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## Erie Gay News



### Greg Rabb running for re-election to Jamestown NY City Council

Greg Rabb was first elected as an openly-gay candidate for Jamestown City Council in 2007. On January 1, 2008 he was chosen by his colleagues to be the President of that body. Now after five two-year terms, he is running again for re-election as the only openly-gay elected official in the eight counties of western New York.

Rabb, now 65, had been considering retirement, but after last year's election—and the attempts by the current White House to roll back some of the few protections for transgender people—he decided his voice was needed more than ever. Also, working with Mayor Teresi and his council colleagues he realized there were many unfinished projects for the future of Jamestown and now was not the time to stop.

Greg Rabb can be reached at 716-969-9524.

### Cleveland Rape Crisis Center opens Ashtabula office

*Cleveland Rape Crisis Center*

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center announces the opening of a new Ashtabula Office, located at 5021 State Road in Ashtabula. While this is located in Ohio, we are able to serve clients from Pennsylvania as well.

The new Ashtabula Office will offer survivors of rape and sexual abuse in Ashtabula County with an option to access specialized services including counseling, victim assistance and support groups close to home.

Cleveland Rape Crisis Center's Ashtabula Office provides convenient access to specialized services for survivors of rape and sexual abuse for residents of Ashtabula County and surrounding communities.

Services include counseling for adults, children and families; support groups; and victim assistance.

#### Location and contact info:

5021 State Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004

(440) 354-7364 Phone

(440) 423-2020 24-Hour Hotline (phone or text)



Oh my, someone's excited that the NW PA Pride Picnic is kid-friendly! Recap on page 11

Photo by Michael Mahler

### GEAE hosts LGBT senior care professional symposium

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)*

Tickets are now available for the 2017 Intersections of Equality professional development Symposium: Increasing LGBT Competency in Care for Seniors. The event will bring together health professionals and allies whose work in professions seeks to improve the lives of older adults in our communities. Both days will be held at the Manufacturers Association Conference Center.

Thursday October 12, 2017 is the community education event featuring the documentary "Major!" and a panel discussion about the issues presented in the film. Refreshments will be provided. This evening event begins at 6:30 and is only \$10.

The all-day Friday October 13, 2017 event is the professional development conference held from

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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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8 am- 4:30 pm and will focus on the needs of the LGBT senior population. Joe Kort, Ph.D. is the keynote speaker. Continuing education credits are provided at no additional cost.

Tickets and additional information about break-out sessions, Joe Kort, and "Major!" can be found on our website at: [greatereriealliance.com](http://greatereriealliance.com) GEAE's 2017 symposium is sponsored by NWPA Alliance and Erie County Gaming Revenue Authority (ECGRA).

## Family of trans man sues Sharon PD over shooting death

SHARON, Pa.-- A federal judge has ordered mediation in the civil rights lawsuit over the officer-involved January 2017 shooting death of Sean Hake, 23. The lawsuit seeks in excess of \$75,000 including court costs, attorney's fees, and punitive damages.

The suit, filed by Sean's family July 21, 2017, alleges assault, battery and violation of Sean's civil rights when he was shot and killed during an encounter with

officers from the Sharon Police Department. The officers were responding to a 911 call from Sean's mother, Cynthia Loya, who claimed Sean had held a razor to her (the mother's) neck.

After Pennsylvania State Police investigated the shooting, Mercer County District Attorney Miles Karson had announced that no charges would be filed.

The Sharon Police Department answered the lawsuit August 21, 2017, denying that Sean Hake's civil rights were violated, and calling for the lawsuit to be dismissed.

The parties will meet with a mediator on October 19.

You can view the lawsuit, Sharon Police Department response, and previous article at the online version of this article at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

## Regional GSA Meetings Begin This Month

*from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)*

We hear it in the news almost every day. Young people struggling with discrimination and bullying due to their gender identification or sexual orientation. They need support and help to advocate not only for themselves, but for their friends and family. GEAE is hoping to help meet that need by providing a safe and enjoyable learning environment where they can network and learn from leaders in the community and from their peers. We have developed a regional GSA that is open to all high school and undergraduate students in the Erie area. Students from public, parochial, private, and homeschool environments are welcome.

