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Gender Identity Now Protected in Erie County

from Michael Mahler

On May 29, 2018, Erie County Council voted 7-0 to amend the Erie County Human Relations Commission ordinance to include gender identity, as well as criminal background and source of income. Sexual orientation has been included since March 8, 2003. The new policy went into effect immediately. This covers discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations.

The class of criminal background was actually the only controversial class to be added. The new policy says that "any consideration of the background check will be tailored to the requirements of the job, lease or loan."

"Between the Shades" Film Screening Pride Kickoff

from TransFamily of NW PA

On Friday, June 29, TransFamily of NWPA is very proud to present a free screening of the film, "Between the Shades" to kick off our Pride Fest weekend! The event begins at 6 PM at the Erie Movie House, 3424 West Lake Rd, Erie PA

"Between the Shades" is a documentary by filmmaker Jill Salvino and is an official selection of the SOHO International Film Festival. It features 50+ voices, among them: Beth Malone (of Broadway's Fun Home), Andrew Tobias (writer and former treasurer of the DNC), and actress Kathy Najimy. The film examines the immense power of labels and the transcendence of love..

The film screening will be followed by a general discussion about the film. Seating is limited to 40 people

YOU MUST CLICK THE TICKET LINK TO REGISTER! Outside food and drinks, including alcohol, are permitted.

For more information: Erie Movie House website: eriemoviehouse.wixsite.com/erie-movie-house. FB: Between the Shades FB: TransFamily of NWPA



STEP OUT AT PRIDEFEST 2018 Pridefest & Parade will take place on Saturday June 30. Step off is at noon (*note new time*) from Zone parking lot at 133 W. 18th. Festival at 1PM in Perry Square.

GEAE 3rd Annual After-Pride Celebration at Bourbon Barrel

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) presents the third annual After-Pride celebration on June 30 at the Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State Street, Erie PA.

Pride attendees and friends are welcome to continue their celebration with us after the rally. No cover required for entrance. Free food buffet begins at 4:30 and runs until 7 (or until the food runs out!). For more information, contact GEAE at geaeinfo@gmail.com.

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AA Meeting Live & Let Live is an LGBTQAfriendly 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.

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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.



From Your Friends at Erie Gay News

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Community News

Painting with Pride on July 12

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NWPA Pride Alliance, Inc. and Dramashop team up to present a joint fundraiser, Painting With Pride.

The event, hosted by instructor Angela Howell, will be held on Thursday, July 12 at 7:00pm (doors open at 6:30 PM) at Dramashop (Renaissance Center - 1001 State St – Second Floor). This event is "bring your own drinks and snacks" (a limited selection of non-alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase). Tickets are \$35 (plus service charge), which includes all painting supplies, are available in the online version of this article and MUST be purchased prior to 12:01am on July 10.

This event will help both organizations continue their missions: NW PA Pride Pride will continue to increase visibility of the LGBTQIAP community and Dramashop will continue to provide entertaining and provocative theatrical experiences designed to challenge, educate and engage the Erie community.

Any questions or concerns can be addressed to agresslev@nwpapride.org.

5th Annual Pride Night at Erie Seawolves on July 23

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance is excited to bring you Pride Night at the Seawolves for its 5th year!

This year, it will be held on Monday July 23rd at UPMC Park, 110 E 10th St, Erie PA, Game starts at 7:05pm.

To get your \$8 tickets, just print the voucher online and submit it to the box office no later than one week before the game (Monday, July 16th) and your tickets will be waiting for you at Will Call. It's Buck Night

So grab your friends and family and enjoy \$1 hot dogs, popcorn, 12oz Pepsi products, and select draft beers while we cheer on our Seawolves as they take on the Richmond Flying Squirrels.

To get your voucher or if you have questions contact president@nwpapride.org or call (814) 314-9075.



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26th Annual Pride Picnic on Aug 11

from NW PA Pride Alliance

The Pride Picnic is free and open to the public, so bring your buns down to the beach and see what's cooking!

