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NY Senate Majority Passes GENDA and Bans Conversion Therapy

Info from NY State Senate

(Albany NY, Jan 15)—The New York Senate Majority Conference has passed the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) (S.1047) that prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression and adds transgender New Yorkers to those protected by the state's Hate Crimes Law. The Senate also passed legislation (S.1046) prohibiting "conversion therapy" to those under 18.

More details at eriegaynews.com

Become a 2019 NW PA Pride Donor

from NW PA Pride Alliance

This year the NW Pennsylvania Pride Alliance Inc is already hard at work to make 2019 special for the entire community. We look forward to having our Pride Fest on June 29, the Pride Picnic on August 10, and other events planned throughout the year.

The support of individuals and organizations in our community has been the catalyst for furthering the Alliance's mission: Improving the visibility of the LGBTQIA community and facilitating communication and collaboration between groups and individuals. We are asking for your support in 2019 as we celebrate Pride in NWPA. Donors like you make it possible for the Alliance to organize, sponsor, and/or host events such as the Pride Festival and the Pride Picnic. The Alliance also participates in various community events to promote awareness of LGBTQIA issues, and supports the efforts and activities of other groups dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQIA community.

Although we welcome donations throughout the year, to maximize the impact of your tax deductible contribution and to be included on promotional materials for this year's Pride events, please have donations in by Saturday, June 1st. Checks should be made payable to NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc.

If you have questions about the NW PA Pride



OSCAR WILDECAT One of EGN feline supervisors curled up and cozy on such a winter's day.

Alliance or would like to discuss becoming a donor, please contact donations@nwpapride.org or call (814) 314-9075.

NW PA Pride 2019 Pride Logo Design Contest

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance will be accepting design entries through March 1 for the 2019 Pride logo.

This year, artists are free to come up with their own theme celebrating local LGBTQIA Pride! There is no limit to the number of entries per person that can be submitted, nor is there an age limit. The design we select will receive a free shirt and a \$100 Visa gift card.

Please visit www.nwpapride.org for information on how designs are to be submitted. Email your entry to president@nwpapride.org on or before March 1. 2019. Questions may also be sent to the same email address.

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Camera ready art or manuscript and/or photos, illustrations and logos must be received by the 15th of the month. Photos and Illustrations should be PDF or TIFF and HIRES. All hardcopy ads submitted will be reproduced as close as possible.



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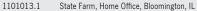
We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.



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To Lake Erie Counseling Associates for hosting! Andrea Shaffer, Bobbie Fenno, Kim Conti, Kim Hackbarth, and Rex Apps for folding; Andrea Shaffer, Bobbie Fenno, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Kim Conti, Kim Hackbarth, and Rex Apps for distribution; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.





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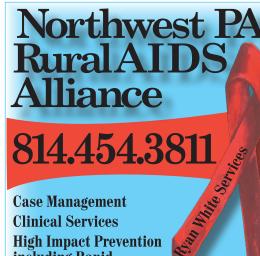
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Calendar

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

- Jan 20 "High Maintenance" Season Three (HBO) Jan 23 (Wed) - "Colette" | Film Grain: Dinner and Movie Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State Erie PA. Dinner 6PM, Movie 7PM. FB Bourbon Barrel Erie.
- Jan 25 (Fri) "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" season Premiere (Netflix)
- Jan 26 (Sat) LBT Women of Erie goes to Mercyhurst Women's Ice Hockey Game (Mercyhurst Ice Arena, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 2 PM. Details (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@aol.com.
- Jan 26 (Sat) COLORS Adult Bowling (Good Times of Olean, 800 E State St, Olean, NY) 8 PM. Adults only, pay own way.FB: Veronyca's Showgirls
- Jan 27 (Sun) Rebecca Mae's Drag Brunch (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) Doors 11 AM, showtime noon. Starring Akasha from Season One of *RuPaul's*



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Drag Race, Rebecca Mae, Siren Kelly, Evon Michelle, Michelle Michaels. Tickets on sale until Jan. 25 (814) 384-1582. FB: Rebecca Mae's Drag Brunch

