

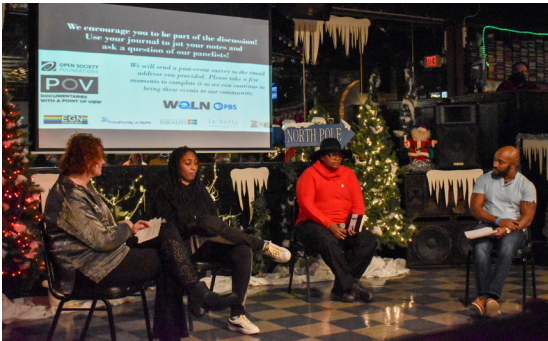


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## Erie Gay News

# Celebrating Our 29th Year

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*On December 9, WQLN partnered with area LGBTQ group for a screening of the documentary Pier Kids at The Zone Dance Club. Photo by Raven Cammarata.*

## Pier Kids Screening & Discussion December 9th

A very moving and powerful discussion left a group of local people with an enhanced appreciation for themselves and their life journeys. The POV Season 34 feature film Pier Kids was shown at The Zone Dance Club on December 9, 2021, exploring the lives of homeless queer and trans youth of color on Christopher Street Pier in New York City. Director Elegance Bratton and Producer Chester Alernal Gordon use the film as a vehicle to transport viewers to an historic area where an underground community of homeless Black youth navigate the streets to find safety and stability.

Following the intimate screening of the film, WQLN PBS and local partners hosted a panel discussion that helped the audience feel supported enough to make themselves vulnerable and ask some tough, yet important questions. These difficult points of discussion included topics such as homelessness, found families, mental health, and physical health.

The beautiful setting provided by The Zone and the incredible food provided by La Bella only

added to the welcoming atmosphere and long-lasting conversation amongst friends old and new alike.

This event is presented in partnership with Erie Gay News, TransFamily of NWPA, and Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. WQLN also thanks our gracious moderator and panelists: Dana Rasmussen from TransFamily of NWPA, Angelica Spraggins from Journey to a Trauma Informed Life, Tammie Johnson from SafeNet, and Leroy Oglesby from Erie's Public Schools.

*This program is made possible by a grant from American Documentary | POV, with funding provided by the Open Society Foundations.*

## Winter Coat and Boot Drive 2022

The Erie LGBTQIA+ community will team together for the second annual Winter Coat and Winter Boot Drive on 1/19/22 from 6-8 PM at Community United Church at 1011 W 38th St in Erie PA. New and gently used coats and boots will be donated to Community Shelter Services. There is an urgent need for boots in men's sizes 10-13 and women's sizes 7-10.

This event is organized by NWPA Pride Alliance, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Erie Gay News, TransFamily of NWPA, Community United Church, Central Outreach Wellness Center - Erie, and The Zone Dance Club.

## 40 Years of HIV Progress Recognized on World AIDS Day

On Wednesday, December 1, the Erie County HIV Task Force presented the 2021 World AIDS Day Memorial observance program at the H.O. Hirt Auditorium in the Blasco Public Library at 160 E Front St, Erie PA. The program included pre-recorded video segments by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf, Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper, and others. In-person remarks were provided by Erie City Mayor Joe Schember, Director of Erie County Department of Health Melissa Lyon, Community Health Net Ryan White Nurse Care Manager Kelly Kruize, and Ada-

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gio Health Nurse Practitioner Andromeda Fair. Two blocks of panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt were on display at the library, one inside the main entrance and one on stage during the program. The blocks were maintained and made possible by the staff and support of the Northwest Alliance of Clarion University.

Erie County Department of Health's Gary Snyder emceed the program and highlighted the Erie County HIV Task Force's achievements in 2021 including a new awareness billboard campaign, video PSAs before films at the Cinemark Tinseltown 17 complex, and expansion of the Condom Distribution Program. Mayor Schember reviewed the importance of working toward removing barriers to testing and care. County Executive Dahlkemper reviewed the history of World AIDS Day and the importance of regular testing for all county residents. Director Lyon explained the creation and importance of the AIDS Memorial Quilt along with recent Erie County statistics for HIV cases. Notably, HIV reported cases are the highest in the past decade. Access to testing and prevention supplies were a main focus of the evening's messages. Community Health Net's Kruize impressed upon the audience the validity of nurse advocacy for persons living with HIV. Adagio Health's Andi Fair provided an update on the


medical advances available today with Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis [PrEP] and how HIV infections can be prevented with a once-daily pill while newer options are in clinical studies currently. Northwest Alliance also provided a peer survivor story that highlighted the importance of HIV case work for individuals incarcerated. Before the program closing, over 300 names were read aloud in a touching segment to memorialize some of the Erie County community residents with HIV that have died.

