NW PA Pride Alliance held the 27th Annual Erie Pride Picnic on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle. About 300 people attended. There was a delicious potluck buffet, a raffle, the annual Family Portrait, and great times! As the PA Commission on LGBTQ Affairs had met in Erie the previous day, some members of the commission stayed in town to go to the picnic and presented Erie’s LGBTQ community with a proclamation from Governor Tom Wolf recognizing Pride.

Groups providing information about their organization at the picnic included Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Erie VA Medical Center, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Human Rights Campaign (HRC), LBT Women, PNC Bank, Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, and UPMC for You.

NW PA Pride Alliance wants to thank the volunteers and attendees for making the event such a success, as well as those who donated forty-four pounds of non-perishable items to the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA! Additionally, food left over from the picnic was dropped off at Erie City Mission.

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**HIV Awareness Walk on Sep 16**
*from Erie County HIV Task Force*

(Frontier Park, W 6th St, near Tennis Court, Erie, PA) 5 PM. The Erie County HIV Task Force invites everyone to participate in the 3rd Annual HIV Awareness Walk on Monday, September 16. By participating in this event, you are helping to raise community awareness and reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in Erie County.

There is no cost and no registration for the walk, just simply meet us at 5 PM at LEAF Education Center building at Frontier Park, near the tennis courts on W 6th St. The walk will begin at 5:30 pm. Feel free to wear red and bring your pets! If your organization would like to bring a banner, please do! On Facebook: Erie County HIV Task Force. For more info, contact Joy Henry at jhenry@eriecountypa.gov. echiv.org.

**Southern Tier Queer Peers News**
*from Mental Health Assoc in Chautauqua County*

Recently the group Southern Tier Queer Peers, which meets Tuesdays from 5:30-7 at the MHA in Chautauqua County, hosted a community building game night. This event was a wonderful success and is part of an exciting move for the group.

There were twenty people in attendance, and we played something that almost approached being Dungeons and Dragons. There was a lot of laughter, and

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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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many new connections made.

In light of this, we have decided to continue on with other community building events to draw in the queer community and connect them in the Western New York and surrounding region! We feel that these events should interest a wide range of the community. We will continue to have game nights, but also bring in other activities or points of connection.

For our next event, we will hold a poetry night on September 3rd during our normal meeting time, 5:30-7, at 31 Water St. Suite 7, Door 14, Jamestown NY.

Anyone will be welcome to come and read poem whether original or not, or just to listen to others read. There will be time limits to allow everyone a chance to read, and we will allow for some mingling and discussion time as well.

Any inquiries should go to Sheridan A. Smith, 716-490-4438 or sheridan.smith@mhachautauqua.org if you have questions regarding this event, future events, or the group in general.

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Greater Erie Alliance Thanks for Afternoon for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) would like to thank everyone for another successful Afternoon for Equality. The LGBTQ community and allies enjoyed music, food, laughter and celebrated new scholarship awards for 2019 at the beautiful Erie Yacht Club. We are most thankful for all our sponsors, who are listed on our website. Special thanks to our Platinum sponsor, Highmark, for their continued support.

PA Commission on LGBTQ Affairs meets in Erie

On Friday, August 9, the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs held their quarterly meeting at the Crime Victim Center, 125 W 18th St, Erie PA. Among the topics discussed were strategies to pass nondiscrimination legislation at the state level. Pennsylvania is currently the only state in the North East part of the United States that does not include sexual orientation and/or gender identity and expression in statewide anti-discrimination laws. However, in August 2018, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission - the government agency that enforces the commonwealth’s nondiscrimination law - announced that it accepts complaints of discrimination against LGBTQ&T people in employment, housing, and public accommodations as a form of sex discrimination. Legislation is currently in committee in both chambers that would make that explicit. Legislation covering sexual orientation and gender identity/expression has never made it to the floor of either chamber for a vote. Over 50 municipalities across the commonwealth have passed anti-discrimination legislation. Erie County passed anti-discrimination that included sexual orientation in 2002, and added legislation making gender identity protection explicit in 2018.

Also discussed was calling on Governor Wolf to issue an Emergency Removal Order to prevent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from placing immigrant families at the Berks County Detention Center.

The Commission reviewed their first year’s actions and achievements, and began to plan for the second year. Issues regarding diversity and inclusion were discussed related to search for new candidates to replace outgoing commissioners.

The workgroups on aging, healthcare, jobs/housing, education, and legislation met, and reported back.

There were also presentations from the Erie City Mayor’s Office, United Way of Pennsylvania and the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE.) United Way of Pennsylvania presented on ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), financial hardship for those who are above the federal poverty level but still experience financial insecurity.

The next meeting will be November 15 in Allentown.

Welcome Reception Held

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) hosted a Welcome Reception on Friday, August 9 for the Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, which held their quarterly meeting in Erie that day, as well as for the Mayor’s LGBTQ Advisory Council. The event was also open to the greater community. There were appetizers and a cash bar, as well as a great chance for advocates from across the state to meet local community members.