 Jan 27 (Sun) - "Rent" Live (Fox) Live broadcast of Jonathan Larson's Tony- and Pulitzer-winning musical
Jan 29 - Mid-March - Art Exhibit: "Challenging Borders" Allegheny College, 1st floor of Doane Hall

of Art 490 Highland Ave, Meadville PA FreeTues-Sun; Tues-Fri 12:30-4, Sat 1:30-5, Sun 2-4. Call to confirm dates and times: 814-332-4365. allegheny.edu

Jan 29 (Tue) - "Outside" (Shea's, Buffalo NY) Torontobased touring theatrical group presents story of Daniel, a teen who triumphs over homophobic bullying, depression, and suicide.Curriculum resources. sheas.org

Jan 30 (Wed) - "Can You Ever Forgive Me?" (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts 116 East 3rd Street, Jamestown, NY) 7:00pm \$5 reglenna.com

Feb 2 (Sat) - The Imperial Masquerade: ICP Ball A Soirée of Fire and Ice (Troop I-Hamlin House, Buffalo, NY) FB: Imperial Court Of Buffalo

Feb 3 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Imbolc (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 6pm, potluck follows. senior.druid@ wlg-adf.org (814) 720-1560

Feb 7 - 9 (Thu - Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Cabin Fever Weekend (Bel-Aire Hotel & Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St., Erie, PA) Note: no regular January meeting eriesisters.ning.com

Feb 8 (Fri) - One Day at a Time: Season 3 (Hulu) Feb 8 (Fri) - 2 Dope Queens: Season 2 11 p.m., HBO Feb 9 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls presents United! (Moose Lodge, 201 W. State St. Olean, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover. FB: Veronyca's Showgirls



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Feb 12 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner #68 (Alkeme, 18 N Park Row, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. (814) 384-9785. eriepeter@gmail.com FB: Bears Do Dinner - Erie, PA

Feb 12 (Tue) - "Boomerang" (BET) Updates the 1992 film of the same name. Produced by Lena Waithe and Halle Barry. #BoomerangOnBET @BoomerangOn-BET

Feb 14 (Thu) - Transgender Support of Jamestown Social Gathering (Brazil Craft Beer & Wine Lounge, 10 E 4th St, Jamestown NY) 5-7PM Info: Bethany Robson, LCSW (716) 499-4817 Hayley (814) 888-7525.

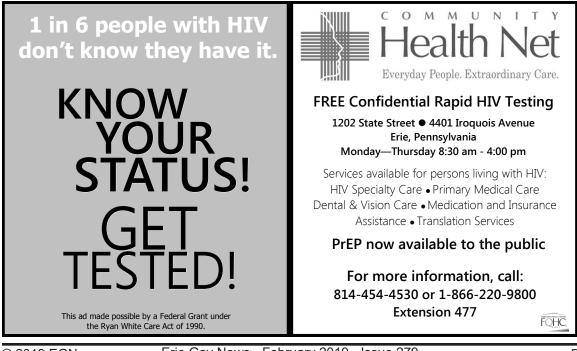
Feb 14 (Thu) - Mercyhurst SAGA Club Flaming Hearts Dance (Mercyhurst University Student Union, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. "The Flaming Hearts Dance is Mercyhurst Sexuality and Gender Acceptance (SAGA) Club's annual Valentine's Day celebration that has food, drinks, music, face painting, arts & crafts. Every year we invite LGBTQIA+ clubs from other universities in Erie." (814) 824-2033. rmccarty@mercyhurst.edu. FB: Mercyhurst SAGA @mercyhurstsaga Feb 14 (Thu) - Teen Event - Erie County Regional Gender Sexuality Alliance (Blasco Memorial Erie County Public Library, 160 East Front St. Erie, PA) 6 - 8 PM. Meetings 2nd Thurs.each month. Free, county-wide group, open to all youth, ages 13-18. Program provided by ECPL Teen Services and Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE). (866) 229-1974. GEAEinfo@gmail.com. greatereriealliance.com/.

Feb 15 (Fri) – Deadline for Erie Gay News March 2019 print edition eriegaynews.com.

