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Erie Gay News



Walking in the 4th Annual HIV / AIDS Awareness Walk on September 27, 2021. Photo by Michael Mahler.

ECHTF Walks for HIV Awareness

On Monday September 27, 2021, the Erie County HIV Task Force held the 4th Annual HIV / AIDS Awareness Walk at Frontier Park, Erie PA. The ECHTF is a collaboration of local organizations and individuals dedicated to educating, supporting, and advocating for people living with HIV/AIDS and preventing the spread of infection. With the COVID-19 pandemic last year, testing and treatment services were limited for HIV and STIs across the nation as well as Erie County. In 2021, significant increases have been reported in HIV / AIDS and STI cases overall. Communicable diseases including HIV/STIs are preventable with education and access to medications, prophylactics, and services. The HIV / AIDS walk provides a reminder to the local community that making personal health a priority is everyone's right. This year's awareness walk also welcomed the recent addition of Central Outreach Wellness Center of Erie as local health center for the LGBTQIA community. Central Outreach supplied participants with free walk t-shirts and testing opportunities via their

mobile unit at the event. Awareness walk attendees also received complimentary gift bags of materials from the task force as well as event sponsors Adagio Health, SafeNet, Community HealthNet, the Erie County Department of Health, Erie Gay News, and the Northwest Pennsylvania Pride Alliance. Public Health Staff were on hand for participants to ask questions and receive additional information regarding COVID-19, and the services of Nicotine Free Northwest PA and Adagio Health.

Sneakers in Jamestown Reopens

Sneakers, 100 Harrison St, Jamestown NY, has reopened after being closed during the pandemic. They are open Tuesday through Sunday from 3 PM to 2 AM. Events coming up include Fresh Buns New Meat-Live Music on Sat, Oct 30 and DJ Giulia with Star Sirch on November 27. Welcome back!

Fifth Annual Full Spectrum Holiday Gala on December 18

Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center is very happy to announce the return of our 5th Annual Holiday GALA event. It will be hosted by Denise Russell will be held on Saturday, December 18th, 2021 from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM at DiVieste's Banquet Centre in Warren, Ohio. Masks and social distancing are required. The event features a full dinner, swag bags, 50/50 and raffle baskets, and an open bar. Tickets are \$55 per person or \$400 for a table of eight.

Plus, enjoy our Holiday GALA Afterparty at Club Switch at 11:00 pm.

Tickets went on sale October 11th 2021 at 12 noon!

Transgender Day of Remembrance

TransFamily of NWPA is organizing an event for Transgender Day of Remembrance. The traditional date for Transgender Day of Remembrance is November 20.

Unfortunately, we will not be holding a Trans-

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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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Warren County Pride is People's Choice Winner for 2021

By Rex Apps

Warren County Pride was awarded the People's Choice Award for Warren County Event of 2021. On Saturday, June 26, nearly 1,000 celebrated Pride together at Warren's Bett's Park. The event was entitled "Proud to Be Me" and featured a keynote from Lt. Gov. John Fetterman as well as speeches from Dr. Tyler Titus, Malcolm Kenyatta, Pastor Julia DiFiore, Dr. Greg Rabb, and Dr. Dale Haight.

The committee has already started looking forward to next year and hopes to have an even larger celebration for 2022. If you are in the Warren area and would like to lend a hand with this event, please consider reaching out to the committee through the Warren County Pride Facebook page.

Jamestown Pride Highlights LGBTQIA+ Voices at Coffeehouse Event

Seventy people attended Jamestown Pride's annual Fall event, the "J-Pride Coffeehouse," at the Robert H. Jackson Center on Friday, October 15th. Planned in collaboration with the Robert H. Jackson Center and the Fenton History Center, the event focused on the struggles, stories, and successes of the Queer community in Chautauqua County.

Attendees shared their stories which were filmed with permission to become part Pride Festival including of the Fenton History Center's LGBTQ+ archives.

