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Erie Gay News



Erie Pridefest on August 27

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance will be presenting Erie Pridefest on Saturday, August 27th. The day's events will begin with the Pride March. As always, assembly for the march begins at noon at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, and step off is at 1 PM with the march ending up at the Festival in Griswold Park. Pridefest will begin at 2 PM and will feature performers, speakers and entertainers; as well as vendors and information tables

Please note that Pridefest will once again be held at Griswold Park, W 14th & Peach, Erie PA. If your group or organization would like to have a unit in the march, please let us know by August 20th by emailing tables@nwpaupride.org. Individuals are certainly welcome to participate as well!

Interested performers and speakers should contact entertainment@nwpaupride.org, by August 20th.

Vendors and agencies interested in having a table at the festival should please contact: tables@nwpaupride.org. Tables are \$15 each and come with 2 chairs. Deadline for getting a table is August 20th.

Non-perishable donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA much appreciated.

GEAE After Pride Party

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

The Erie annual Pridefest is always an exciting time for the local LGBT community. This year, the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) is adding to the celebration on August 27 with an After Pride Party at the Bourbon Barrel from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. GEAE is providing a wide variety of free food for three hours (or until it's gone!), as well as free mechanical bull rides; with a cash bar available. As Pridefest winds down, the After Pride Party will begin!

GEAE and the staff at the Bourbon Barrel are enthusiastic about this party, and so we hope that everyone will stop by to continue the celebration of Pride in Erie!



HARRY MILLER: LGBT Community Progress Awards and personalized letters of commendation from U.S. Senator Bob Casey were presented to community advocates Harry Miller (above) and Doris Cipolla at GEAE Afternoon for Equality. More photos on our website. Story on page 5. Photo: Mike Mahler

Pride Day at Waldameer on Aug 28!

from NW PA Pride Alliance

We can't think of a better way to finish your Pride Weekend than with discounted tickets to rides and relaxation at Waldameer Park and Water World! To join us on Sunday August 28th for some family fun at the 10th oldest amusement park in the US, you just need to:

1. Use the handy ticket link at the online version of this article to get your discounted day passes to the main park and newly expanded water park. (You can also reserve your passes with us at Erie Pridefest, August 27th in Griswold Park) Tickets at the discounted rate are \$24.50 per person.

2. Then just stop by our reserved pavilion, Coaster 1, to pick up your passes.

3. Enjoy your day in the park with friends and family!

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interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814)
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Community News

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The Main park will be open from 12 noon until 10 P.M. that day and Water World will be open from 11 A.M until 7 P.M., so bring your suits and towels and get ready to get wet!

Please note that Waldameer & Water World are cashless so all purchases inside the park require a Credit/Debit or Wally Card which can be purchased at the park or ahead of time on their website.

In the interest of everyone enjoying the day, we'd like to ask everyone to please abide by the rules the good folks at Waldameer Park & Water World have established for everyone's safety, a complete list of the parks guidelines is available at waldameer.com

You attend at your own risk, NWPA Pride Alliance Inc. assumes no responsibility for personal belongings you leave at our reserved pavilion and you are responsible for your own child care.

Visit www.nwpapride.org

Dazzling LGBT Float in Millcreek 4th of July Parade

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance had a float in the 51st Annual Millcreek 4th of July Parade, held on Monday, July 4, 2016 along W 12th St in Erie, PA. Friends from TransFamily of NW PA and other members and supporters of the LGBT community also rode on and walked in the contingent. About 20,000+ people typically show up to watch the parade. There has been representation from the LGBT community in every Millcreek 4th of July parade since 2006. The response from spectators was overwhelmingly positive.



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Miss Erie Pageant was a great night!

from Michelle Michaels

On Sunday, June 26, the Miss Erie Pageant was held at the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. The two contests were Danyel Vasquez and Jill Valentine Jamison.

Miss Erie 2016/17 is Danyel Vasquez and 1st runner up is Jill Jamison.

Performers were pageant director Misty Michaels Kall, Michelle Michaels, Buffy Lynn Hayes, Mistress Vanitay, Rhiannon Angelina, Brionna Brooks, and now former Miss Erie Valerie Valentino.

Also, the drag performers and NW PA Pride Alliance held a bake sale during the pageant to raise money for Orlando's Pulse Nightclub shooting victims. A total of \$248 was raised.