NW PA Pride Alliance would like to invite you to join us for the 26th Annual Erie Pride Picnic on Saturday, August 11th at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle (near Beach 7) from 1 to 6 PM. Hot dogs, ox roast, soft drinks, water and table settings are provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or salad to share. Food will be served from 2 to 4 PM. Note that state law does not permit alcohol in the park and we respectfully ask that you abide by rules the good folks at Presque Isle State Park have set for everyone's safety. Be sure to check in at the registration table when you arrive. We will be taking the annual Family Portrait around 4:30 PM, and there will also be roving photographers. If you prefer to not be included in photos, put a red dot on your name badge. If your group or organization would like to set up an info table, please let us know by July 31st. There is no charge for an info table, but vending at the park is not permitted. If you can bring your own table, that is very much appreciated, but not required. As always, there will be a collection taken for Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA (non-perishables, Please and Thank You). The picnic area and Beach 7 area are accessible.

For more information or if you have questions you are welcome to call (814) 314-9075 or email president@nwpapride.org



Pride Day at Waldameer August 12

from NW PA Pride Alliance

We had so much fun last year, we're doing it again! NW PA Pride Alliance will be hosting Pride Day at Waldameer Park and WaterWorld on Sunday, August 12, the day after the Pride Picnic. End your Pride Weekend with unlimited rides and slides at a discounted price! To join us:

- Use the handy ticket link in 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, June 30 in Perry Square or at the Pride Pincic on August 11)
- Then just stop by our reserved pavilion (Coaster 2) to pick up your passes.

The Main park will be open from 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!

We've reserved Coaster 2 Pavilion this year; so you're welcome to take a break from the fun to relax in the shade and eat or use the grills there to cook up something tasty.

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.

Gene Robinson at Chautauqua

Rt Rev V Gene Robinson will moderate "Interfaith Fridays" at Chautauqua Institution. Robinson was the first openly gay elected Bishop in a Christian faith. Info chq.org 800-836-ARTS

http://chq.org

Community News

GEAE Afternoon for Equality a Success, Awards Scholarships

from Greater Érie Alliance for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) wishes to thank our generous supporters and the 80 guests that attended the 8th Annual Afternoon for Equality, held on June 10, 2018 at 21 La Rue Dix, 21 W 10th St, Erie PA. Afternoon for Equality (AFE) is our largest annual fundraiser and it was a great success! Record attendance from the LGBT community and allies signifies strong support from the Erie community. Support raised at AFE provides funds to continue GEAE's mission in Erie which is to support the LGBT community and its straight allies through educational programs, social events and opportunities for service. \$3,000 in scholarship money was awarded to LGBT high school students for continuing their educations. In addition to the regular award, an additional scholarship was added, named the Tanner-Cipolla Award for an LGBTQ student focusing their studies in social services, education, art, music, or social studies. This was the 2nd year GEAE offered a scholarship. GEAE is delighted to have several students apply again this year and hopes to continue this recognition program for our youth.

Tyler Titus was featured as our guest speaker and Stephen Trohoske Trio provided entertainment, with special guest Edward Randazzo. Save the date and join us next year, 2019 AFE is on June 9th!



Roger, Leah Manino and friend at Afternoon for Equality, hosted by Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. Photo: Mike Mahler

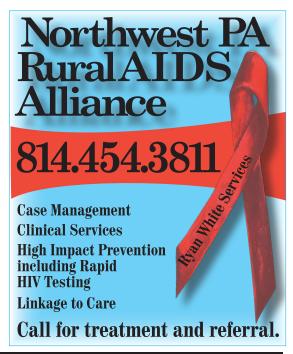


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- Jun 22 Jul 1 "Cabaret" (Meadville Community Theatre, Meadville PA) FB: Meadville Community Theate Jun 29 (Fri) - GLOW returns Netflix. From the 'Orange Is the New Black.' team FB: GLOW
- Jun 29 (Fri) "A Very English Scandal" Amazon Prime BBC production. FB: A Very English Scandal Jun 29 (Fri) - "Ideal Home" (2018) Theatrical release www.idealhomemovie.com FB: Ideal Home Movie
- Jun 29 Jul 1 (Fri Sun) Game Show Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY). info@ jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.
- Jun 29 (Fri) TransFamily of NWPA "Between the Shades" Film Screening (Erie Movie House, 3424 W Lake Rd, Erie, PA) 6 - 10 PM. See article front page FB: Trans Family of NWPA
- Jun 30 (Sat) Erie PrideFest & March March: Gather at Zone 133 W. 18th, from 11AM-noon. Step-off at noon. (note new step-off time) *PrideFest*: Perry Square. W. 6th & Peach 1-5PM. Info: www.nwpapride.org president@nwpapride.org STEP OFF AT NOON
- **Jun 30 (Sat) GEAE After-Pride Celebration** (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 4:30 - 7PM (or until the food runs out!)"greatereriealliance.com
- Jun 30 (Sat) Black Light Body Paint Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) info@ campdavispa.com. campdavispa.com/.
- Jul 1 7 (Sun Sat) Red, White & Blue Week (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) info@ campdavispa.com. campdavispa.com/.
- Jul 1 (Sun) Melissa Etheridge in concert (Hard Rock Live, Northfield OH) www.melissaetheridge.com
- Jul 2 6 (Mon Fri) Vacation Week (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com.
- Jul 3 (Tue) "Comedy Lineup: Part 1" Netflix. Includes Aisling Bea, Tim Dillon, Sabrina Jaleez, Sam Jay, Matteo Lane, Max Silvestri, Emma Willman, Kate Willett
- Jul 6 (Fri) G2H2/ERIE (Location TBA, Erie, PA 16501) 6-8PM Social group. FB: G2H2/Erie
- **Jul 6 8 (Fri Sun) Independence and Canada Day Weekend** (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com

