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Erie Gay News



At Behrend: ‘The Diverse Experiences of Gay Fathers’ April 5

From Penn State Erie

Samantha Tornello, assistant professor of human development and family studies at Penn State’s University Park campus, will discuss “The Diverse Experiences of Gay Fathers” when the Colloquium Series in Psychological Sciences and Human Behavior returns to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College.

Tornello’s talk begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 5, and will be held in room 117 of the college’s Reed Union Building. Admission is free and open to the public. The event is co-hosted by Penn State Behrend’s Gender Conference.

Tornello will discuss her research involving data from the National Longitudinal Study of Gay/Bisexual Fathers. She will explore questions relevant to how gay fathers form their families, how gay parents divide their household chores and childcare labor and what factors are associated with the well-being of gay parents.

For additional information, contact Carol Wilson, associate professor of psychology, at 814-898-6082 or clw33@psu.edu. Behrend.psu.edu

Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch 2 on April 8

from Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch

Come join Rebecca Mae and her monthly guests for the second Drag Brunch ever! The event is on Sunday, April 8 at Metropolitan Event Center, 144 W 13th St, Erie PA. This month we’ll be featuring Ariel Versace, Siren Kelly, Katrina Colby, Evon Michelle, Michelle Michaels (co-host) and yours truly, Rebecca Mae! VIP and General Admission tickets available. First seating is 11:30am-1:30pm and second seating is 3:00pm-5:00pm.

For more information visit “Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch” page on Facebook or visit buytickets.at/rebecamaesdragbrunch for tickets!



Happy Spring!

After our long rough winter, are you ready for some flowers and sunshine?

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Erie Regional GSA for Youth 12-20

from Margo / Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

The Erie Regional GSA for youth ages 12-20 is meeting regularly for social events, networking, and training.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6 pm. Our office is located at 301 W 10th Street. Email Margo with any questions or transportation issues-- erieregionalgsa@gmail.com.

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The producers of We'll Meet Again would like to focus one episode on the early

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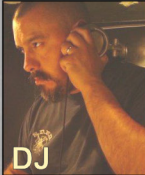
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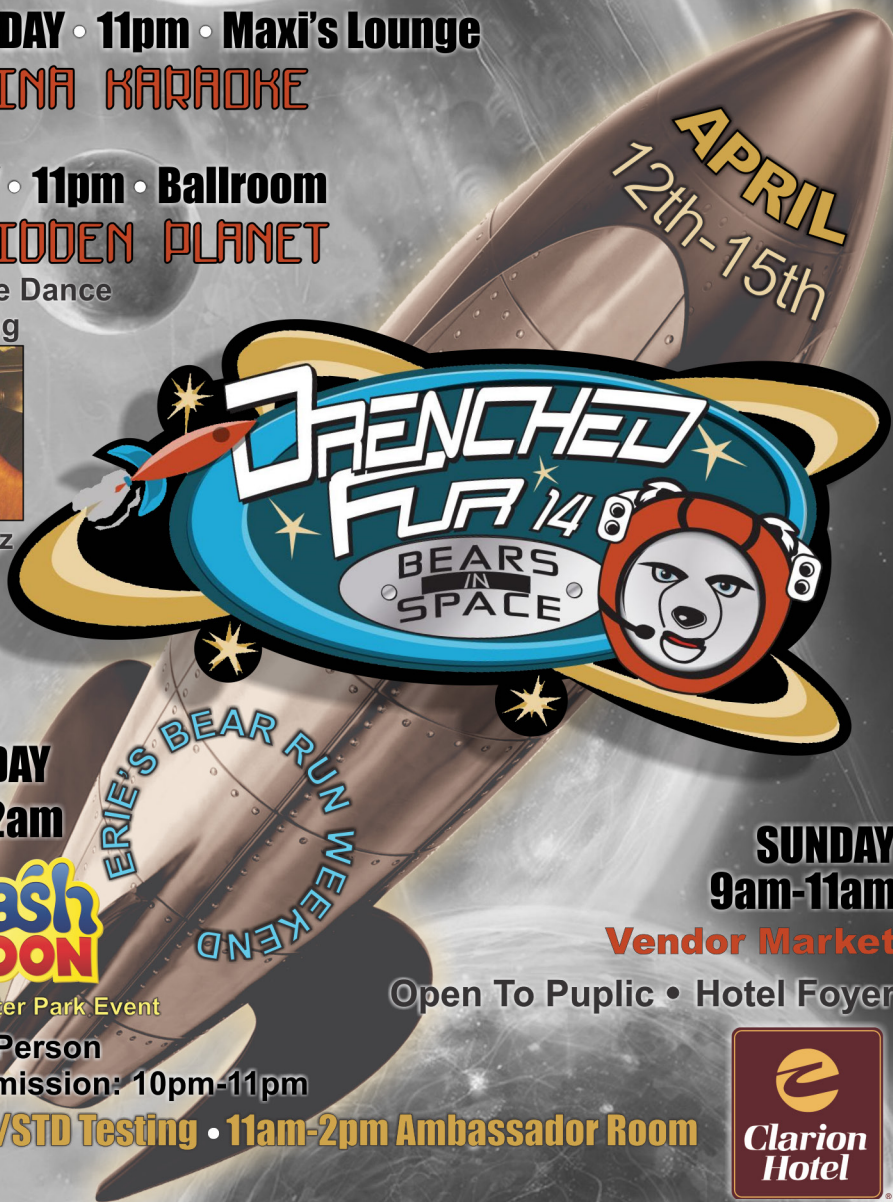
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PrEP in Erie County