**DEADLINE for next issue of EGN is
August 15**

Remember NW PA Pride on Erie Gives Day, August 9

from NW PA Pride Alliance

The NWPA Pride Alliance, Inc. is committed to providing public events to increase visibility, awareness and a sense of community to the LGBTQIA population of the Erie, PA area. We're hoping you'll help us continue to bring you free and low cost events by supporting us on Erie Gives Day. August 9, 2016 • 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Eriegives.org.

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2016 Afternoon for Equality Recap

from Dr. Will Koehler, LCSW, President of the Board

On Sunday, June 26th, over 100 people gathered for the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality's 6th Annual Afternoon for Equality.

This year, the signature fundraiser for equality in Erie was held at the beautiful Sunset Inn, with a special focus on celebrating pioneers in the local equality movement. LGBT Community Progress Awards and personalized letters of commendation from U.S. Senator Bob Casey were presented to community advocates Doris Cipolla and Harry Miller. Participants celebrated the work of GEAE over the past year and listened to a compelling talk from Peter Steward about growing up as a gay man in England in the '60s. An announcement was made regarding the upcoming opening of GEAE's center for equality, a place to conduct the organizations activities. GEAE's events coming up in the next few months were also announced.

We look forward to continuing to advance our mission to create a safe and welcoming community for

all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through quality educational programs, service opportunities, and social events with the funds generated from this event. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you again, to our wonderful donors for making our 6th Annual Afternoon for Equality the most successful event GEAE has ever had.



DORIS CIPOLLA: LGBT Community Progress Awards and personalized letters of commendation from U.S. Senator Bob Casey were presented to community advocates Doris Cipolla (above) and Harry Miller at GEAE Afternoon for Equality.

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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) s"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." statemuseumpa.org

Jul 23 - Aug 14 (Sat - Sun) - Buffalo United Artists presents "It's Only A Play" by Terrence McNally (Buffalo United Artists, One Curtain Up Alley, Buffalo, NY) www.buffalobua.org

Jul 27 (Wed) - The Table: Spirituality in Everyday Life (Headwaters Park, 1927 Wager Rd, Erie, PA) 7 PM. patrixjodi@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/

thetableerie.

Jul 29 - 31 (Fri - Sun) - Leather Weekend - Mr. Jones Pond Leather Contest (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jul 30 (Sat) - Christmas in July (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Gift Exchange 8pm (724) 637-2402. www.campdavisground.com.

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

Aug 1 - 5 (Mon - Fri) - Vacation Week - 5 days of activities and events (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) x585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Aug 5 - 7 (Fri - Sun) - Mardi Gras Weekend - 100 Block Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

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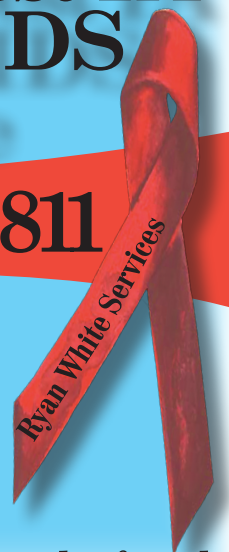
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Aug 7 (Sun) - TransFamily Youth Transgender Support Group meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. "We provide a safe space for all youth who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning, We welcome anyone 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. tylerstituslpc@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth/.

Aug 7 (Sun) - Big Gay Boat Ride 2016 "Pirates of the Niagara" (Buffalo NY) www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com

Aug 7 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA 16001)

5 PM - 8 PM. Contact: Joshua Crawford. (724) 290-9674 president@pflagbutler.com. www.pflagbutler.com/.

Aug 9 (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/.

Aug 11 (Thu) - Janet Mock at Chautauqua (Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater, Chautauqua NY) 10:45 AM. Janet Mock is one of America's most visible and influential trans women, author of *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More*, host of So POPular! and founder of #GirlsLikeUs. Gate pass required. Purchase at Main Gate Welcome Center at Chautauqua Institution, (716) 357-6250 ciweb.org

Aug 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Game Show Weekend - The Price is Right! (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Aug 13 (Sat) - Cleveland Pride (Mall C, Cleveland OH.) Facebook: Cleveland Pride 2016

Aug 13 (Sat) - Foam Party (Camp Davis, 311 Red-



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Aug 13 (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.

Aug 13 (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.

