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Erie Gay News



Erie City Council passes conversion therapy ban 7-0

By Michael Mahler

On Wednesday, June 5, Erie City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting mental health practitioners from conducting conversion therapy on a minor to change their sexual orientation or gender identity. This was the final step for passing the ordinance.

Speaking in favor of the ban was Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty of Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and Community United Church. Rev. Dr. McCarty pointed out that this type of therapy can have a very harmful effect on youth, sometimes leading to anxiety, depression, and suicide, and that numerous national mental health and human services strongly oppose this type of so-called therapy.

Opposing passage of the ban was Dr. John Diamond, who claimed that passage of the ban would be unconstitutional. He stated that he would file a lawsuit for violation of his civil rights.. In an Erie News Now report he was described as a “conversion therapist counselor.”

GEAE Afternoon for Equality

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality will host its 9th annual signature fundraising event, Afternoon for Equality at a new location. Please join us Sunday, July 14th from 4-7 pm at the Erie Yacht Club for smooth jazz with the Steve Trohoske Trio, delectable foods, and cool drinks as we honor our 2019 scholarship award recipients. Tickets are \$55 each and are available for purchase at greatereriealliance.com GEAE also welcomes sponsorships at all financial levels. Sponsorships help us to fund all of our educational and advocacy programs throughout the year. This includes our scholarship program for LGBTQ high school seniors, the Regional GSA, competency training, and Intersections for Equality. Please consider becoming a sponsor of these programs.



Photo: Steve Huefner

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Steve Huefner from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality has been coordinating the effort and providing flags for businesses who want to participate. Watch for a list of participating businesses and photo gallery of participants at eriegaynews.com

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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.

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.aaeriepa.org.

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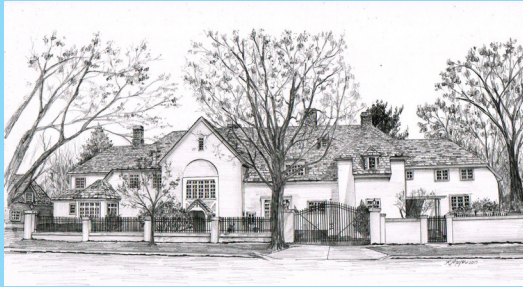
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Community News

Speakers, film, reception at Chautauqua Institution July 2

There will be several events of interest at Chautauqua Institution July 2.

Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard will speak with Atlantic author James Fallows at 2pm at the Hall of Philosophy. Shepard founded the Matthew Shepard Foundation in honor of her son who brought international attention to anti-gay hate crimes when in 1998 he was brutally attacked, tied to fence and left to die in a field outside Laramie, Wyoming.

WorldPride/Stonewall 50th Panel The Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson, Chautauqua Institution Vice President of Religion and Senior Pastor, and the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop, will lead and participate in an intergenerational panel discussion on the LGBTQ rights movement before, during and after Stonewall. Panelists in addition to Bishop Robinson include Judy Shepard and Sultan Shakir. This event will be at the Hall of Philosophy at 3:30p.m. Official Event of Stonewall 50/WorldPride 2019. *Gate pass required. Purchase at Main Gate Welcome Center;*

(716) 357-6250.

LGBTQ Community Reception will take place 5 PM, Athenaeum Hotel Parlor. Snacks provided/cash bar.

Chautauqua Cinema will show Dan Karslake's "For They Know Not What They Do" at 7PM Karslake, director/producer of "For The Bible Tells Me So," continues the conversation about the impact of religious belief on the lives of LGBTQ people. It challenges the far-right's use of the Bible and the U.S. Constitution to fight against equality for LGBTQ citizens and takes on the horrors of reparative therapy. Part of the Chautauqua Meet the Filmmaker Festival, featuring live Q&A. Film will be shown July 2-4. Visit chautauquacinema.com for directions and info.

Events are at Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua NY. If you are unfamiliar with the grounds, go to chq.org and click on "Buy Tickets," for info about passes and parking. Info chq.org 716-357-6250 ticketoffice@chq.org Link to events page from eriegaynews.com



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CORRECTION: The cover photo for the Pride Events Section in the June issue was taken by photographer Andrea Shafer. The photo depicted people participating in the 2018 Erie Pride March.

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PA Commission on LGBTQ Affairs Meeting

by Michael Mahler

On Friday, May 3, 2019, the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs held their quarterly meeting in Philadelphia.

There was an update on the 2020 Census and how that relates to Pennsylvania and the LGBTQIA+ community. There is a State Census Complete Count Committee. In the fall, they will be pushing house parties and recruitment for hires in 2020. There was also a discussion for created coded responses for non-binary gender and other info not directly gathered on the census. Also to be discussed were best practices for asking questions and the top priority for right now is to share info about census jobs.

Kyle Hannon, staff member for US Sen. Bob Casey shared federal updates, including legislation for firearms misdemeanors for hate crimes, the Safe Schools Improvement Act, and Inclusive Aging Act.

