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## Sen. Bob Casey meeting with local LGBT community members

by Michael Mahler

On August 17, U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and his Regional Manager for Northwest Pennsylvania Kyle Hannon, met with members and allies of the LGBT community to talk about legislation, issues, and concerns. Attending the meeting were Tammie Johnson (SafeNet, ACLU NW PA), Rich McCarty (Greater Erie Alliance for Equality) Caitlyn Strohmeier (TransFamily of NW PA), Tyler J Titus (GEAE, TransFamily of NW PA), Michael Mahler (*Erie Gay News*, NW PA Pride Alliance), Will Koehler (Greater Erie Alliance for Equality), Ciah Koehler (daughter of Will Koehler), Finu Lukose (NW PA Pride Alliance), Paul Lukach (Crime Victim Center of Erie County) and Kim Conti (LBT Women of Erie).

Sen. Casey discussed the following:

- \* The anti-bullying Safe Schools Improvement Act (introduced by Casey).

- \* The Equality Act, which would amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to extend federal anti-discrimination protection in employment, housing, and public accommodations to include sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

- \* The Hate Crimes Prevention Act, introduced by Sen. Casey after the Orlando Pulse mass shooting, which would ban the sale and ownership of firearms for people convicted of committing a violent misdemeanor hate crime and for those who have received a "hate crime sentence enhancement."

Concerns and issues expressed by attendees included:

- \* Countering arguments made against anti-discrimination legislation regarding religious freedom and the use of restrooms and other facilities by transgender people.

- \* Difficulties in reporting bullying in schools and potential unintended negative consequences of tying federal funding to non-discrimination and anti-



**MEETING WITH SEN CASEY:** Tammie Johnson, Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty, Caitlyn Strohmeier, Ciah Koehler, Senator Casey, Mike Mahler, Tyler Joseph Titus, Kyle Hannon, Will Koehler, Finu Joe Lukose, Paul Lukach, and Kim Conti.  
Photo by Sen. Casey staffmember

bullying legislation (included considerations of intersections of other marginalized communities, such as immigrants, refugees and racial/ethnic minorities).

- \* Difficulties of transgender youth accessing medical services, leading to subsequent problems for those youth in youth shelters and the corrections system.

- \* Accessing housing for the homeless, providing resources for the victims of sexual assault and domestic violence; and also finding sources of funding for non-legislative solutions and tactics for ameliorating social problems.

## TransFamily of NWPA new location for Erie meetings

*Information from TransFamily of NW PA*

TransFamily of NW PA Transgender Support Group's Erie chapter now meets at Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA. The meeting time remains the same: 2 - 5 PM. The next meeting is Saturday September 24.

TransFamily's describes itself as "a safe space for all  
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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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who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning, to share their experiences and to obtain support from others who have had similar experiences. We welcome anyone who identifies as gender-variant, their family, friends, and allies of the community. 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 people in Erie County.” Info: Caitlyn Stroh-meyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

## Free Rapid testing by Erie Co. HIV Task Force at Pridefest on Aug 27

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

The Erie County HIV Task Force will be offering free rapid HIV, syphilis and Hepatitis testing at Pridefest from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Pridefest is sponsored by NW PA Pride Alliance. Look for the testing tent sponsored by the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. Thank you Community Health Net and the Erie County Department of Health for providing the testing.

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## Reminder: PA LGBT Pioneers exhibit thru Oct 30 in Harrisburg

“We’re Here: Pioneering LGBT Rights in Pennsylvania” is on display at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, in Harrisburg PA. It 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.

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## Pennsylvania: proof of surgery not required to update gender marker on birth certificate

*from Equality PA*

Under Pennsylvania's new policy, which is similar to the process for updating gender markers on US passports, proof of sex reassignment surgery is no longer a requirement in changing one's gender on their birth certificate. Individuals with a Pennsylvania birth certificate can update the gender by having their physician submit a letter stating that they have had appropriate clinical treatment for gender transition. Information about specific treatment is not required, but it can include counseling related to gender identity or living in accordance with their gender identity. For those that are not yet 18 years of age, a parent can request a correction to the gender field on their child's birth certificate.