Feb 17 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. FB: The Zone

Feb 23 - TransFamily of NWPA goes to Wine on the Lake (Bayfront Convention Center Erie PA) 21+ FB: Transfamily of NWPA wineonthelake.com

Feb 23 - Buffalo's Big Gay Sing (Hohn Auditorium Roswell Park / Elm & Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY) Presented by Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus. Reception 6:30pm, show, 7:30pm buffalogaymenschorus.com



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Feb 25 (Mon) - NW PA Pride Alliance Happy Hour (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 7 PM - 9 PM. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 314-9075. president@ nwpapride.org. wnwpapride.org. FB: The Zone

Feb 26 (Tue) – Erie 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

Feb 27 (Wed) - UB Distinguished Speaker Series: Angela Davis (University of Buffalo, Buffalo NY) buffalo.edu

Mar 1 (Fri) - "American Masters – Holly Near: Singing for Our Lives" Premieres 9 p.m. on PBS

Mar 1-10 - "Hush Up Sweet Charlotte" (Dramashop, Renaissance Centre, 1001 State, Erie PA) Directed by Minchael Weiss. Starring Buddy Pacy and Rod Williams. dramashop.org FB: Dramashop

Mar 4 (Mon) - "The Good Fight" Season Three (CBS All Access)

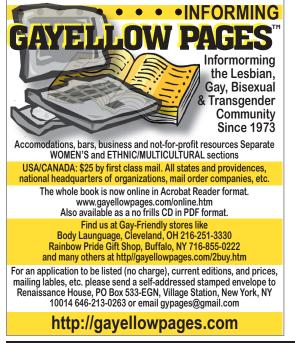
Mar 7 - (Thu) "Station 19" Season 2 (ABC)

Mar 8-24 "Angels in Ameeica: Millenium Approaches" (Smith Theatre, Buffalo NY) sheas.org Mar 10 - "American Gods" Season 2 Starz 8pm Mar 10 - "Now Apocalypse" Starz 9pm

STREAMING NOW...

"Sex Education" a new coming-of-age series on Netflix starring Gillian Anderson and Asa Butterfield **"Grace and Frankie" Season 5** also on Netflix.





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Social & support groups

ADDICTION & RECOVERY

AA Meeting Live & Let Live LGBTQA-friendly AA meeting every Sun. 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 W. 38th St., Erie, PA. www.aaeriepa.org.

AGING

Feb 10 (Sun) – Over 40? So What? meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 – 6 PM. (814) 455-4009. daleallgeier@outlook.com.

GENERAL

Feb 12 (Tue) – Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. www.youngstownpflag.org.

SOCIAL

Feb 10 (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

Feb 19 (Tue) - Crawford Area LGBT+ meets (Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at Unitarian Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut St, Meadville PA. Contact: Randy Herbert-Weed. (814) 724-6736. crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com.

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

SPIRITUALITY

Feb 12 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. The Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network is a collaboratio butlerinterfaith@zoominternet.net.

Community United Church 1011 West 38th St. Erie, PA **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie** 7180 Perry Hwy Erie PA uuerie.org Welcoming congregation.

STUDENT & YOUTH

Gender and Sexuality Club (GASE). LGBTQA group at Penn State Behrend. Info: 814) 898-7162. mos5744@ psu.edu.

Feb 2 & 16 (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 Rose Surma (814) 490-1971 Rose.surma@ gmail.com FB: TransFamily of NWPA

Feb 19 (Tue) – LGBT Teen Support & P.E.A.R.S Teen Drop-In Center (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Ctr, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM. FB: Full Spectrum Community Outreach

SUPPORT

Feb 24 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Sexuality Support (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 3-5PM.

Feb 24 (Sun) – Parents Who Are LGBTQIA+ Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.

TRANS

Jan 24 & Feb 28 - Transgender Support Group of Jamestown NY Meeting 4th Thursday of each month, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, 511 N Main St, left side entrance, upstairs. Also, every 2nd Thursday of the month we get together for food and drink at Brazil Craft Beer & Wine Lounge. Rsvp or meet us there if interested! Text or call: Bethany (716) 499-4817 Hayley (814) 888-7525. FB: Transgender Support of Jamestown Monthly Meet-up

Feb 9 (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.

Feb 10 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Road, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.

Feb 11 (Mon) – TransFamily of Warren Transgender Support Group meets (Jefferson DeFrees Family Center – Hawke Room, 207 Second Ave., Warren, PA) 6-8 PM. Contact: Kingsley Reese (814) 688-5574. kreeseamon@ gmail.com. FB: Transfamily of NWPA.

Feb 17 (Sun) – Parents and Partners of Gender Variant Individuals Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM

Feb 23 (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





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