from Erie County HIV Task Force

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Afternoon for Equality June 10

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Drenched Fur 14 is Hitting the Outer Limits

by Gary Snyder

It's the fourteenth installment of Drenched Fur here in Erie, PA for enjoyable series of events with their theme, Bears in Space, during the weekend of April 12th thru 15th, 2018.

The weekend of activities for the bear community and its friends is sold out for full weekend packages. YET there are individual events available for ala carte pricing/choices. For information about these events visit www.drenchedfur.com. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. *Note: Drenched Fur events are for adult males 21 and older.*

Apr 12 (Thu) - Cantina Karaoke (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. In Maxi's Grille.

Apr 13 (Fri) - Tastebuds Beer Tour (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM - 4 PM. \$40 per person in advance.

Apr 13 (Fri) - 'Forbidden Planet' Costume Dance

(Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. With DJ Tony Ruiz in the ballroom. \$5 per person.

Apr 14 (Sat) - Free HIV/STI Screening (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM- 2 PM. \$5 Country Fair gift card when you get your results.

Apr 14 (Sat) - Escape Room Adventure Groups (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM- 4 PM. \$20 per person in advance.

Apr 14 (Sat) - Tastebuds Wine-o Tour (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM - 4 PM. \$40 per person in advance.

Apr 14 (Sat) - Drenched Fur Private Water Park Event (Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park, 8091 Peach Street, Erie, PA) 10 PM - 2 AM. Exclusive after-hours private event. \$40 in person, cash or charge. Admittance only between 10 PM & 11 PM.

Apr 15 (Sun) - Bear Vendor Mall (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 9 AM - 11 AM. Open to locals (Free).

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Transgender Day of Visibility events

TransFamily Day of Visibility events

by Caitlyn Strobmeyer, TransFamily of NWP

Each year on March 31st, the transgender community and our allies celebrate **International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDoV)**. Unlike the Day of Remembrance in November, which focuses on mourning those we've lost, TDoV focuses on bringing attention to the incredible accomplishments we have made in fighting transphobia and cissexism around the world. Given the current political climate and all of the efforts made by our current administration to roll back many of the protections we have gained, celebrating our community through visibility is no small feat. In fact, it is revolutionary!