Local businesses and donors provided door prizes to raise funds for the 2022 Jamestown were The Brindle Barn, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Soap Company, Evergreen Health, Forte, National Comedy Center, Prevention Works/HOPE Chautauqua, Steven Cobb & Roosevelt Terry, and YWCA Jamestown

The evening also included entertainment by choreographer Anthony Alterio, musician Cindy

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Love, and poet Micki Love. Labyrinth Press Company provided coffee and snacks.

Programming & Events co-chairs Rudi Andalaria and Emily Van Wey coordinated the event with Andalaria saying, “Your stories continue to fill us up with more love. One of the greatest messages I’m getting from tonight is to completely surround yourself with that love and support, not just when you have to.”

Jamestown Pride Coordinator Sheridan Smith added, “I couldn’t be happier with the turnout. We saw the community come together in a way we don’t often get to, with the beauty of that love and support on full display! The events committee did an amazing job!”

Learn more about future Jamestown Pride activities by emailing JamestownPride@MHAchautauqua.org or like www.facebook.com/JamestownPride.

Dr. Rachel Levine sworn in as four-star admiral

By Rex Apps

Dr. Rachel Levine once again made history becoming the first openly transgender four-star officer in any of the country’s eight uniformed services.

Tuesday, October 19th, she was ceremoniously sworn in as an admiral - the highest ranking official in the U.S Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. This also made her the first female admiral in the Corps history.

In response to becoming a four-star officer, Levine said, “This is a momentous occasion, and I am both humbled and pleased to take this role for the impact I can make, and for the historic nature of what it symbolizes. May this appointment be the first of many like it as we create a more inclusive future.”

Chautauqua Institution’s Gene Robinson Is Retiring

from Chautauqua Institution

Chautauqua Institution has announced the retirement of the Rt. Rev. V. Gene Robinson as Vice President of Religion and Senior Pastor, effective Dec. 31.

Robinson joined the Institution staff in 2017, following a career in Episcopal Church leadership that culminated with service as bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire. Robinson is an outspoken

advocate for the rights of marginalized populations, recognized for his groundbreaking work with the LGBTQ community, youth communities and those suffering from abuse and addiction.

Prior to Chautauqua, Robinson was elected Episcopal Bishop of New Hampshire on June 7, 2003, becoming the first openly gay and partnered priest to be elected Bishop in historic Christendom. He served as IX Bishop of New Hampshire until his retirement in early 2013. His ministry has focused on helping congregations and clergy, especially in times of conflict, utilizing his skills in congregational




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dynamics, conflict resolution and mediation. He is the author of *In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God* (Morehouse, 2006) and *God Believes in Love: Straight Talk about Gay Marriage* (Knopf, 2012). In addition to being a popular speaker in the U.S. and abroad, he has written opinion columns on a variety of topics for *The Daily Beast*, *Huffington Post* and *Time.com*.

In 2009, Barack Obama invited Robinson to pray the invocation at the opening Inaugural Ceremonies and Concert at the Lincoln Memorial. In 2018, he had the honor of presiding over the interment of Matthew Shepard at the Washington National Cathedral.

15th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend raises \$3270

from Michelle Michaels

This year's Pink Party weekend was October 9th and 10th at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St. The benefit was a two night event with money going to Linked By Pink. Michelle Michaels is donating the money this year in the memory of a friend who lost her battle this year. We love and miss your big heart, Tiffani Staley. The two night event raised \$3270.

We want to thank The Zone Bar owner Lou and staff, Glenn, Tony G, Brittany, Colin, Rebecca, Leroy, Hillary, Joe, Buddy, Austin, Liz, Patrick, Elaine, and Jello shot boy Erick.

A huge shout out and thanks to Marty H for being our DJ on the night of the show and to Season for always coming out on Sunday show nights to keep us in line and on time.



Lovin Heart, Misty Michael Kall and Michelle Michaels at Pink Party Weekend Show on October 10, 2021 at The Zone. Photo by Michael Mahler.

