1-866-229-1974

Mar 18 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Film at the Erie Art Museum (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA) Doors open 6 PM, Film at 7 PM. Admission is \$5.

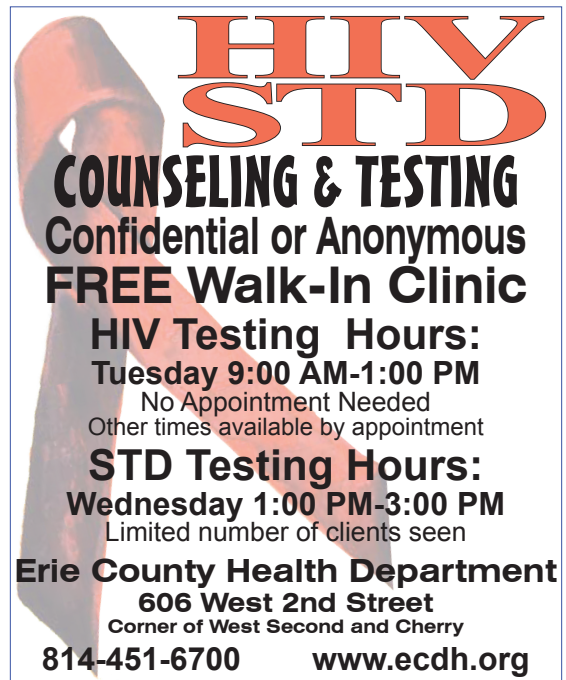
Mar 21 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Musical 'Spring Awakening' (Penn State Behrend, 5103 Station Rd, Erie, PA) Watch our Facebook for ticket sale date information. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. www.EricBeans@aol.com. <https://www.facebook.com/>

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Mar 21 (Sat) - Starz Presents The Green Party (Jamestown Savings Bank Ice Arena, 319 W 3rd St, Jamestown, NY) 8 PM - 2 AM. Hosted by Erie's Bad Girl, Jill Jamison. St. Patrick's Day themed party. \$5 cover at the door, 50/50, silent auction, prizes! All proceeds benefit the Jamestown Pride Society! Contact: Jason A Perdue. (716) 397-2452. www.jason_a_perdue@yahoo.com. www.jamestownpride.com/

Mar 21 (Sat) - Toga 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.

Mar 21 (Sat) - Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) Gives Back (Maennerchor Club, 1607 State St, Erie, PA) 2:00-4:30 PM. This benefits Mental Health Association of NW PA (MHA) and we are asking people to bring donations of boots, gloves, and laptops (see the MHA website at www.mhanp.org for the laptop program needs). Staff of the MHA will be there and we will serve pizza and drinks. Family



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Mar 22 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Eostre Celebration (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Doors open at 5:00pm, ritual at 6:00pm, potluck to follow. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560. www.grollwynn72@hotmail.com. www.whispering-lakegrove.org. www.uuerie.org.

Mar 24 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, Griffin Room, 55 West Bay Dr Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of EGN. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out awith folks! info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Mar 24 (Tue) - PFLAG Meeting in Meadville (Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S Main St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. The meeting is co-sponsored by Stone United Methodist Church and Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville. Info: (814) 724-6736 or sroncola@allegheny.edu (Stone UMC) or (814) 724-4023

(UU Meadville.) (814) 724-6736. www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-Erie-Crawford-Counties/1.

Mar 24 Community Awareness Night 5-7 pm Admiral Room, Blasco Memorial Library 160 East Front St Erie, PA Learn about the free services offered by Crime Victim Center, Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center, and Northwestern Legal Services. Info/comments: Paul Lukach, Crime Victim Center at 814.455.9414 or execdir@cvccerie.org

Mar 25 (Wed) - J-Pride - LGBT Social Group meets (Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, 31 Water Street Suite 7, Jamestown, NY) 6 PM. 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.

Mar 25 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Film at the Erie Art Museum (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA) Doors open 6 PM, Film at 7 PM. Admission is \$5.


Mar 27 (Fri) - LBT Women go to play 'Third' (Dramashop, 1001 State Street 2nd Floor, Erie, PA) Meet at 7:30 at 1001 State St. Cost \$12 purchased online in advance or \$15 at the door. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. www.ErieBeans@aol.com. <https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE>. www.dramashop.org/.

Mar 27-Apr 19 - "See Alice Run" All An Act Theatre Productions www.allanact.net

Mar 27-Apr 11 "BUA Takes 10: GLBT Short Plays 2015" Buffalo United Artists, Main St Cabaret, Buffalo NY www.buffalobua.org

Mar 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Support group dedicated to providing safe, supportive space for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones in Erie Co. and the surrounding region. Judgment-free environment. Refreshments provided. Attendants are encouraged to bring something to share with the group, but this is not required. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie.

Mar 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Erie Sisters is a local transgender support



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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. (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224.net. eriesisters.ning.com/

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Mar 31 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. (724) 287-7731. www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork.

Apr 9-12 - DF11 Drenched Fur www.drenchedfur.

Apr 22 (Wed) - Whispering Lake Grove Earth Day Celebration (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Our doors will be open at 5:00pm with an outdoor ritual at 6:00pm. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560. www.grollwynn72@hotmail.com. www.whisperinglakegrove.org. www.uuerie.org.

Apr 26 - Johnny Mathis in Erie Warner Theatre, Erie PA

May 9 - AIDS Walk Buffalo Benefits Evergreen Health Services and Benedict House. AIDSWalkBuffalo.org

May 15-17 Imperial Court of Buffalo Coronation 2015 imperialcourtofbuffalo.com

Jun 6 - 2015 Pride Picnic Rotary Pavilion Presque Isle, Erie PA.

Jun 12 - Diversity Prom 7-11PM Asbury Hall, Buffalo NY \$10 for LGBT youth & allies 14-20 years www.glyswyny.org



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Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Begins
<i>Time on Two Crosses: The Collected Writings of Bayard Rustin</i>	February 27
<i>Deeper Dating</i> by Ken Page	March 3
Kelly Clarkson <i>Piece By Piece</i>	March 6
<i>The Human Agenda</i> by Joe Wenke	March 10
<i>Quentin Tarantino FAQ</i>	March 13

Here are contests which are currently active..

Contest	Ends
Madonna <i>Living For Love</i> Remix CD; Bea Miller - <i>Young Blood Remixes</i>	February 27
<i>hopeful</i> ROMANTIC from Matt Zarley; Years & Years self-titled EP	March 3
<i>Lavender Review Anthology</i>	March 6
<i>Creature Comfort</i> PDF eBook	March 10
Estelle - <i>True Romance</i>	March 13

On Our website:

Recent photo galleries:

- LBT Women Holiday Dinner
- Bear Bar Night
- LGBT Roundtable
- Rev Steve Aschmann
- 2014 GALA

Video:

- Drenched Fur 11 Updates

Articles & News:

- New Casey-Backed Bill Would Make Discrimination and Violence Against LGBT Community a Priority for U.S. Government

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