TDoV was founded by Rachel Crandell, the head of Transgender Michigan, when she asked, "why can't we have a day that celebrates who we are?" Rachel's vision for the Trans Day of Visibility is to focus on all the good things in the trans community, instead of just remembering those who were lost. "The day of remembrance is exactly what it is. It remembers people who died," she said. "This focuses on the living."

This year, TransFamily of NWP is very excited to invite you to join us in celebrating our visibility through a series of unique events we have planned around TDoV. Keep an eye out for more information on these events by liking our Facebook page at Transfamily of NWP and through Erie Gay News events calendar.

· **On Sunday 3/25 and Monday 3/26**, representatives from TransFamily will be getting visible at the **Community booth in the JC Penney concourse of the Millcreek Mall** to share information about the community. We did this for just one day last year and it was such a tremendous success, we decided to repeat it this year and expand it to two days! Stop by to learn more about the trans community and TransFamily of NWP!!

· **During the week leading up to TDoV**, TransFamily of NWP will be partnering with the **Blasco Library** to present a **book display** focusing on books that celebrate transgender and gender non-conforming people and educate the larger community about who we are. This is a great opportunity to read some very positive and uplifting literature, and maybe learn something along the way! Representatives from TransFamily will

also be on hand during certain days and times to share knowledge and information about TransFamily. The book display includes memoirs, educational guides, and fiction for adults and youth. Stop by!

· **On Tuesday, 3/27**, TransFamily presents a **discussion** to educate about the transgender experience at 7 PM at **Blasco Public Library**, 140 E Front St, Erie PA. Tyler Titus shares his personal journey. All are welcome to attend and learn some terminology that can help gain understanding of gender identities.

· **Thursday March 29** - TransFamily is hosting Naiymah Sanchez, Trans Education and Advocacy Coordinator for ACLU-PA, for a **Know Your Rights event** to discuss discrimination in public accommodations for people who identify as trans/non-binary. The event will be held at **Highmark's Caring Place Community Room** from 6p-9pm at 510 Cranberry St, Erie, PA 16507.

· TransFamily of NWP is very excited to announce that we are partnering with the folks at **Ember+Forge coffee shop** at 401 State Street to bring together the art and coffee lovers of Erie for a display that showcases the power of transgender people of color through gorgeous art. TransFamily of NWP is so honored that this will be the very first of many displays that E+F will present for the Erie community to enjoy. **Stop by to enjoy not just the art on display, but the amazing beverages and edible goodies that E+F creates each day.**

Other Day of Visibility events

Mar 27 (Tue) - Trans Day Of Visibility Panel (Franklin G Pogue Student Center Rm 303B, 405 Scotland Road, Edinboro, PA) 7 PM - 9 PM. Sponsored by Identity. This is a panel presentation about trans and gender non-conforming individuals in honor of Trans Day of Visibility: (814) 732-2813. (814) 732-2842. www.edinboro.edu/departments/glbta/.

Mar 31 (Sat) - Full Spectrum Transgender Day of Visibility Film Screening: "Trans List" (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 3-5 PM. Open discussion follows. (330) 333-1658. www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org

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Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar
www.eriegaynews.com

- Mar 23 - Apr 14 (Fri - Sat) - Buffalo United Artists presents "Significant Other"** www.buffalobua.org
- Mar 23 (Fri) - "BGMC's Spring Soiree"** Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main Street, Buffalo, NY buffalogaymenschorus.com
- Mar 27 (Tue) - Women Making History** Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center at Mercyhurst University 7 p.m. The presentation is open to the public.
- Mar 25-31 - Transgender Day of Visibility** For area events, see page 6 of this issue.
- Mar 27 - The Erie Regional GSA** (301 W 10th Street Erie PA) For youth 12-20 meets regularly for social events, networking, and training. Next meeting will be 3/27 at 6 pm. For questions or transportation issues email Margo at erieregionalgsa@gmail.com.
- Mar 31 (Sat) - Drag Show, St. Patrick's Day Party and 7th year anniversary** (M&J's Lounge, 124 Mercer