For a number of years, Equality Pennsylvania has been working with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and partner organizations to push for critical policy updates to reduce barriers in accessing critical documents and care. The improvement of this policy will significantly impact the lives of transgender Pennsylvanians.

At Equality Pennsylvania, we are appreciative of the PA Dept. of Health's continued commitment to reducing health disparities and barriers to securing documents that appropriately reflect one's identity. We would also like to thank our partners Trans-Help and National Center for Transgender Equality as well many other advocates who helped reform this policy and process.

Questions regarding the process for changing one's gender identity should be directed to the PA Department of Health at 717-787-6436.

For information on Equality PA visit [equalitypa.org](http://equalitypa.org)

**DEADLINE  
for next issue of EGN is  
September 12**

## LGBTQ Info Table at Blues and Jazz Fest

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

On the weekend of Aug. 6-7, members of NW PA Pride Alliance, LBT Women, TransFamily of NW PA, Erie Sisters and Brothers Transgender Support Group, *Erie Gay News*, as well as individuals staffed an LGBTQ info table at the Erie Art Museum's Blues and Jazz Fest in Frontier Park. The purpose was to help inform the general community about LGBTQ resources and events and as part of NW PA Pride Alliance's mission to increase visibility and awareness. People stopping by the table were friendly, and this was a great opportunity to engage with people on a direct, personal level.

The Erie Art Museum has been kind enough to allow us to have a table at the event for several years now.



**TABLING AT BLUES AND JAZZ FEST:** Jaidyn and Julie help to staff the LGBTQ Table at the Blues and Jazz Fest. More photos at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

Photo by Andrea Shaffer

## Photos on our website

Check out photo galleries of recent local events at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

- GEAE Love for Orlando
- LGBTQ Table at Blues & Jazz Fest
- Erie Co. HIV Task Force work party



# Community News

## GEAE Love for Orlando Benefit recap

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality*

On Friday, July 22, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and the Bourbon Barrel jointly held a Love for Orlando Benefit for the victims of the Orlando Pulse shooting. The fundraiser was held at Bourbon Barrel, 1213, State St., Erie PA. Over 200 people attended and over \$2,500 was raised that night.

The event featured a silent auction. Donors for the silent auction included gift baskets from a wide variety of area businesses and organizations, which raised \$1,000+ for the victims. There were also celebrity bartenders including PA-2 State Rep Flo Fabrizio, PA-3 State Rep Ryan Bizzarro (Rep. Harkins was out of state, but contributed financially). Other celebrity bartenders included representatives from the Erie Playhouse, local corporate leaders, event planners, LGBT community members, and board and advisory council members of GEAE. 100% of the donations are going to a verified fund in Orlando for victims of the shooting.



**SERVING UP LOVE FOR ORLANDO:** PA State Rep. Flo Fabrizio was one of the celebrity bartenders at GEAE's Love for Orlando Benefit, for victims of the Orlando Pulse shooting. More photos on our website [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

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## Michael Dithers: 250th Issue and a Look Back at 25 Years

by Michael Mahler

This issue of *Erie Gay News* is a personal milestone for a couple of reasons. In addition to being our 250th issue, it also happens to be coming out around the 25th anniversary of when I first became involved in the Erie LGBT community. A lot has changed over the years, and it is truly heartwarming to see all of the progress that we have made together!

Before late August/early September of 1991, I mostly socialized in the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), a medieval/renaissance group. I did a few newsletters for that organization, so I believe that I have been involved with a monthly newsletter for probably over half my entire lifetime. The SCA was quite accepting of LGBT people, but around that time, I realized that I really didn't know any LGBT people in my own zip code. I thought about starting a group, but I realized a better tactic was to go out and see what currently existed locally. (As a general rule, it usually is helpful to assess where things are before starting on a course of action.)