There are 18 Pride festivals across Pennsylvania. In addition to discussion about how commissioners can support and be visible at Pride events,

there will also be a committee to draft a statement of values and principles for supporting fully inclusive Pride events that reflect the entire spectrum of the community.

Also discussed was LGBTQ issues in housing. Areas of concern included data collection, education about housing rights, and prevention and competency for shelters. There are also concerns that people who are “couch surfing” are not being accurately included in data for the homeless. Gentrification also can lead to marginalized people being displaced from their neighborhoods.

The high rate of violence and murder targeting trans people of color (POC) was also a concern that was addressed. It was agreed that this needs to center around POC, and that data collection/reporting needs to improve. Frequently issues of misgendering, or a fear of retribution directed against witnesses to these crimes hampers investigations. This also ties in with housing issues from the perspective of having a safe space.

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission made a presentation. The agency wants to receive discrimination complaints to support passage of hate crime bills at the state level. Complaints can be filed by filing online at www.pahrc.pa.gov or calling. The PA HRC is looking for training for their staff as well to reinforce culturally competent responses. PA does not currently cover sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression in either hate crimes legislation or anti-discrimination, but a bill amending PA's anti-discrimination legislation was introduced a few days after the meeting.

Working groups on various topics (education, aging, health, jobs, etc) met to discuss updates since the last commission meeting, and reported back to the commission as a whole.

There was also an update about the Governor's agenda.

The next meeting of the PA Commission on LGBTQ Affairs will be on Friday, August 9 in Erie, the day before the 27th Annual Erie Pride Picnic. Commissioners are invited to stay over to enjoy the Erie picnic. The fall quarterly meeting will be November 15, location to be determined.



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Calendar

Jun 1 - 30 (Sat - Sun) - A Look Back: LGBTQ+ Community in Erie Exhibit (419 Artifacts, 419 State St, Erie, PA) Local history on display for Pride month, Wed & Fri 1-4 PM. Will also be at Pride Fest. Contact: Dale Allgeier. (814) 454-4946. FB: 419 ARTIFACTS

Jun 1 - 30 (Sat - Sun) - Regional LGBTQ Art Exhibit (Erie Art Gallery, 24 W 8th St, Erie, PA Presented by Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. Wed-Sun Noon-6. greatereriealliance.com erieartgallery.com

Jun 21-30 Buffalo United Artists: "Stonewall Take 10" (672 Main, Buffalo NY) buffalounitedartists.org

Jun 29 (Sat) - 2019 Erie Pridefest and Parade Presented by Erie Insurance (Perry Square, Erie, PA) 11 AM - 3:30 PM. Line up for Pride Parade at Zone (133 W 18th St) starting at 11 AM, step off noon. Pride Fest is in Perry Square 1 PM. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 314-9075. president@nwpapride.org. nwpapride.org

Jun 29 (Sat) - Free HIV/Syphilis Testing at Pridefest 12pm-3pm Conducted by Erie Co. Dept of Health and NW PA Rural AIDS Alliance.

Jun 29 (Sat) - Greater Erie Alliance for Equality After Pride Party (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 3:30 PM. greatereriealliance.com

Jun 29 (Sat) - Zone After Pride Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 4 PM - 2 AM. (814) 452-0125. FB: The Zone

Jun 29 (Sat) - "Kinky Boots the Musical" (Cinemark Tinseltown 17, 1910 Rotunda Dr, Erie, PA) 12:55PM Tony, Grammy & Olivier Award-winning musical from pop icon Cyndi Lauper and legendary playwright Harvey Fierstein. cinemark.com #KinkyBoots

Jun 30 - Live stream of World Pride Parade in NYC abc7ny.com beginning at noon.

Jun 30 - Pride Brunch & Flea on the Hill (Independence Hill, Peach St from W. 23rd-W. 26th, Erie) 11AM-4PM "Enjoy delicious food and drinks by The Atacolyse Food Truck, Topsy Bean, Give A Crepe. La CrepErie, Erie Ale Works, Fat boys phillys, Federal Hill Smokehouse. Follow the rainbow to our treasure of a flea!" FB: Hill District Flea #hilldistrict #hilldistrictflea

Jun 30 - Pride - Beyond Understanding Rev. Charlie Dieterich (Unitarian Universalist Cong. of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie) 10:30 AM. "This month the LGBTQ+ communities celebrate their transitions from silence to awareness and from fear to joy. I will share a bit of my story and how everyone can join in the dance" uerie.org

Jul 1 - "Call Her Ganda" PBS (Check local listings) Director PJ Raval's investigation into the death of

a Filipina trans woman at the hands of an American Marine callherganda.com

Jul 1 - 5 (Mon - Fri) - Vacation Week (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.

Jul 2 (Tue) - Chautauqua Institution Pride/LGBT events (see page 4 this issue) (Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY) 2 PM. (716) 357-6250. chq.org.

Jul 2-4 - "For They Know Not What They Do" (Chautauqua Cinema, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua NY) chautauquacinema.com FB: Chautauqua Cinema

Jul 4 - 7 (Thu - Sun) - Independence Day (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.