Baskets were donated by Grace and Michael Watson, Sandy Hodas, Brenda Crolli, Brenda and Anelle Dagon, Sherry Edkin, Joshua Smolinsky and Marty Halligan, Erie Gay News, NW PA Pride Alliance, Hilary and Mark Matthews, Gary Snyder, Cindi Ezzo, Matthew Steger and Scott Conway, Jared Kroto and Vintage Wonderland, Tony G/Dickey's BBQ, Glenn David Meyers, Holly B/Sam's Club, Mike and Brittany - Like My Thai, Harry Miller - La bella's, Lucky Louie's, Jessica DeVita, Preston Devenney - Erie Drag Queen Bingo, Robert Eckendorf, Tony G and Rebecca Mae - VIP tickets for Tatiana.

Baked goods were made by Grace Watson, Cindy Lou, Cindy Ezzo, Sherry Edkin, Gary Snyder, and huge thanks to Sam's Club.

Performers included Michelle Michaels, Misty Michaels Kall, Rebecca Mae, Lovin Heart, Pissi Gabune, Buddy - Glow Sorcerer, and Priscilla Godzilla.

Special thanks for private donations go to Little's Dance Studio, Thom Haraczy, Joshua Maleno-Lewis, Carl Larese, Debbi - Michael Hipwell, Stacy G, Linda J, and Josue Perez.

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Erie Drag Queen Bingo Nov 13

Join The Erie Drag Queens Saturday, November 13, 2021, at the Zem Zem Shrine Center for an evening of glitz, glamour, and good times! With over \$2300 in cash money given away, this event has always been sold out. Doors open at 6 PM, and Bingo starts at 7:15 PM.

But be warned, this isn't your grandmother's bingo. This is a rude, crude, tipsy-time hosted by your very own Drag Queens of Erie.

Since it is November, our theme for this month is STUFF YOUR TURKEY. \$100 CASH Prize for Best Decorated Table using your imagination with this theme.

\$25 includes your admission, bingo tickets, and drawings of multiple door prizes. Performances from three of Erie's premier Drag Queens throughout the games.

Drag Queen Bingo is an 18+ event and is fun for ALL! We offer refreshments from the cash bar, and food will be available for purchase.

World AIDS Day – 40 Years Program

The public is welcome to join the Erie County HIV Task Force on December 1st for this year's World AIDS Day memorial program. This year's event will include reflections on the past 40 years of the HIV epidemic and the effect it has had on the Erie community. The event will be held in the Hirt Auditorium at the Raymond M. Blasco M.D. Memorial Library at 160 East Front Street, beginning shortly after 5pm. The Erie County HIV Task Force asks the community to wear red ribbons on December 1st this year in support and memory of our loved ones no longer with us due to HIV / AIDS. For additional details, contact Gary Snyder with the Erie County Department of Health; gsnyder@eriecountypa.gov or 814-451-6786.

Mount Calvary Lutheran Church becomes first Reconciling In Christ Community in Erie County.

From Cheryl LaBenne - member of Congregational Council

The congregation of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church (1603 W 32nd St. in Erie, PA.) voted on July 18, 2021 to become a Reconciling In Christ (RIC) community. The vote was a culmination of a multiyear long journey involving training, education, and dialogue led by Pastor Kristen Papson, Congre-

gational Council, and volunteers from congregation.

Our welcoming statement reads:

"In Christ's body, there is a place for you. We invite and welcome you to join us, no matter your social status, race, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic position, physical and mental abilities, or where you are in your faith journey. We are committed to the work of racial equity, bringing justice for God's beloveds. You are accepted and affirmed just as you are - with all your differences and all of your gifts - a unique child of God. Galatians 3:28 says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus".

Our journey started by reaching out to ReconcilingWorks, Lutherans For Full Participation, who has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their Church, congregation, and community since 1974. ReconcilingWorks has a vision to keep expanding the welcome, liberating those who are forced to live in to margins, to keep dismantling barriers and building bridges, and to keep working until all of God's beloved have equity. Their core values are rooted in the belief that God values and embraces each person as a beloved child, that the Spirit gives a diversity of gifts for the common good, and that Jesus Christ calls us to work for justice. Several Mount Calvary Congregational Council members attended Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) training that was designed to equip participants with ways to create dialogue and deepen relationships throughout their faith community while on their journey towards the public and intentional welcoming of people of

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all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. As part of Mount Calvary's journey we also hosted a Building an Inclusive Church (BIC) training, which was attended by other members of our RIC committee, as well as participants from other faith communities in the tristate area.