Following the program, a reception was held in





*Erie County HIV Task Force members at December 1 World AIDS Day program at Blasco Public Library.*

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front of the Maritime Museum gift shop where local advocates, support staff, task force members, and the public mingled. Red ribbon cutouts were provided by SafeNet for individuals to write names of loved ones on and placed on the interior lobby windows for display to the community. This year's program focused around the theme '40 Years of Progress' in recognition of the first HIV cases reported in the summer of 1981. In 2020, there were approximately 37.7 million people across the globe with HIV. Of these, 36 million were adults and 1.7 million were children aged 0-14 years. More than half (53%) were women and girls. An estimated 1.5 million individuals worldwide acquired HIV in 2020, marking a 31% decline in new HIV infections since 2010. For more information on local services, testing, and free condom, visit the Erie County HIV Task Force at [ECHIV.ORG](http://ECHIV.ORG) or follow their Twitter account @ErieCountyHIVTF and like their Facebook page.

## 2022 Erie Otters Pride Night on January 28

NWPA Pride is happy to partner with the Erie Otters to present our second annual Pride Night at the Erie Otters on Friday, January 28th. Doors open at 6 PM, and puck drop is at 7 PM. Tickets are only \$25.00, including a ticket to the game plus an exclusive Otters Pride T-shirt.

Be sure to purchase your ticket before January 7th to guarantee your shirt. After placing your order, you will be contacted to order your shirt size. Please note you will receive one t-shirt per ticket ordered. For example, if you order two tickets, you will receive two t-shirts.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Chad Westerburg at the Erie Otters directly at 814-480-6086 or [chad@ottershockey.com](mailto:chad@ottershockey.com).

Tickets are available via the link at [NWPA-Pride.org](http://NWPA-Pride.org)

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**Saturday  
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**Zem Zem Shrine Club  
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**Saturday  
January 22 7:15pm**

**[www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com](http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com)**

## Designer Purse Bingo on January 22

Erie Drag Queen Bingo presents ALL NEW Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie PA! There is a choice of cash or Designer Purse for each game. Tickets for the Designer Purse Bingo are on sale now and are \$30 each. Each ticket admits one person to the event. Doors open at 12:00 pm, and the first game starts at 1:15 pm. One ticket gets you entry into the event, ten games of bingo, and entry into door prizes.

If you plan on coming with a group of friends, a reserved table is the way to go! Reserved tables not only solidify your seat located next to your friends.

We are expecting another SOLD OUT Event! So our recommendation is to buy early! This event will also feature a 50/50 drawing, Chinese Auction Table, Bonus Games, Concession Stand, and Cash Bar.

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## Erie's Original Drag Queen Bingo on January 22

It's Rude! It's Crude! It's Erie's Original Drag Queen Bingo! This Ain't Your Grandma's Bingo.

Join The Erie Drag Queens Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Zem Zem Shrine Center for an evening of glitz, glamour, and good times! With over \$2000 in cash money given away, this event has always been sold out.

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.

The theme for January's Bingo is "BROS & HOS." \$100 CASH PRIZE for the best-decorated table. Come in costume for bonus points.

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

Drag Queen Bingo is an 18+ event and is fun for ALL!

Cash bar and food will be available for purchase.

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*Friends old and new gathered for the LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour on December 15, 2021, at Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville PA. Organizers Brett and Travis began the monthly event in June 2021. The group usually meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at Julian's but moved earlier for December because of the holidays.*



## Greater Erie Alliance for Equality Year-End Celebration on Dec 8

The Greater Erie Alliance for Equality hosted their annual Year End Celebration on December 8, 2021. The event took place at Room 33 Speakeasy, located at 1033 State Street, in downtown Erie. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, specialty drinks and entertainment from solo musician Jesse James Weston.

GEAE President, Leah Manino, shared brief remarks to thank GEAE sponsors including Wabtec Corporation, National Fuel Gas, State Farm Agent Natalie Braddock, Lake Erie Counseling, Northwest Bank, Robin Scheppner, Journey to a Trauma Informed Life, Engel-O'Neil Advertising & Public Relations and Kathe Sheppner.

In addition to the GEAE Board of Directors and Advisory Council Members Leah also recognized GEAE representatives from community partners of Transfamily of NWPA, NWPA Pride Alliance and Erie Gay News.

Volunteers from GEAE Board of Directors helping to make sure the night was a great success including Cody Empey, Deb Bartle, and Kim Moscatello-Seastone.

Approximately 70 guests attended this social event.