At that time, the only resource that I was aware of

was Lizzie Bordon's Part II, the local bar. I set myself the goal of going out maybe once a week and just saying "Hi" to one person. (Small steps for change seem to work better for me than big plans.) As it so happened, Chris Young from Pittsburgh was up to start an Erie chapter of the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters, so I got involved with that, which later led to Bridges (an LGBT collaborative group that put on some dances and eventually started *Erie Gay Community Newsletter*.)

Some changes that have happened over the years: it used to be the case that there were some groups that wouldn't publicly list where they met or contact info. In those cases, *Erie Gay News* would act as an intermediary for receiving phone calls. It has probably been at least a decade or more since we last did that.

I won't lie when I tell you I was a nervous wreck when I spoke on camera for the first time, in May of 1992. It wasn't the camera so much, it was coming out publicly. But nothing happened afterwards. Of course, I am lucky in having an accepting family and workplace. But the idea that one could be open and not suffer for it was liberating. Society was being changed!

And the change happened because individuals and groups worked for that change.

In 1995, some folks put together a float for the Erie Bicentennial Parade. It was rather controversial, even though it was a very plain float. The float was vandalized and rebuilt just days before the parade. Eighteen years later, NW PA Pride Alliance had a float in the Perry 200 parade and it was completely a non-issue. Oh, and Greg, who spearheaded the 1995 float, happened to walk by our float and remarked that we had so many people on it, and it was a great sign of progress.

All of this, and so many other advancements happened because of the acts, great and small, that so many different people and organizations have done over the years and continue to push. We have seen people and organizations come on the scene and also move on, but the important thing is that so many, from so many different demographics and walks of life, have given their time, their talent, and so much more to help each other out. We are all part of this great move forward, and we all should be quite justly proud of what we have done together!

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**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](http://statemuseumpa.org)

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

**Aug 26 (Sun) - 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.campdavisground.com](http://www.campdavisground.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](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). [www.nwpapride.org](http://www.nwpapride.org). [www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub](http://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](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). [www.nwpapride.org](http://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 food and free bull rides for participants (cash bar only). We will not only be celebrating, but we will also be collecting children's clothes for SafeNet, who will distribute to kids of all ages as they go back to school. (866) 229-1974.

[GEAEinfo@gmail.com](mailto:GEAEinfo@gmail.com). [greatereriealliance.com/](http://greatereriealliance.com/).

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

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Island Heat Pride Glow Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA ) (814) 452-0125. [www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub](http://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](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). [www.nwpapride.org](http://www.nwpapride.org).

**Aug 28 (Sun) - "Back 2 Skool" with the Imperial Court of Buffalo** (The Underground, 274 Delaware Ave. Buffalo NY) Event to collect school supplies for Buffalo-area kids. 2-8pm, show begins 5pm. Donate online and/or at event [www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com](http://www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com)

**Aug 31 (Wed) - The Table: Potluck** (Presque Isle State

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**Sep 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Cloud 9 Wine Bar, 25 E 10th St, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 8 PM.

**Sep 2 - 5 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend - The Wizard of Oz** (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).

**Sep 3 (Sat) - Drag Show** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) (724) 602-8447. [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Sep 3 - 4 (Sat - Sun) - Labor Day Holiday Weekend at Camp Davis** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [www.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Sep 4 (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](mailto:tylertituslpc@gmail.com). [www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/TransFamilyYouth/).

**Sep 4 (Sun) - LBT Women go to Tall Ships Parade of Sails** (Erie, PA) 4 PM. Contact: Kim: (814) 314-9512. [ErieBeans@aol.com](mailto:ErieBeans@aol.com). [www.facebook.com/LBTWOM-ENOFERIE](http://www.facebook.com/LBTWOM-ENOFERIE).