Following our training, our RIC committee members (including Pastor Kristen Papson) began having a dialogue with church members via a process called "graceful engagement", as well as having LGBTQIA+ oriented topics via our monthly newsletter, during adult Sunday School, and during weekly sermons. Committee members also drafted our Welcoming Statement, participated in Erie's Pride Parade in 2019, and the "Drive Your Pride" event held at Presque Isle in 2020. Covid-19 restrictions and shutdowns slowed our progress but finally, on July 18, 2021 during our semi-annual Congregational meeting, we voted to formally adopt our Welcoming Statement and to be identified as an RIC community (now listed on the ReconcilingWorks website). When we began our journey there was not an RIC community within 100 miles. Since then, we have seen the formation of RIC communities in Buffalo NY, Cleveland OH, and as close as Wexford and Warren, PA. We are proud and honored to be the first and only RIC community in Erie County and the City of Erie, PA.

As part of journey to becoming an RIC community we have made public commitments that we will:

1. Explicitly state a welcome to LGBTQIA+ people and a commitment of racial equality in our Welcoming Statement.

2. Be open to calling an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color Rostered Leader.

3. Allow community space/sanctuary to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings

Our RIC logo, designed by ReconcilingWorks, was inspired by the Progressive Pride Flag design, and includes rainbow colors, as well as blue, pink, and white to represent our transgender siblings, and black and brown to represent the fullness that the People of Color bring to the queer community.

Mount Calvary Lutheran currently offers in person church service every Sunday at 9:30am. We offer both inside and parking lot service options. Parking lot worshippers remain in their vehicle and can hear service by tuning to designated radio station, and will have communion delivered to their vehicle.

We also stream Sunday service live on Facebook and post it on YouTube. You do not need to be Lutheran to attend. Church office hours are Monday-Friday 9am-1pm and our phone number is 814-864-6831. We invite to join us on Sundays for worship, and to stop by or call during office hours and meet Pastor Kristen and Jenna, who runs our front office.

Opinion: Vote Maria McLaughlin for Supreme Court

by Jim DePoe, President of the Steel City Stonewall Democrats

On November 2nd, voters across Pennsylvania have the opportunity to elect new judges, county executives, mayors, school board members, and dozens of other local officials. It's going to be a crowded ballot, but one race stands out.

Who we choose to serve on our highest court can have serious repercussions for issues like gerrymandering, gender discrimination, and voting rights. The stakes of this election could not be higher for the LGBTQ community, and the choice is clear. We must elect Maria McLaughlin as our next Supreme Court Justice.

Maria is running because she believes in the values of equality and democracy. If she wins, the Supreme Court will have its first-ever female majority in Pennsylvania's 300-year history. Maria has been endorsed by the Steel City Stonewall Democrats and dozens of LGBTQ advocacy organizations, community leaders, and out elected officials across the Commonwealth. Meanwhile, her Republican opponent has aligned himself with critics of civil rights cases like *Obergefell v Hodges* – the decision that legalized same-sex marriage nationally.

Love has always been at the heart of Maria's judicial philosophy. She's the only candidate in this race who will protect the constitutional rights of all Pennsylvanians – regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. I know she'll be a principled, experienced, and compassionate Supreme Court Justice.

I hope you'll join me in voting for Maria McLaughlin on November 2nd and urge your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. When LGBTQ voters and our allies show up, our entire community wins.

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Oct 24 - 30 (Sun - Sat) - Ace Week Ace Week, formerly Asexual Awareness Week, is an international campaign that seeks to educate about asexual, aromantic, demisexual, and grey-asexual experiences and to create materials that are accessible to our community and our allies around the world. <https://www.aceweek.org/>.

Oct 27 (Wed) - Queer Youth: Virtual Connect - Chat & Chill (Zoom) 6 PM - 7:30 PM. Come join us for a night of community, laughter, and chill. No real agenda, just a safe, virtual space. Co-hosted by Compton's Table, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) and Journey to a Trauma-Informed Life. Contact: <https://comptonstable.org/connect-events>. <https://comptonstable.org/>.