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) board members greet attendees at the 9th Annual Afternoon for Equality at the Erie Yacht Club on July 14. Photo by Mike Mahler.
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3rd Annual TransFamily Picnic on July 20

On Saturday, July 20, TransFamily of NW PA held their third annual picnic at the Wilson Picnic Grove at Penn State Behrend. The event included a yummy potluck, great friends, and a raffle.

LBT Women meetings to be held at TREC

from LBT Women of Erie

Please note that LBT Women of Erie will now be holding their monthly planning meeting the second Sunday of the month, beginning September 8, at noon at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC), 301 Peninsula Drv, Erie PA.

Intersections of Equality Symposium on Nov 16

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality

The 2019 Intersections of Equality biannual symposium will take place on Saturday, November 16, from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the Black Conference Center on the campus of Penn State Behrend. PSU will offer CEUs for the event, and will have a separate registration table and fee schedule for those credits. Topics will cover LGBTQ people and access to health care, legal rights/state of LGBTQ Affairs in the United States, stakeholder voices at the Intersections of race, ability, and economics; and LGBTQ engagement with the arts.

Registration for the event will include coffee stations and a boxed lunch. Seating is limited to 200. Organizations wishing to have a table at the event may pay to do so, but space is limited. More information will be available on the GEAE website soon.

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Gay Day in Crawford County on July 13

On Saturday, July 13, organizers held Gay Day in Crawford County in Diamond Park in Meadville PA. It is believed that this was possibly the first Pride event in Crawford County. The day included info tables, voter registration, chalk drawings on the sidewalk, reading of a children’s book by the author, and lots of great friends.

From Gay Day in Crawford County on July 13: Top: Glenn Tuttle and other organizers at the info table. Bottom: Story Tine. Photos by Mike Mahler.

Fall TV Premieres

13 Reasons Why (Netflix) - Aug 23 (Fri)
Boulet Brothers Dragula (OUTtv and Amazon Prime) - Aug 27 (Tue)
Carnival Row (Amazon Prime) - Aug 30 (Fri)
Titans (DC Universe) - Sep 6 (Fri)
American Horror Story (FX) - Sep 18 (Thu) 10pm
Empire (Fox) - Sep 24 (Tue) 9pm
This Is Us (NBC) - Sep 24 (Tue) 9 pm
Modern Family (ABC) - Sep 25 (Wed) 9pm
Greys Anatomy (ABC) - Sep 26 (Thu) 8pm
How to Get Away with Murder (ABC) - Sep 26 (Thu) 10pm
Superstore (NBC) - Sep 26 (Thu) 8pm
The Politician (Netflix) - Sep 27 (Fri)
Batwoman (CW) - Oct 6 (Sun) 8pm
Madam Secretary (CBS) - Oct 6 (Sun) 10pm
Black Lightning (CW) - Oct 7 (Mon) 9pm
Arrow (CW) - Oct 15 (Tue)
BoJack Horseman (Netflix) - Oct 30 (Wed)
The L Word: Generation Q (Showtime) - Dec 8 (Sun)

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Aug 21 (Wed) - Greater Erie Alliance for Equality presents Speakeasy Sing-Along Part 2 (Room 33, 1033 State St, Erie, PA) 5-8PM “This time it’s more than just show tunes (but there will always be show tunes).” Details greatereriealliance.com
Aug 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Summer Beach Party (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.
Aug 23 (Fri) - “Vita & Virginia” national release (Aug. 30 VOD) #VitaAndVirginia ifcfilms.com
Aug 23 (Fri) - Boxers Night (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J’s Lounge
Aug 24 (Sat) - “Revival, A Southern Gothic Gospel Cabaret” (Schuster Theatre, 620 Sassafras St., Erie, PA) 8 PM. “First-hand unpacking of Bobby’s Texas upbringing, experience with conversion therapy, and the music of the church that raised him. Blends honest storytelling with dynamic music.” FB: Gannon University’s Schuster Theatre (814) 871-7494
Aug 24 (Sat) - Melissa Etheridge and Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo (Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY) 7:30 PM. Visit melissaetheridge.com or chq.org
Aug 25 (Sun) - Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson (Chautauqua Institution Amphitheatre, Chautauqua NY) 10:45am Admission to Grounds and Amphitheater is free on Sundays. Sunday Parking is free until 2 p.m. chq.org
Aug 26 - Wallis Bird (Ninth Ward at Babeville, Buffalo NY) babevillebuffalo.com
Aug 30 (Fri) - Styling Hollywood: Season 1 premieres Aug 30 - Sep 2 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Road, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com.
Aug 30 (Fri) - Drag Show (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) FB: M&J’s Lounge
Sep 2 (Mon) - Steven Universe The Movie Cartoon Network FB: Steven Universe: The Movie
Sep 5 (Thu) - Erie Regional GSA meets (Blasco Memorial Erie County Public Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. Will be planning for National Ally Week (September 25-29, 2019) and
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students will be preparing for how to participate at their schools Venue Phone: (814) 451-6900. Browse to venue web site http://www.erielibrary.org/

Sep 5 - 9 (Thu - Mon) - Friends And Family Weekend - Pre-Halloween Costume Party (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) jonespond.com.

