



Participants in the Drive Your Pride parade on June 28. Photo by Dave Schroeder

Drive Your Pride on June 28

Leslie Ford shares her experience at the Drive Your Pride event held at Presque Isle on June 28

Participants gathered in the Tom Ridge Center parking lot, decorated cars, lined up, then drove all the way around the peninsula. We counted 28 cars, approximately 80-100 people. Each car had at least two people, most had three or four.

My main takeaway was how wonderful it was to bring Pride to people who might never have seen a Pride parade, and with that, the hope that we may have brought to some teen who felt alone, or unseen, or hopeless. Most people honked and waved, and I saw more smiles than anything else. People seemed delighted by the whole thing.

Afterwards, most participants returned to Tom Ridge Center to “de-gay” their vehicles.

I only saw two negative reactions. One was a survey packed with six young men (probably teens) who shouted “Trump 2020!” And as we were driving up Peninsula Drive (right by Sheetz), some person gave the Nazi salute out a car window, several times. At this point my car was still decorated, and I had

intended to drive home like that. Being Jewish, my kids were instantly terrified, so we looped back around to Tom Ridge Center and undecorated the car.

Tea Time with Drag Queens at Andora’s Bubble Tea on July 29

Some “Karen” sent a letter to the wonderful people at Andora’s Bubble Shop, 516 State St, Erie PA. as to why she and her (large) family and (large) group of friends will no longer continue their business there, because they decided to display a Rainbow Flag. “Karen” made the mistake of praying that the LGBTQIA+ community is not big enough to support local businesses. So join us for Tea Time with Drag Queens on Wednesday, July 29 from 1 to 6:30 PM at Andora’s Bubble Tea Shop and let’s show her that LOVE IS LOVE, and yes we are a LARGE and SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY. This is also an EXCELLENT opportunity to see your FAVORITE LOCAL QUEENS and sip some amazing bubble tea and show your support. Join your favorites like Debbie, Pissi Gabune, Priscilla Godzilla, Rebecca Mae and Alysia Wonderland. We humbly ask for a donation to take pictures with the queens, to which will be donated on behalf of Andora’s Bubble to NWPA Pride Alliance. The mask mandate is still in effect, so you will still be required to wear a mask upon entering to place your order, and we still need to respect social distancing outside. Wear your mask, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

SafeNet Survey - Win a Gift Card!

Would you like to participate in a short survey and have a chance to win a gift card?

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Please take a few minutes to share your opinions. All responses are confidential and will be used to improve SafeNet’s awareness, education, and training efforts.

To access the survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JF5TBFV>.

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GEAE E3 Summit and Scholarship

Plans for the E3 Summit are still underway for this fall. Please check out the Greater Erie Alliance website and social media for continuing updates. The scholarship program is still viewing applications until July 31st. See the website for details on how to apply for this \$1000 award toward schooling.

GEAE Virtual 5K Fun Run and Walk on Sep 12

Join the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality on September 12 from 8AM to 2 PM for the 2020 GEAE Virtual 5K, Fun Run and Walk.

Grab a friend and get ready to run (or walk) in your favorite spot! All donations and proceeds benefit GEAE's mission to create a safe and welcoming community for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Your \$25 registration fee includes a T-shirt and a donation to GEAE.

Walk/Run Packages will be available for pickup on Sept. 10 & 11 from 10 am to 12 pm at the GEAE office at 301 W. 10th Street in Erie. While you're there, take a chance on a cool raffle basket and grab some pride swag!

Packages can also be mailed for an additional \$5 processing fee (please add as a donation). Packages will be mailed on/around Sept. 8.

Out of The Darkness Walk Sep 19

from American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Erie

On Saturday, September 19, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) will hold the Out of The Darkness Community Walk at the Cookhouse Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park, Erie PA. Check-in/registration time is 9:30 am, the walk program begins at 11:00 am, and the walk ends at 12:30 pm.

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GEAE Queer Youth Art Exhibit “I Am” Reception & Online Exhibit

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) in collaboration with the Erie Art Gallery was able to hold a reception for the Queer Youth Art Exhibit entitled “I Am” on Friday, June 19th. The exhibit showcased 19 pieces of art from 11 different youth artists in various mediums. While the pandemic halted the original opening and reception, the exhibit still remains virtually at Erie Art Gallery website. We would like to thank the supporters, volunteers, and especially the youth artists for lending their voices to this first-of-its-kind exhibit. The goal is to make this a yearly event.

Businesses Flying/Displaying Pride flag 2020

For the 3rd year, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality was happy to have area businesses and organizations fly the LGBTQIA+ Pride flag for the month of June. Because of COVID-19, some businesses weren’t open for June or had limited staff and were unable to respond.