- St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J's Lounge
- Apr 1 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Fool's Rite** (Unitarian Universalist Cong. of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Doors 5pm, ritual 6pm, potluck to follow. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560 grollwynn72@hotmail.com
- Apr 4 (Wed) - An Evening with Chelsea Handler w/ Bruce Vilanch** (Benedum Center, Pittsburgh PA) Hosted by Bruce Vilanch." Benefits Delta Foundation. trustarts.org FB: An Evening with Chelsea Handler
- Apr 5 - Psychology Colloquium Series to discuss 'The Diverse Experiences of Gay Fathers'** (Penn State Behrend, Rm. 117 Reed Union Bldg. Erie PA) 6PM Discussion by Samantha Tornello, assistant professor of human development and family studies Free, open to public. Co-hosted by Penn State Behrend's Gender Conference. Info: Carol Wilson, assoc. professor of psychology, at 814-898-6082 or clw33@psu.edu
- Apr 6 (Fri) - YSUnity Drag Show** (Youngstown State University, Kilcawley Center, 1 University Plaza, Youngstown, OH5) "As always 18+, free w/ YSU ID, 5\$ donation w/o a YSU ID! @YSUnity on Twitter FB: YSUnity
- Apr 6 (Fri) G2H2 meets(Location TBA) 6-8PM** Social group. FB: G2H2/Erie
- Apr 8 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets** (Brew Ha Ha at the Colony 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com. FB: LBT Women of Erie
- Apr 8 (Sun) - Rebecca Mae's Drag Brunch 2** (Metropolitan Event Center, 144 W 13th St, Erie PA). "Featuring Ariel Versace, Siren Kelly, Katrina Colby, Evon Michelle, Michelle Michaels (co-host) and yours truly, Rebecca Mae! VIP and Gen. Admission tickets



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available. First seating is 11:30am-1:30pm and second seating 3-5PM” FInfo: FB: “Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch” or visit buytickets.at/rebeccamaesdragbrunch for tickets!

Apr 11 (Wed) - “Call Me By Your Name” (2017) (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State, Erie PA). Reservations recommended filmsocietynwpa.org

Apr 12 - 15 (Thu - Sun) - Drenched Fur 14 (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) See à la carte individual events on page 4 of this issue. www.drenchedfur.com.

Apr 13-15 (Fri-Sun) - Pennsylvania Youth Action Conference Harrisburg PA Host: Pennsylvania Youth Congress Foundation youthactionconference.com

Apr 14 (Fri) - VS Pop-A-Balloon Extravaganza (Loyal Order of Moose Lodges, 201 W State St, Olean, NY) 10PM FB: Veronyca’s Showgirls

Apr 15 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News May 2018 print edition

Apr 15 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Roulette Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th

St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. “All of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests.” “Will also feature reveal of 2018 Pride shirt! “ TheZoneDanceClub@aol.com. FB: The Zone

Apr 15 (Sun) - Bears Do Dinner #58 (Millcreek Brewing Company, 4102 W Lake Rd, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. (Last day of Drenched Fur.) Contact: Gary (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Apr 16 (Mon) – PA Voters: last day to register before the Primary Election

Apr 21 - 22 (Sat - Sun) - Camp Davis Seasonal Opening Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) campdavispa.com

Apr 22 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Earth Day (Unitarian-Universalist Cong. of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Doors 5pm, ritual 6pm, potluck dinner to follow. Dress for weather, Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. (814) 720-1560 grollwynn72@hotmail.com

Apr 24 (Tue) - Voters Guide released

Apr 25 - “The Handmaid’s Tale: Season 2” (2018) Hulu hulu.tv/handmaids FB: The Handmaid’s Tale



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Calendar

Apr 26-29 - CLAW (Westin Hotel, Cleveland OH)
Cleveland leather charity weekend www.clawinfo.org

Apr 28 (Sat) - Drag Show ((M&J's Lounge, 124 Mercer
St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J's Lounge

Apr 28 (Sat) - PJs and Long Johns Weekend (Camp
Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Gates open
at 9 am. (724) 637-2402. info@campdavispa.com.
campdavispa.com/.