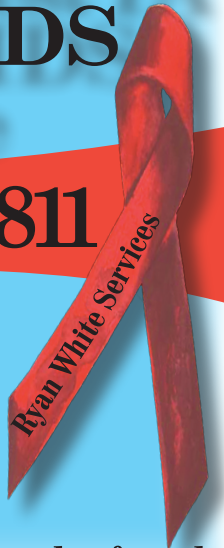
This Regional GSA (Gay-Straight Alliance) will be housed at our office at 301 West 10th Street in downtown Erie. Students who are not able to find transportation can contact GEAE for free bus passes. The first two meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at 6 pm and Saturday, October 7th at 11 am. Students can come to one or both days and food will be provided. At these two introductory meetings, students will help set the schedule, plan which workshops they would like, vote on a name for the group, and meet students from other schools. This program is free of charge thanks to our generous sponsors: Erie Insurance and the Erie Community Foundation. For more information, contact Margo Wolfe at 814-731-7696 or [geaefinfo@gmail.com](mailto:geaefinfo@gmail.com).

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## Board Members sought for NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc

*from NW PA Pride Alliance Board of Directors*

NWPA Pride Alliance is looking for applicants to fill positions with our board of directors. NWPA Pride Alliance is seeking to diversify its membership to best address the needs of the LGBT community, persons of all sexual orientations, gender identifications, marital status, ethnic backgrounds and educational experiences are welcome to apply. All positions are unpaid, volunteer positions. We are looking for people who want to become more involved with the LGBT community, working with our members to extend outreach to the community as a whole.

Board members organize events within the community, represent the LGBT community at local events, and work with local businesses and organizations to raise awareness of LGBT issues. Board members meet the second Saturday of each month at 11 AM and additionally as needed in preparation for specific events.

Advisory panel members are to provide guidance for the board of directors in specific matters upon request. Meetings will be as needed and may be irregular. Specific areas of expertise being sought are accounting, legal counselor, community education, publicity, medical backgrounds and nonprofit administration. The board of directors will seek advice from the advisory panel on issues as they arise.

If you are interested, please send a resume that outlines your experience and qualifications by Friday, December 1 to [president@nwpapride.org](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). All resumes will be considered, please note if you wish to apply for membership to the board of directors or advisory panel. You can only hold one of these position, but you may apply for more than one. Applicants for the board of directors will be contacted for a mandatory interview with the board to be scheduled after the resume is received.

**AA Meeting** 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.aeriepa.org](http://www.aeriepa.org).

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Erie County Executive  
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Nov. 7

# Theatre

## PACA Presents “Rocky Horror Show” Live - Oct 6-29

from PACA

This is it, kids. The last time on the PACA stage. The final “Rocky Horror Show.” Get your tickets now at [paca1505.com](http://paca1505.com).

To keep things moving smoothly for our growing theater, remember that our doors typically open a minimum of 30 minutes prior to showtime. Get here early and find your seats, have a drink! As always, PACA is BYOB for those 21+ w/ Valid ID, bring proof of your purchase to the ticket booth.

The show runs from October 6-Oct. 29. Fridays: Curtain @ 8PM Saturdays: Curtain @ 8PM & Midnight Special S.I.N Show 10/29 @ 8PM Doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain

Audience participation popcorn bags available for purchase at the door. No outside props, please.

Details in ad (back page this issue) and at PACA website: [paca1505.com](http://paca1505.com) Facebook: PACA

## “The Crucible” at All An Act

All An Act Theater presents “The Crucible.”

This exciting drama about the Puritan purge of witchcraft in old Salem is both a gripping historical play and a timely parable of our contemporary society.”The Crucible” won the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play.