Jul 8 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets (Brew Ha

- Jul 10 "Hit the Floor" Season 4 BET 10PM
- Jul 10 & 17 (Tue) LBT Women of Erie goes to 8 Great Tuesdays (Liberty Park, Lawrence Pier, Erie, PA) (814) 490-3994. FB: LBT Women of Erie
- Jul 11 (Wed) LBT Women of Erie goes to Sunset Music Series (Presque Isle State Park Beach 1, , Erie, PA) Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol. com. FB: LBT Women of Erie.
- Jul 12, 19 & 26 (Thu) LBT Women of Erie goes to Music at Frontier (Frontier Park, W 8th &Bayfront Pkwy, Erie, PA) 6 PM. Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com. FB: LBT Women of Erie
- Jul 13 15 (Fri Sun) Gods & Goddesses Mt Olympus Toga Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com.
- Jul 13 (Fri) Michael Feinstein w/special guest Storm Large (Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua NY) www.michaelfeinstein.com chq.org

Jul 14 (Sat) - LBT Women of Erie at Amerisala



- (Perry Square, Erie, PA) 11 AM. Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com. FB: LBT Women Jul 14 (Sat) - True Colors Social - Sports World (Board-
- man Sports World, 8249 South Ave, Youngstown, OH) 1 - 5 PM. www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org
- Jul 14 (Sat) Foam Party Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) campdavispa.com/.
- Jul 14 (Sat) Joan Jett & the Blackhearts KeyBank Pavilion, Burgettstown PA
- Jul 14 (Sat) Veronyca's Showgirls People's Choice Awards - (Moose Lodge, 201 W. State St, Olean, NY) 10 PM. \$6/member \$5 FB: Veronyca's Showgirls
- Jul 15 (Sun) Deadline for Erie Gay News August 2018 print edition (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA) info@eriegaynews.com.
- Jul 15 (Sun) Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. FB: The Zone
- Jul 17 (Tue) Bears Do Dinner #61 (Syd's Place, 2992 West Lake Rd, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.comwww.drenchedfur.com.

- Jul 20 22 (Fri Sun) Summer Beach Party 600 Block Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com.
- **Jul 20 (Fri) HIV Testing Day** (Community Health Net, 1202 State St, Erie, PA) 11 AM - 2 PM. Get your FREE and confidential rapid HIV test. FREE \$5 Country Fair gift card when you get your test results. Contact: Laura Beckes. (814) 451-6786. FB: Erie County HIV Task Force
- Jul 21 (Sat) Whispering Lake Grove Quarterly Rite of Offering (Grove Nemeton, Saegertown, PA) Ritual 6pm potluck follows. Contact: www.wlg-adf.org/.
- Jul 21 (Sat) Illumination Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) campdavispa.com
- **Jul 21 (Sat) Youngstown Pride Festival** (Federal Plaza E, Youngstown OH) Parade: 12:30 pm Festival: 1:00 PM, FB: 2018 Youngstown Pride Festival
- Jul 23-29 Pittsburgh Black Pride (Various venues, Pittsburgh PA) FB: Pittsburgh Black Pride
- Jul 24 (Tue) Érie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th, Erie, PA) 7PM. All ages! Contact: Mike (814) 456-



9833. Venue (814) 455-4009. info@eriegaynews.com.

Jul 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - Bear Weekend - Polar Bear White Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) www.jonespond.com.