**May 2-5 - We're Funny That Way Performance
Festival** Toronto ON Canada (Passport now required
for border-crossing)

May 6 - "Vida" Starz "Vida" tells American story from
'Latinx, queer' perspective" ~USA Today

May 18-20 - Coronation 28 (Various venues, Buffalo
NY) imperialcourtofbuffalo.com FB: Imperial Court
Of Buffalo

UPCOMING

Jun 10 - Brandi Carlile in concert Russell OH Laurel-
Live www.brandicarlile.com

Jun 30 (Sat) - Erie Pride Fest (Perry Square Erie PA)
1-4PM www.nwpapride.org

Jul 22- Erasure in concert (Byham Theatre Pittsburgh
PA) Tickets still available www.erasureinfo.com

Aug - Jay-Z and Beyonce Tour will bring them to
Cleveland, Buffalo and Detroit Tickets available now

Aug 11 (Sat) - Erie Pride Picnic (Rotary Pavilion,
Presque Isle State Park, Erie PA) www.nwpapride.org

Upcoming Awareness Days

**Mar 26 - 31 (Mon - Sat) - National LGBT Health
Awareness Week** healthlgbt.org/advocacy/.

**Mar 31 (Sat) - International Transgender Day
of Visibility**

**Apr 10 (Tue) - National Youth HIV & AIDS
Awareness Day** www.advocatesforyouth.org/.

**Apr 18 (Wed) - National Transgender HIV Test-
ing Day** transhealth.ucsf.edu/.

Apr 26 (Thu) - Lesbian Visibility Day

Apr 27 (Fri) - Day of Silence GLSEN's Student-led
national event bringing awareness to anti-LGBTQ
name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools.
www.glsen.org/dayofsilence.

Social & support groups

Addiction & Recovery

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. www.aacriepa.org.

Aging

Apr 8 (Sun) - Over 40? So What? meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 - 6 PM. Formerly Aging With Pride. (814) 455-4009. dalecallgeier@outlook.com.

General

Apr 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

Apr 12 (Thu) - PFLAG Butler meets (Butler Area Public Library, 218 N McKean St, Butler, PA) 5 PM - 7 PM. www.pflagbutler.com

Apr 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. crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com. FB: Crawford LGBT+ Public Page

Religion and Spirituality

Apr 10 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA1) 1 PM. (412) 518-1515. butlerinterfaith@zoominternet.net. FB: Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network

Social

Apr 6 (Fri) G2H2 meets (Location TBA) 6-8PM Social group. FB: G2H2/Erie

LBT Women of Erie Various events and venues. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com. FB: LBT Women of Erie

Student & Youth

Apr 12 (Thu) - Full Spectrum LGBT Teen Support Group (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6-8 PM. Ages 14-18. (330) 333-1658. www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/.

Trans

Mar 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (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 NWPA

Mar 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of Titusville Transgender Support Group meets (YWCA Activities Building, 212 N. Franklin St, Titusville, PA) 3 - 6 PM. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA

Mar 24 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender 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

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

Apr 9 (Mon) - TransFamily of Warren Transgender Support Group meets (Jefferson DeFrees Family Center - Hawke Room, 207 2nd Ave, Warren, PA) 6 - 8 PM. Contact: Kingsley Reese (814) 688-5574. kreeseamon@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

Apr 14 (Sat) - TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (CHAPS Building, first floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda Thomas. imhzwoman4586@msn.com. (814) 232-1778 FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

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