This production is directed by J. D. Mizikowski and runs Sept. 29 to Oct. 15. Starring Nicholas Emanuele, Emily Olszewski, Chad Santos, Audrey Ward, Nicholas Carver, Jade Mitchell, Sue Hansen, Karl Seaman, Dennis Karle, Victor Kuehn, Joseph Butoryak, Peggy Brace, Natalia Abbott, Benjamin Robson, Aaron Holman, Lexi Gilchrist, Marie Glaser, Brittney Shaw, Giovanni Ciminella

See “The Crucible” Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sept 29, 30, Oct 6, 7, 13, 14. Sundays at 3:00 PM October 1, 8, & 15. All An Act is at 652 W. 17th St. (Erie, PA. Visit [www.allanact.net](http://www.allanact.net) For reservations call 814-450-8553. Adults \$12, Seniors (55+) \$10, Students \$10. \$1 of every admission benefits Community Shelter Services and Erie’s Homeless.

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# Calendar

Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar  
[www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

**Sep 28 (Thu) - "Will & Grace" 2017 Season Premiere** 9pm on NBC

**Sep 29 - Oct 1 (Fri - Sun) - Closing Weekend** - (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Sep 30 (Sat) - Country Western Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [info@campdavispa.com](mailto:info@campdavispa.com). [www.campdavispa.com](http://www.campdavispa.com).

**Sep 30 (Sat) - Drag Show** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required (purchase from bartender) FB: M&J's Lounge.

**Sep 30 (Sat) - Colors Unity Pink Ribbon Event** Olean Moose Lodge, 201 West State St, Olean NY. 4-7PM. "All proceeds going to The Pink Pumpkin Project" [www.thepinkpumpkinproject.org](http://www.thepinkpumpkinproject.org) \$5 spaghetti dinner, silent auction, pink ribbon pins for sale, 50/50. Dann at [dannndh.colors@gmail.com](mailto:dannndh.colors@gmail.com)

**Oct 4 (Wed) - Namoli Brennet** (Venango Campus of Clarion University, Robert W. Rhoades Student Center, Oil City PA) 7pm [www.namolibrennet.com](http://www.namolibrennet.com)

**Oct 4 & 7 (Wed & Sat)) - GEAE Regional GSA meets** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 6 PM. "The first two meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at 6 pm and Saturday, October 7th at 11 am. Students can come to one or both days Article p. 4 of this issue. (866) 229-1974. [GEAEinfo@gmail.com](mailto:GEAEinfo@gmail.com). [greatereriealliance.com/](http://greatereriealliance.com/).

**Oct 6 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets** (Location TBA, Erie, PA ) 6 - 8 PM.

**Oct 6 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - "Rocky Horror 2017: the**

**Last Floor Show"** (PACA, 1505 State St, Erie, PA) Performances Fridays at 8 PM and Saturdays at 8 PM and midnight, with an extra performance on Oct. 29 at 8 PM. Doors 30 minutes prior to showtime BYOB for those 21+ w/ valid ID, bring proof of your purchase to the ticket booth. Audience participation popcorn bags available for purchase at the door, no outside props, please. [www.paca1505.com](http://www.paca1505.com).

**Oct 7 (Sat) - Fall Festival Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [info@campdavispa.com](mailto:info@campdavispa.com). [www.campdavispa.com](http://www.campdavispa.com).

**Oct 7 (Sat) - Masquerade Party** (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).

**Oct 8 (Sun) - Aging With Pride meets** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. (814) 455-4009. [daleallgeier@outlook.com](mailto:daleallgeier@outlook.com).

**Oct 8 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets** (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM - 8 PM.