- Jul 27 (Fri) "Orange is the New Black" season premiere Netflix FB: Orange Is The New Black
- **Jul 28 & 31 "RBG" (2018)** 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Fredonia NY) fredopera.org
- Jul 28 (Sat) Annual LBT Women Picnic (Andrea and Kim's, Erie, PA) 3 PM. Bring a dish to share. Contact: Kim (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com. FB: LBT Women of Erie
- Jul 28 (Sat) Christmas In July Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) campdavispa.com/.

Jul 29 (Sun) - Sampson McCormick live (Prospect Row Pittsburgh, PA) 5PM www.sampsoncomedy.com

Jul 29 - Boy George and Culture Club (Stage AE, Pittsburgh PA)

Jul 29 - COLORS/VS Cookout 1-4PM RSVP to event age Non-alcoholic byob FB: Veronyca's Showgirls Aug 3 - Amy Schumer & Friends (Northwest Arena,

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Aug 11 (Sat) - Cyndi Lauper and Rod Stewart PPG Paints Arena Pittsburgh

Aug 11 (Sat) - Erie Pride Picnic (Rotary Pavilion, Presque Isle State Park, Erie PA) 1-6PM Free and open to the public. www.nwpapride.org

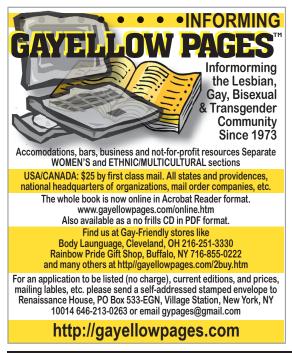
Aug 12 (Sun)- Pride Day at Waldameer Park & Waterworld www.nwpapride.org

Aug 17 (Fri) - Lip Sync Battle (Celeron Legion, 26 Jackson Ave, Jamestown NY)7PM-2AM \$5 presale/\$10 door. BenefitsMark Pacheco WOW Fund/ The Resource Center FB: 4TH ANNUAL WOW LIP SYNC BATTLE

UPCOMING

Sep 28 - Oct 14 "The Laramie Project" (Dramashop, Erie PA) dramashop.org

Nov 9-17 - Staged Reading: "HIR" (Dramashop, Erie PA) dramashop.org



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AGING

Jul 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. daleallgeier@outlook.com.

GENERAL

- Jul 10 (Tue) Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. www.youngstownpflag.org.
- Jul 12 (Thu) PFLAG Butler meets (Butler Area Public Library, 218 N McKean St, Butler, PA) 5 PM - 7 PM. www.pflagbutler.com
- Jul 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

Jul 10 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA1) 1 PM. FB: Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network

SOCIAL

- Jul 6 (Fri) G2H2/ERIE (Location TBA, Erie, PA 16501) 6-8PM Social group. FB: G2H2/Erie
- Jul 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
- **LBT Women of Erie Various events and venues.**: Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol. com. FB: LBT Women of Erie

STUDENT & YOUTH

- Jul 3 & 17 (Tue) P.E.A.R.S Teen Drop-In Center (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6-8PM. FB: Full Spectrum Community Outreach
- Jul 7 & 21 (Sat) -Prism LGBTQ youth group meets 1st & 3rd Sat at the Downtown YMCA teen center, 31 W 10th St, Erie PA. from 2-4. Socializing and peer support. for teens 12-20 FB: TransFamily of NWPA

Jul 17 (Tue) - Full Spectrum LGBT Teen Support (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6PM. Ages 14-19, under 14 with parental consent. FB: Full Spectrum Community Outreach

SUPPORT

- Jul 2 (Sun) Parents Who Are LGBQIA+ Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM - 8 PM.
- Jul 8 (Sun) Full Spectrum Sexuality Support (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 3-5PM.

TRANS

- Jul 8 (Sun) Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM - 8 PM. Also meets Jul 22 from 3-5PM.
- Jul 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.
- Jul 14 (Sat) TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (CHAPS Building, 1st floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda Thomas.imhzwoman4586@msn.com. (814) 232-1778 FB: Transfamily of NWPA.
- Jul 15 (Sun) Parents and Partners of Gender Variant Individuals Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM - 8 PM.
- Jul 21 (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
- Jul 21 (Sat) TransFamily of Titusville Transgender Support Group meets (YWCA Activities Building, 212 N. Franklin St, Titusville, PA) 3 - 6 PM. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969. Caitlynxpress@gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA
- Jul 21 (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