Aug 14 (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. daleallgeier@outlook.com. www.lakeeriecounseling.com/

Aug 15 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News September 2016 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 August 23. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Aug 16 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner (Stevo's Pizza at Presque Isle, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. "Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own." Contact: Gary (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Aug 16 (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/

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Aug 19 (Fri) - The Mark Pacheco WOW Fund Presents The 2nd Annual Lip Sync Battle (Shawbucks Press Room Restaurant, 212 W 2nd St, Jamestown, NY) 8 PM - 2 AM. In Honor of Mark Pacheco. Contestant info at 716-951-6118 or send me a message on facebook.. (716) 487-2201. www.shawbucks.com/.

Aug 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - Survivor Weekend - May The Best Man Win (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. www.jonespond.com.

Aug 20 (Sat) - LBT Women Annual Picnic (Kim & Andrea's, 4114 McClelland Ave, Erie, PA) 1:30 PM. Annual picnic, please bring a dish to share. If you want anything special to drink We will have pop, water and wine. This picnic will take the place of the August meeting. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. xwww.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Aug 20 (Sat) - Bears in the Woods (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. info@campdavicampground.com. www.campdavicampground.com.

Aug 21 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show! (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Aug 23 (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.

Aug 26 (Fri) - Zone Pride Weekend Kick Off Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 452-0125. TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Aug 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboy Weekend - 400 Block Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.


Aug 26 - BabeFest: VOTE DAMMIT: (Babeville Buffalo NY) "Righteous Babe Records and singer-songwriter-activist Ani DiFranco ... is announcing the inaugural 'BabeFest,' a festival of music, comedy and social activism."

Aug 27 (Sat) - Camo/Military (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. www.campdavicampground.com.

Aug 27 (Sat) - Pride Parade (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Line up starts at noon, step off is at 1 PM. Organized by NW PA Pride Alliance. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 314-9075. president@nwpapride.org. www.nwpapride.org. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Aug 27 (Sat) - Pride Fest (Griswold Park W. 14th & Peach Erie PA)) 2 PM. Organized by NW PA Pride Alliance. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 314-9075. president@nwpapride.org. www.nwpapride.org.

Aug 27 (Sat) - GEAE After Pride Event (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 4 PM - 7 PM. Greater Erie Alliance for Equality will offer three hours of



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Aug 27 (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. eriesisters.ning.com/

Aug 27 (Sat) - Island Heat Pride Glow Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 452-0125. www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub.

Aug 28 (Sun) - Pride Day at Waldameer (Waldameer, 220 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA) Hosted by NW PA Pride Alliance. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 314-9075. president@nwpapride.org. www.nwpapride.org. venue web site waldameer.com.

Sep 16 (Fri)- "Chita: A Legendary Celebration" 7:30 p.m. Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, Mercyhurst University, Erie PA. Info: miac.mercyhurst.edu or call the box office at 814-824-3000.

Oct 20 - "Rocky Horror Picture Show" (2016) Remake starring LaVerne Cox, on Fox network 8pm.

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Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Begins
<i>Take Her Up To Monto</i> from Róisín Murphy	July 29
<i>Nothing's Real</i> from Shura	August 2
<i>Blood Like Wine</i> CD and <i>West of Night (2012)</i> CD by Angie and The Deserters	August 5
<i>Moon Son</i> by The Law-suits	August 9
<i>Cody Webb (Self-Titled)</i> EP	August 12
<i>#Loneliness</i>	August 16
<i>Valley of the Dudes</i> e-book	August 19
<i>Beautiful Something</i> DVD	August 23
<i>Shorts: Stories from Beneath the Rainbow</i> e-book	August 26
<i>Obsessive Rage The Sycamore File</i>	August 30
<i>Midlife Crisis</i> e-book	September 2

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>New Obsession (The Remixes)</i> from Frankie	July 29
Tickets to <i>Sister Act</i> at Erie Playhouse; St. Lucia - <i>Matter</i>	Aug 2
<i>Premier</i> by Jonathan Cavier	August 5
<i>Runaway Blues</i> by Sasha's Bloc; <i>Absolutely Fabulous: The Movie</i> prize pack	August 9
<i>3 Sprites and a Bed</i>	August 12
<i>Vampires: Lucas Rising</i>	August 19

Sign up for the Erie GLBT News and Events list at our web site, and you will get first notice on new contests PLUS news and upcoming events!



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