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**Oct 9 (Mon) - TransFamily of Warren Transgender Support Group** meets (Jefferson DeFrees Family Center - Hawke Room, 207 2nd Ave, Warren, PA) 6 - 8 PM. Contact: Monica (814) 730-0021. yankees.jeter@yahoo.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

**Oct 10 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner #52** (Alkeme, 18 N Park Row, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

**Oct 10 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets** (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. Contact: Marguerite youngstownareapflag@gmail.com. www.youngstownpflag.org

**Oct 10 (Tue) - Dining Out for Life WNY** (Various western New York restaurants) An annual dining fundraising event raising money for AIDS service organizations. Benefits Evergreen Health Services. For participating restaurants close to you, go to Facebook page. Contact: Rob or Rachel (716) 847-2441 www.diningoutforlife.com/wny FB: Dining Out For Life -

Western New York

**Oct 12 (Thu) - PFLAG Butler meets** (Butler Area Public Library, 218 N McKean St, Butler, PA) 5 PM - 7 PM. (724) 290-9674 . president@pflagbutler.com. www.pflagbutler.com

**Oct 12-13 (Thu-Fri) - 2017 Intersections of Equality Professional Development Symposium: Increasing LGBT Competency in Care for Seniors** (Manufacturers Association Conference Center, W. 38th Street, Erie PA). Tickets and info greaterereliance.com

**Oct 13 (Fri) - Speaker Brian Johnson on Hollywood's Heterosexual Preference** (Edinboro University, Franklin G Pogue Student Center Theater, 405 Scotland Road, Edinboro, PA) 7 PM. Presented by Identity, Edinboro's GSA. Contact: Dan Burdick. 814) 732-2813.

**Oct 13 - 15 (Fri - Sun) - 12th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) "Baked goods and action Friday, Saturday, and early Sunday before the show! Halloween theme for the breast cancer weekend: Save a BOO-B" (814) 452-0125. FB: The Zone

**Oct 14 (Sat) - Masquerade Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. www.campdavispa.com.

**Oct 14 (Sat) - Erie LGBT Rainbow Alliance meets** (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 1-3 PM. Co-facilitators: Chelsea Nicole, Dale Allgeier, LCSW. (814) 455-4009. ErieLGBTRainbowAlliance@gmail.com

**Oct 14 (Sat) TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group** (CHAPS Building, first floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda



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**Oct 14 (Sat) - Halloween Movie Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J's Lounge.

**Oct 15 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News November 2017 print edition**

**Oct 17 (Tue) - Crawford Area LGBT+ meets** (Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. meadvillepflag@gmail.com.

**Oct 19 (Thu) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. (412) 518-1515. FB: Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network

**Oct 20 - 21 (Fri - Sat) - 6th Annual Trans Wellness Conference** (Evergreen Commons, 262 Georgia St, Buffalo, NY) [www.pridecenterwny.org/](http://www.pridecenterwny.org/).

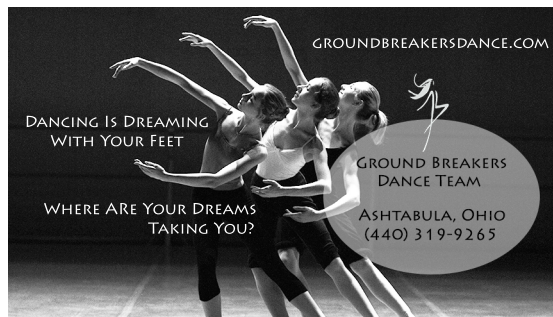
**Oct 20 (Fri) - Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus: "Fallin' In Love"** (Kenmore Presbyterian Church, Buffalo NY). "portion of concert proceeds benefit Kenmore Presbyterian's community-based projects." [buffalogay-](http://buffalogay-menschorus.com)

[menschorus.com](http://menschorus.com)

**Oct 20 (Fri) - Zone Halloween Diva Show** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM - 2 AM. (FB: TheZoneDanceClub.

**Oct 21 (Sat) - Closing Weekend for Seasonals** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [info@campdavispa.com](mailto:info@campdavispa.com) [www.campdavispa.com](http://www.campdavispa.com).

**Oct 21 (Sat) - Boxers Night** ((M & J's Lounge, 124



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**Oct 22 (Sun) - 9th Annual Diversity Worship Service** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM. Contact: Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty. (814) 864-4429. communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com. communityunited.church/.