Jul 9-11 - "Wild Nights with Emily" (Chautauqua Cinema, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua NY) Beloved comic Molly Shannon leads in this humorous yet bold reappraisal of poet Emily Dickinson, informed by her private letters. chautauquacinema.com FB: Chautauqua Cinema

Jul 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Mt Olympus Toga Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.

Jul 13 (Sat) - Gay Day Crawford County (Diamond *(Continued on page 10)*)

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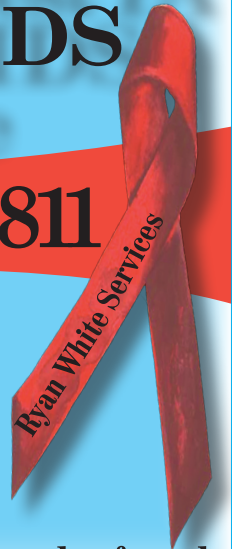
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Jul 14 (Sun) - GEAE Afternoon for Equality (Erie Yacht Club, Erie PA) greatereriealliance.com

Jul 14 - "Sweetbitter" Season 2 Starz #Sweetbitter

Jul 14 (Sun) - Whispering Lake Grove Rite of Offering (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 6:00pm, community potluck following. (814) 720-1560. senior.druid@wlg-adf.org.

Jul 15 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News August 2019 print edition eriegaynews.com.

Jul 16 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner #73 (Syd's Place, 2992 West Lake Rd, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM.

Jul 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboy Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.

Jul 19 - BPO Performs Music of Queen (Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jamestown) NY reglenna.com

Jul 20 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA Picnic (Penn

State Behrend - Wilson Picnic Grove, 5103 Station Rd, Erie, PA) 12-5 PM. "Family event. Please bring a dish to share." FB: Transfamily Of NWPA.

Jul 20 (Sat) - LBT Women of Erie Annual Picnic (Kim & Andrea's, Erie, PA) 2:30 PM. Bring a dish to share. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@yahoo.com (Note new email). FB: LBT Women of Erie

Jul 21 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 9 PM. FB: The Zone

Jul 23 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St., Erie, PA) 7PM. Contact: Mike (814) 456-9833. Venue (814) 455-4009. info@eriegaynews.com

Jul 26 - SafeNet's 7th Annual Garden Party "Classic Hollywood: The Golden Era" "Food, drinks, music, and fun in SafeNet's beautiful Big Backyard Children's Garden. Supports SafeNet's Children's Programming." safeneterie.org

Jul 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Bear Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.

Jul 27 - "Orange is the New Black" Season 7

Jul 28 - Rebecca Mae's July Drag Brunch (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St., Erie PA) 11 AM-2:30 PM FB: Rebecca Mae's Drag Brunch

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AGING

Jul 14 (Sun) – Over 40? So What? meets (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA) 4 PM. (814) 455-4009. daleallgeier@outlook.com.

MISC.

Jul 8 (Mon) – Erie Dems LGBTQIA+ Caucus meets (Erie Dems HQ, 1305 State St, Erie PA) 7 PM. (814) 456-9833. mmahler@eriedems.com. FB: Erie Dems LGBTQIA+ Caucus

Jul 9 (Tue) – Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. youngstown-pflag.org.

Jul 16 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Contact: Laura Beckes. (814) 451-6786. lbeckes@eriecountypa.gov. echiv.org/ecdh.org

SOCIAL

Jul 14 (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@yahoo.com. FB: LBT Women of Erie

Jul 16 (Tue) - Crawford Area LGBT+ meets (3rd Tues. 7 PM Unitarian Church of Meadville, 346 Chestnut St, Meadville PA. Contact: Randy. (814) 724-6736. crawfordarealgbt@gmail.com.)

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

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LGBTQIA Support Group (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula OH) Every Tuesday, 4-5 PM. shannan.farmer@cccchio.com

Jul 16 (Tue) – LGBT Teen Support & P.E.A.R.S Teen Drop-In Center (Full Spectrum, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM. FB: Full Spectrum Community Outreach Support

Jul 28 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Sexuality Support (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 3-5PM.

Jul 28 (Sun) – Parents Who Are LGBTQIA+ Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.

TRANS

Jul 13 (Sat) – TransFamily of Meadville Transgender Support Group (CHAPS Building, 1st floor, 944 Liberty St., Meadville, PA) 2-5 PM. Contact: Linda Thomas. imhwoman4586@msn.com. (814) 232-1778 FB: Transfamily of NWPA.


Jul 14 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Road, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.

Jul 8 (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.

Jul 21 (Sun) – Parents and Partners of Gender Variant Individuals Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM

Jul 25 (Thu) - Transgender Support Group of Jamestown NY Meeting 4th Thursday of each month, 5pm, call for location. Also, every 2nd Thurs. of the month we get together for food and drink (venue changes). Text or call: Bethany (716) 499-4817 Hayley (814) 888-7525. FB: Transgender Support of Jamestown, NY

Jul 27 (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: Annie Rosenthal. FB: Transfamily of NWPA



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