Oct 27 (Wed) - LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour- All welcome (Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM - 8 PM. Travis and Brett came up with the idea of having a monthly happy hour get together for the LGBT and allies community in Crawford County. We are proposing the 4th Wednesday of each month with the location to change each month. The next month's location will be determined at the previous month's get together. This is a time to network and socialize with the LBGTQ community and allies in the Meadville area, make new friends and meet people you may not know. An RSVP would be appreciated by not necessary. All are welcome and please share and spread the word! Don't forget to bring your business cards for exchange. Venue Phone: (814) 337-8513. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1246061972580908>. venue web site <https://www.facebook.com/Julians-Bar-Grill-1590463787848338/>.

Oct 29 (Fri) - Halloween Diva Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. The Return of the Diva Show hosted by Misty Micheals Kall. Doors open at 8pm. Show time 10:30pm. \$5 cover /21+ only. Miss Erie 2021 Indi Skies along with other former Miss Eries (to be announced later) and other special guests will perform a Halloween themed show! Phone: (814) 314-9075. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. president@nwpapride.org. <http://www.nwpapride.org>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/799305220797380>. venue web site <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

Oct 30 (Sat) - Fresh Buns New Meat-Live Music (Sneakers, 100 W Harrison St, Jamestown, NY 14701)

8 PM. Join us for a night of live music. With an eclectic mix of music, Fresh Buns New Meat will be here rocking out. Contact: Mary Green. Phone: (716) 484-8816. <https://www.facebook.com/sneakersjamestown/>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/279619173883126>.

Oct 30 (Sat) - CarnEVIL Halloween Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. Calling all freaks, clowns, ghouls, and ghosts! The Zone's annual Halloween Party is set! Costume contest at midnight with CASH prizes for First, Second and Third place! Doors open at 8pm. Costume contest at midnight. \$5 cover ALL NIGHT. 21+ event. Valid State-issued ID required for all guests Please see our page regarding our BAG POLICY. Phone: (814) 452-0125. <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/391115642560848>.

Oct 31 (Sat) - Halloween Costume Party and Drag Show. (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) 9 PM. No reservations are accepted for this event. Prizes for the Funniest and Scariest costumes. Doors open at 9:00 pm. Phone: (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

Oct 31 (Sun) - Pride Youth Alliance of Crawford County, PA Halloween Party (Active Aging, 1034 Park Ave, Meadville, PA 16335) 2 PM - 6 PM. Join us for some Halloween food and fun! 3 PM - Costume Contest. 4 PM - Games and Crafts. 5 PM - 50/50 Raffle and Basket Auction.

Nov 2 (Tue) - Pennsylvania General Election 7 AM - 8 PM.

Nov 4 (Thu) - Journey To A Trauma Informed Life - Art Wellness Space (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 2230 W. 8th St. #2, Erie, PA 16505) This is a



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hybrid event meaning you can attend virtually or in person (following CDC guidelines for masking, social distancing, and other measures). The event will be led by Eric Reiche, an Edinboro University Art Therapy/Counseling masters student completing their practicum here at Journey. Phone: (833) 487-5769. Venue Phone: (833) 487-5769. ERandazzo@4urjrn.com. <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>. venue web site <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>.

Nov 5 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Ray Cooney's Funny Money (All An Act Theatre, 652 W 17th St, Erie, PA 16502) "From the Master of British Farce that brought you the hilarious "Run for Your Wife", "Not Now, Darling!", and "Out of Order". The antics and treachery add up to an outrageous evening of belly laughs! If you loved "Run for Your Wife", don't miss "Funny Money!" It tops them all! Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 PM. November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 27*. Sundays at 3 PM. November 7, 14, 21, and 28. No show Black Friday Nov 26. All Proceeds on Nov 27 Benefit the Community Shelter Services Christmas Drive, providing winter coats, boots, and presents to Erie's children in need. We will also be collecting new toys each performance for the Christmas drive. .

Nov 7 (Sun) - Trans Parent Day Celebrates life and the love between Transgender parents and their children.