**Oct 24 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party** (Lake Erie Counseling, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA 7 PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

**Oct 24 - "At Home with Amy Sedaris"** 10:30pm TruTV

**Oct 26 - Nov 19 (Thu - Sun) - "Mamma Mia!"** (Erie Playhouse, 13 West 10th Street, Erie, PA) PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES CHANGED from what was originally scheduled! "On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an

unforgettable show. (814)454-2852. info@erieplayhouse.org. www.erieplayhouse.org/.

**Oct 27 (Fri) - "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"** (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, 116 East 3rd St., Jamestown, NY) "This is an audience participation showing of the 1975 classic." reglenna.com

**Oct 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWP (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets** (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 2 - 5 PM. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969. Caitlynxpress@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWP

**Oct 28 (Sat) - Zone Halloween Party - Grimm's Fairy Tales** (Zone, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM - 2 AM. (TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. FB: TheZoneDanceClub.

**Oct 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Titusville Transgender Support Group meets** (YWCA Activities Building, 212 N. Franklin St, Titusville, PA) 3 - 6 PM. Contact: Matthew Miller. (814) 758-8885. mjmiller814758@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWP

**Oct 28 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender**

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**Support Group meets** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Discussion followed by restaurant dinner and dancing at The Zone (440) 265-8191. eriesisters.ning.com

**Oct 28 (Sat) - Our Annual Halloween Party and Drag Show.** ((M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J's Lounge.

**Oct 29 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Samhain Celebration** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Doors open 5:00pm, pre-briefing and rite 5:30, potluck dinner follows ritual. Free, but all donations and auction benefit Orphan Angel Cat Sanctuary and Adoption Center. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560. grollwynn72@hotmail.com. www.wlg-adf.org

**Oct 31 (Tue) - Identity/EUP HalloQueen Ball** (Edinboro University, Franklin G Pogue Student Center, 405 Scotland Road, Edinboro, PA) 8:30 PM - 11 PM. Contact: Dan Burdick. Phone: (814) 732-2813.

**Nov 16 (Thu) - Broadway in Erie: "Kinky Boots"** (Warner Theatre, Erie PA) 7:30 PM www.erievents.



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# Community News

## 25th Annual Pride Picnic recap

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

On Saturday, August 26, 2017, about 250 people attended the 25th Annual Erie Pride Picnic held at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park. The family-friendly event was organized by NW PA Pride Alliance.

Elected officials attending included Erie County Councilmember Kathy Fatica. Local TV news crew WICU/WSEE covered the event. Organizations represented at info tables at the event included ACLU of PA, Children's Aid Society of Mercer County, Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Drenched Fur, Erie County HIV Task Force/Erie County Department of Health, Erie County Suicide Prevention Task Force, Families United Network, Inc., Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Lake Erie Counseling Associates, LBT Women of Erie, Pennsylvania Equality Project, Persad Center, PNC Bank, Safe Kids Erie, SafeNet Center, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, The Cocoa Exchange, TransFamily of NWPA Transgender Support Group, and Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie.

Thanks go out to kitchen volunteers Gary Snyder, JR Snyder, AJ, Eric, James, Elliot, Andrew, Daniel Thomas, and Andrea Shaffer. Thanks to Andrea, Season Crannell, and Kim Conti for photos, Thanks for staffing registration, merchandise and raffle goes out to Mike Mooney, Doug Anderson, Andrew, Daniel, Alex Sphon, Season, Sandy Zewe, Julie Lebow, and Bailey Gorniack

The event also collected 49 pounds of food donated for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. Additionally, food left over from the picnic was donated to the Erie City Mission.

The first Pride Picnic was organized by the Erie chapter of the League of Gay and Lesbian Voters and was held at one of the cabins near Beach 6 on June 8, 1992 and about 50 people attended.


Photos of the 2017 event are at the online version of this article and also on NW PA Pride Alliance's Facebook page.

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