**Sep 9 (Fri) - Moonlight on the Bay Gala 2016** (Presque Isle at Perry Monument, Erie PA) Sponsored by Crime Victim Center. "Sponsors and individual tickets sold are both critical for our center to provide completely no-cost services to children that have been victims of sexual abuse in Erie County." Tickets are also available through CVC office. Info on sponsorships or individual tickets: Deb Bartle at 814-455-9414 or [deb.bartle@cvcerie.org](mailto:deb.bartle@cvcerie.org). [www.cvcerie.org](http://www.cvcerie.org)

**Sep 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) - Friends and Family Weekend - All Welcome** (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).

**Sep 10 (Sat) - Leather & Levi** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) [www.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Sep 10 (Sat) - Step back to the 80's** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. (724) 602-8447. [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Sep 10 (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](mailto:ErieLGBTRainbowAlliance@gmail.com).

**Sep 10 (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](mailto:richellekohler@hotmail.com). [www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA](http://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA).

**Sep 10 (Sat) - Veronycas's Showgirls Tribute to Legendary Entertainers Martika DeVaine and Sabrina White** (Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 119, 201 West State Street, Olean, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover.

**Sep 11 (Sun) - LBT Women meets** (Brew Ha Ha at the Colony, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Contact:



**ERIE CO. HIV TASK FORCE WORK PARTY:** On Friday, July 22, 2016, members of the Erie County HIV Task Force gathered to prepare packets of safer sex supplies and info to be distributed at various locations around the county. Facebook: [eriecountyhivtaskforce](https://www.facebook.com/eriecountyhivtaskforce) Twitter at @ErieCountyHIVTF

Photo: Mike Mahler.



# Calendar

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**Sep 11 (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](mailto:daleallgeier@outlook.com). [www.lakeeriecounseling.com/](http://www.lakeeriecounseling.com/)

**Sep 11 (Sun) - Transgender Support Group - Youngstown area** (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6-8PM. Hosted by Full Spectrum Support Group "Open to those who are transgender/intersex/nonbinary and loved ones in our area.!" (330) 743-3175 [stjohnohio@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnohio@gmail.com) [www.unitycommunityfoundation.org/](http://www.unitycommunityfoundation.org/)

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**Sep 13 (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/](http://www.youngstownpflag.org/).

**Sep 14 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner** (El Amigo Mexican Grill, 333 State St, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. "Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own." Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. [info@drenchedfur.com](mailto:info@drenchedfur.com). [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com)

**Sep 16 - 18 (Fri - Sun) - Halloween Weekend - Wick-ed Halloween 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).

**Sep 16 (Fri) - Chita: A Legendary Celebration** (Mer-

cyhurst University - Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 7:30 PM. Broadway legend Chita Rivera in a unique solo concert event. Accompanied by her long-time band conducted by Michael Croiter. (814) 824-3000. [miac.mercyhurst.edu](mailto:miac.mercyhurst.edu)

**Sep 16-Oct 10 - "The Submission"** (Alleyway Theatre - Main Stage, Buffalo NY) Buffalo United Artists in Conjunction with Ujima Company (716) 886-9239 [www.buffalobua.org](http://www.buffalobua.org)

**Sep 17 (Sat) - Country Western Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [www.campdavisground.com](http://www.campdavisground.com).

**Sep 17 (Sat) - LBT Women go to International coastal cleanup** (Site TBD, Erie, PA) 9 AM - 12 PM. "Would like to get a team together to participate in this event." Contact Kim @ [eriebeans@aol.com](mailto:eriebeans@aol.com). More information at [nie.goerie.com/coastal-cleanup](http://nie.goerie.com/coastal-cleanup) Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. [ErieBeans@aol.com](mailto:ErieBeans@aol.com). [www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE](http://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE).

**Sep 17 (Sat) - PFLAG Butler goes to Butler Fall Festival** (Downtown Butler, Main Street, Butler, PA)



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

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

**Sep 20 (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.

**Sep 20 (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/PFLAGMeadville/.

**Sep 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Moxie Camp's Y.E.T.I. Euchre Tournament** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

**Sep 24 (Sat) - Sock Hop & Slipper Dipper** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) www.campdavis-campground.com.