Sep 6 (Fri) - G2H2/ERIE - Summer, Don’t Go!! (Sloppy Duck Saloon, 726 Bayfront Bikeway # 1, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. Let’s do one more waterfront spot! Happy Hour. Venue Phone: (814) 452-6699. FB G2H2/Erie. Browse to venue web site http://www.sloppyducksaloon.com/.

Sep 6 (Fri) - Moonlight on the Bay (Perry Monument at Presque Isle, Erie PA). Gala event benefits Crime Victim Center programs for children. cvcerie.org

Sep 6 (Fri) - Indoor Tennis (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 10 (Tue) - “Margaret Atwood: Live at Cinemas” (Cinemark 17, Erie PA) margaretatwood.ca cinemark.com

Sep 13 - 15 (Fri - Sun) - Halloween Weekend - It Came From Outer Space (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) jonespond.com.

Sep 13 (Fri) - End of Summer Party (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 14 (Sat) - Veronyca’s Showgirls People’s Choice Awards (Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 119, 201 West State Street, Olean, NY 14760) 9 PM. Come and see who wins an award! Performances by your favorite entertainers! $6 cover. Browse to https://www.facebook.com/VeronycasShowgirls/.


Sep 15 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 9 PM. FB: The Zone

Sep 16 (Mon) - 3rd Annual HIV Awareness Walk

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(Frontier Park, W 6th St, near Tennis Court, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Assemble beginning 5pm step off at 5:30 PM. Organized by Erie County HIV Task Force, Contact: Joy Henry. Phone: (814) 451-6786. jhenry@eriecountytpa.gov. echiv.org/.

Sep 17 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner #75 (Creek’s Bar & Grille, 4935 East Lake Rd, Erie, PA 16511) 6:30 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. Phone: (814) 384-9785. Venue Phone: (814) 315-4350. Email: eriepeter@gmail.com. Browse to https://www.creeksbarandgrille.com/. Sep 18 (Wed) - Rocketman | Film Grain: Dinner & Movie (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 9 PM. filmsocietynwpa.org bourbonbarrelerie.com/. Sep 20 (Fri) - Disco Night (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge. Sep 20 - 22 (Fri - Sun) - Moxie’s Camp Y.E.T.I. Euchre Tournament - Mega Bingo (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com. Sep 21 (Sat) - Erie Pagan Pride 2019 (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 10 AM - 8 PM. Presenters, psychic readers, vendors, Orphan Angels Cat Sanctuary, and a celebration of Harvest Tide. Contact: Rev. Christopher Temple. Phone: (814) 720-1560. senior.druid@wlg-adf.org. wlg-adf.org/. Sep 24 (Tue) - The Conners: Season 2 (2019) 8 p.m., ABC

Sep 24 (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 Sep 26 (Thu) - “Superstore” Season 5 8 p.m., NBC Mateo has been taken by ICE Sep 27 (Fri) - “Transparent: The Musicale Finale” Amazon Prime Video Sep 27 (Fri) - “Judy” national release #JudyTheFilm Sep 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - Closing Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) jonespond.com. Sep 27 (Fri) - Drag Show (M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) BYOB membership required, purchase from bartender. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge. Sep 29 (Sun) - Rebecca Mae’s Drag Brunch (Bourbon Barrel, 1213 State St, Erie, PA 16001) 11 AM - 2:30 PM. Phone: (814) 384-1582. Venue Phone: (814) 452-3000. Browse to https://www.facebook.com/rebeccamaesdragbrunch/. Browse to venue web site http://www.bourbonbarrelerie.com/. Oct 6 (Sun) - “Batwoman” Season 1 8 p.m., The CW Oct 6 (Sun) - “Supergirl” Season 5, 9 p.m., The CW

Upcoming

Oct 18 (Fri) - David Sedaris (Mercyhurst University, Erie PA) miac.mercyhurst.edu Tickets 8/12 Oct 19 (Sat) - An Evening with Paula Poundstone (Reg Lenna Center For The Arts, 116 East Third St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 8 PM. Nov 2 (Sat) - Rufus Wainwright (Mercyhurst University, Erie PA) miac.mercyhurst.edu Tickets 8/12

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Sep 8 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Sexuality Support (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH) 3-5PM.
Sep 9 (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
Sep 10 (Tue) – Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John’s Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30 PM. youngstownpflag.org.
Sep 17 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Contact: Joy Henry (814) 451-6786. jhenry@eriecountypa.gov. echiv.org ecdh.org

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Sep 8 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets (Tom Ridge Environmental Center, 301 Peninsula Drv, Erie PA) 12 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. Phone: (814) 490-3994. Email: ErieBeans@yahoo.com. Browse to https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.
Sep 17 (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.
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Sep 10 (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

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Sep 8 (Sun) – Full Spectrum Transgender Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Road, Youngstown, OH) 6 PM – 8 PM.
Sep 9 (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.
Sep 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.
Sep 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
Sep 18 (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
Sep 28 (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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