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And parents and their Transgender children. <http://transparentday.org/>.

Nov 8 (Mon) - Intersex Day of Remembrance <https://intersexday.org/en/category/actions/solidarity/>.

Nov 8 (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.

Nov 9 (Tue) – Youngstown PFLAG meets virtually (Zoom) 7 PM – 8:30 PM. Youngstown Area PFLAG's support group meeting will gather virtually. Any person who would like to join us can request the zoom link from youngstownareapflag.org

Nov 13 (Sat) - Erie Drag Queen Bingo (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 6 PM. Doors open at 6 PM, Bingo at 7:15 PM. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank

Nov 13 - 19 (Sat - Fri) - Transgender Awareness Week Individuals and organizations around the country participate in Transgender Awareness Week to help raise the visibility of transgender and gender non-conforming people, and address the issues the community faces. <https://www.glaad.org/transweek>.

Nov 14 (Sun) – LBT Women of Erie meets (Zoom) 12 PM – 12:30 PM. Meeting ID: 770 9886 1291. Passcode: F4fwNr. u Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 490-3994. ErieBeans@yahoo.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Nov 15 (Mon) - Bears Do Dinner #88 (Habibi Mediterranean Cuisine, 127 W 14th St, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. Phone: (814) 384-9785.

Nov 15 (Mon) – Deadline for Erie Gay News December 2021 print edition (#313) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, November 23.

Nov 16 (Tue) – Erie County HIV Task Force meets via Zoom 1 PM – 2:30 PM. Zoom Meeting ID: 927 9128 9996. Passcode: 940728

Nov 18 (Thu) - PFLAG Westfield NY meets (Patterson Library, 40 S Portage St, Westfield, NY 14787) 6:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and family of LGBTQ+ people. Contact: Patricia. Phone: (716)-450-9055. Venue Phone: (716) 326-2154. aode2149@yahoo.com. venue web site <https://www.pattersonlib.org/>.

Nov 19 (Fri) - International STAND UP to Bullying Day <https://www.facebook.com/pg/standupday/>.

Nov 20 (Sat) - Transgender Day of Remembrance The Transgender Day of Remembrance was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender

hatred or prejudice. <http://tdor.info/>.

Nov 20 (Sat) - Full Spectrum Transgender Day of Remembrance Speakers & Candlelight Vigil (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44503) 6 PM - 8 PM. Since 1999, Transgender Day of Remembrance has been internationally recognized annually on November 20th. This is a day to remember those who were taken from us too soon and to rally for actions to prevent this from continuing. Join us for a candlelight vigil as we read the names of those we have lost to senseless anti-transgender violence over the past year. Hear stories from various speakers in the community and take part in our "call to action" to help fight for understanding, acceptance, equality, inclusion, and most importantly an end to this violence. Speakers: TBA. This event is free and open to the public!

Nov 21 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10 PM. Join us for some wonderful drag and other performers! Phone: (814) 452-0125. <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

Nov 27 (Sat) – TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group Transgiving Potluck Dinner??? (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM.

Nov 23 (Tue) – Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 1932 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM. Help us get out the new issue. Vounteers appreciated!

Nov 27 (Sat) - DJ Giulia with Star Sirch at Sneakers (Sneakers, 100 W Harrison St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 9 PM - 1 AM. Dance Music.

Nov 28 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Youth Peer Support & Social Group (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH 44514) 3 PM - 5 PM. Ages 14-17, under 14 with signed parental consent form.

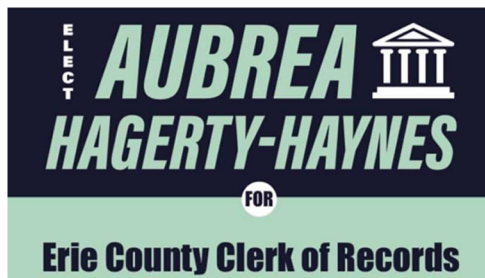
Nov 28 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Adult Peer Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd, Youngstown, OH 44514) 6 PM - 8 PM. Ages 18+. Phone: (234) 254-8924. info@fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org. www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/.

Dec 1 (Wed) - World AIDS Day

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