**Sep 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Transgender Support Group meets - NEW LOCATION!** (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. "We provide a safe space for all who fit somewhere in the gender spectrum, or who are questioning, to share their experiences and to obtain support from others who have had similar experiences. We welcome anyone who identifies as gender-variant, their family, friends, and allies of the community. 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 people in Erie Co.," Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA.

**Sep 24 (Sat) - LBT Women go to OUtageous Bingo/ Drag Queen Bingo** (Rodef Shalom Synagogue, 4905 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA) Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Sep 24 (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. 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


**Sep 26-30 - GLSEN Ally Week** Sponsored by Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network www.glsen.org/

**Sep 27 (Tue) - LBT Women go to "Leaky Gut and Functional Foods" presentation** (Whole Foods Co-op, 1341 West 26th St, Erie, PA) 6 - 8 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

**Sep 29 (Thu) - Richard Rodriguez: 'Professing Faith in a Post-9/11 World'** (Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, Mercyhurst University, Erie PA) 7PM "Richard Rodriguez, an elegant writer and master of the personal essay, and openly-gay Mexican American, will speak on "Professing Faith in a Post-9/11 World. Free and open to the public. Info: 814-824-3105.

**Sep 30 - Oct 2 (Fri - Sun) - Closing Weekend** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

**Sep 30 (Fri) - The D'Vyne Divas Presents Romp**



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**Shaker Madness** (Allegany American Legion, 4350 NY-417, Allegany, NY) \$6 cover. The D'Vyne Divas are a subsidiary of Veronyca's Showgirls (716) 372-8238.

**Oct 6 (Thu) - "The Danish Girl"** (Edinboro Film Series, 405 Scotland Rd, Edinboro, PA) 8:30PM (814) 732-1048 filmseries@edinboro.edu

**Oct 7-9 (Fri - Sun) Breast Cancer Awareness Event**  
Presented by Michelle Michaels at the Zone. Details in next issue!

**Oct 7-30 "Rocky Horror Show"** PACA, 1505 State, Erie PA paca1505.com

**Oct 10 (Mon) - POV: "Pink Boy"** (PBS - check local listings) "An intimate portrait of a gender-nonconforming boy growing up in conservative rural Florida."  
www.pbs.org/pov/pinkboy/

**Oct 10 (Mon) - POV: "From This Day Forward"** (PBS: check local listings) Director Sharon Shattuck explores her relationship with her transgender father.  
www.pbs.org/pov/fromthisdayforward/

**Oct 14-23 (Fri - Sun) - "Arthur's Halloween"** (Erie Playhouse, 13 W10th Erie PA) www.erieplayhouse.org

**Oct 20 (Thu) - "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>Shorts: Stories from Beneath the Rainbow</i> e-book; <i>Pure &amp; Simple</i> from Dolly Parton	August 26
<i>Obsessive Rage The Sycamore File; Rachael Sage - 14 CD Set</i>	August 30
<i>Midlife Crisis</i> e-book; <i>Phoenix</i> Remixes EP from Olivia Holt	September 2
<i>Missed Opportunities: Rethinking Catholic Tradition</i>	September 6
<i>Three Truths and a Lie</i>	September 9
<i>The Queen's Carnival</i> by Grand Slam	September 13
<i>The Dream Team</i>	September 16
<i>Friends of the Wigwam</i>	September 20
<i>The Ann Wilson Thing!</i> - EP #2 focus	September 23
<i>People You May Know</i> DVD	September 30

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Blood Like Wine</i> CD and <i>West of Night</i> (2012) CD by Angie and The Deserters	August 26
<i>Moon Son</i> by The Lawsuits	August 30
<i>Cody Webb (Self-Titled)</i> EP	September 2
<i>#Loneliness</i>	September 6
<i>Valley of the Dudes</i> e-book	September 9
<i>Beautiful Something</i> DVD; <i>Downriver</i> DVD	September 13

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