Businesses and organizations flying the Pride flag for 2020 included 9th & State Beer Store, Altered States Distillery, Andora’s Bubble Tea, Avantis, Buona Cucina, Calamari’s, Cali’s West, Chicory Hill, Crime Victim Center, Dickey’s BBQ, DramaShop, Ember & Forge, Erie Ale House, Erie Apparel, Erie City Hall, Erie County Dems HQ, Erie Distillery, Erie Education Assoc, Erie Philharmonic, Erie Playhouse, Erie’s Public Schools, Fat Lenny’s, Federal Hill Smokehouse, Give A Crepe, Glass Growers Gallery, Grasshopper, Hairphenalia, Iron Empire Clothing, Jekyll & Hyde Gastropub, The Juice Jar, Khao Thai, la bella, Larese Floral, Lavery Brewing Co., Like My Thai, Make It Fabulous Catering, Manus Sunoco, Moxi Hair Salon, PACA, PA Equality Project, PNC Bank, Pop Luck, Pressed Books & Cafe, Relish, Room 33, Samurai Kitchen & Sushi, Sheraton Erie Bayfront, Starbucks, Tickles II Sandwich Shop, Topsy Bean, Topics Salon, Trellis, U Pick 6 Tap House, UPMC Hamot, UPMC Crisis Srvc, UPMC Safe Harbor 12 St, UPMC Safe Harbor 26 St, Victorian Princess, Voodoo Brewery, and Zone Dance Club

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Jul 24 - 26 (Fri - Sun) - Bear Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park)

Jul 25 (Sat) - Christmas in July Weekend at Camp Davis (Camp Davis)

Jul 25 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Zoom) 2 PM. Currently meeting via Zoom. Please message via Facebook page for meeting info.

Jul 31 - Aug 2 (Fri - Sun) - Mardi Gras Weekend (100 block party) (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park)

Aug 1 (Sat) - Roman Greco Toga Weekend at Camp Davis (Camp Davis)

Aug 2 & 16 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Youth Social & Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH 44514) 3 PM - 5 PM. Ages 14 & up, under 14 with guardian consent. Meets in person at Full Spectrum and also streams via Zoom.

Aug 3 - 7 (Mon - Fri) - Vacation Week #2 (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park)

Aug 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Olympics (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 8 (Sat) - Camo/Military Weekend at Camp Davis

Aug 8 (Sat) - Full Spectrum Youth Brews & Baskets Fundraiser (Paladin Brewing, 6520 Mahoning Ave Suite 300, Youngstown, OH 44515) 4 PM - 8 PM. \$1 donation from every beer sold. Raffle baskets. Yard games. Bounce house. Food truck. All ages welcome. 21+ for alcohol. Social distancing required

Aug 9 & 23 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Gender Support-Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center) 9th: 6-8PM, 23: 3-5PM 18+. Meets in person at Full Spectrum and also streams via Zoom.

Aug 9 & 23 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Sexuality Support-Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center) 3-5PM 18+. Meets in person at Full Spectrum and also streams via Zoom.

Aug 10 (Mon) - Erie County Democratic Party LGBTQIA+ Caucus meets (Zoom) 7 PM. General meeting on Zoom. Contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or mmahler@eriedems.com.

Aug 14 - 16 (Fri - Sun) - Leather Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park)

Aug 15 (Sat) - Black Light Body Paint Weekend at Camp Davis (Camp Davis)

Aug 15 (Sat) - Deadline for Erie Gay News September

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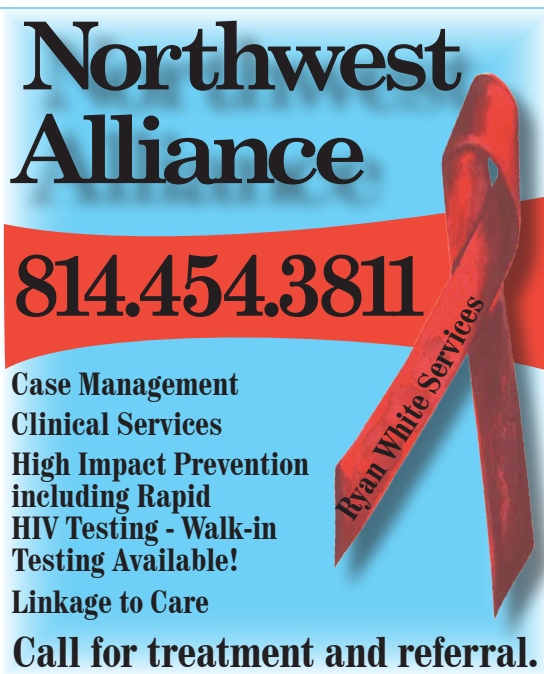
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Aug 21 - 22 (Fri - Sat) - Bears in Foam Weekend at Camp Davis (Camp Davis)

Aug 21 - 23 (Fri - Sun) - Summer Beach Party Weekend (600 block party) (Jones Pond Campground)

Aug 22 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Zoom) 2 PM. Currently meeting via Zoom. Please message via Facebook page for meeting info.

Aug 25 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 301 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16502) 7 PM. Limited number of volunteers welcome. You must wear a mask and practice social distancing.



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