*Friends enjoying GEAE's Year End Celebration on December 8. Photo by Michael Mahler.*

## Become A 2022 NW PA Pride Donor

NWPA Pride Alliance is grateful to all our 2021 donors who supported us during another challenging year. For the second year in a row, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we joined forces with the Erie Playhouse and other local partners in Erie County to host a Virtual Pride celebration. We sincerely hope to change that in 2022. All of us cannot wait to be back in Perry Square, and our goal is to do just that in the upcoming year, providing it is safe to do so according to local and federal guidance. While we cannot wait to have a huge celebration of Pride again, we will continue to monitor all our options for an in-person event. Mark your calendars now: we will be hosting Pride on Saturday, June 25th, 2022, followed by the Drive Your Pride parade on Saturday, June 26, 2022.

No matter what an in-person event looks like next year, we hope we can count on your support for this 2022 Pride season. Tax deductible contributions from individuals and organizations in our community continue to further the mission of NWPA Pride Alliance: Improving the visibility of the LGBTQIA community and facilitating communication and collaboration between groups and individuals. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to organize, sponsor, and host events such as the annual Pride Festival and the Pride Picnic. We also participate in various community events to promote awareness of LGBTQIA issues as well as support the efforts and activities of other groups dedicated to the health and well-being of the LGBTQIA community.

In the online version of this article, there is more detail about donor/sponsorship levels and opportunities. For those who have been a donor in the past, we are pleased to announce we've expanded our donor levels! Although NWPA Pride Alliance welcomes donations throughout the year, in order to be included on promotional materials for this year's Pride events, please have your donation in by Wednesday, June 1st. For those interested in a specialized sponsorship, we need to receive your donation by Friday, April 1st. Checks should be made payable to NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc

**Erie Gay News wishes you and your loved ones  
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## NWPA Pride Alliance welcomes new Board Members

Erie, PA, December 9, 2021--- NWPA Pride Alliance is happy to announce the addition of four new members to its Board of Directors, Patrick Hiller, Leroy Oglesby, Shay Crosby, and Brett Staskiewicz. Also happy to welcome to the Advisory board, Eli Coppock, Nahtana Klingensmith, and Raven Camarata.

NWPA Pride Looks forward to a return to in-person Pride Events in 2022. Pridefest and the Pride Parade will be held on Saturday, June 25th and the Pride Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 13th. Please follow NWPA pride on social media and at [NWPApride.org](http://NWPApride.org) for more information.



*On December 17, 2021, Allegheny College's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion held a Pride Night-club at Voodoo Brewery, 215 Arch St, Meadville, PA. The event's theme was 80's, 90's, and early 2000's. LGBTQ+ and allies were welcome, and the DJ kept the dance floor busy!*



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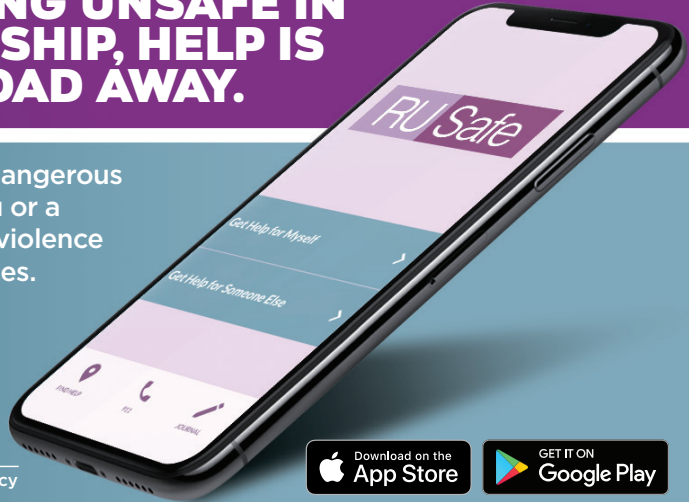
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*Live & Let Live is an LGBTQA-friendly AA meeting that meets every Sunday, at 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16508. For more information, visit [www.aaeriepa.org](http://www.aaeriepa.org) or contact [cmn0626@gmail.com](mailto:cmn0626@gmail.com). or (814) 504-1507*

*Southern Tier Queer Peers meets every Tuesday at 5:30 PM and is a wellness group for the LGBTQIA+ community to support your peers through resources, acceptance, and stories. For more information: [stqp@mhachautauqua.org](mailto:stqp@mhachautauqua.org) Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5892507875>, Passcode - 14701*

*Trivia with Rebecca Mae every Thursday and RuPaul's Drag Race Viewing Party every Friday at The Zone, 133 W 18th St, doors open 8 PM.*

**Dec 23 (Thu) - Queen of the Universe Viewing Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 9:30 PM. Hosted by Pissi Gabune with special guest Vivian Vendetta-Sinclair from Geneva, OH. Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 9:30pm. No cover. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: [info@thezonedanceclub.com](mailto:info@thezonedanceclub.com). Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Dec 24 (Fri) - Fierce Fridays With Rebecca Mae** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10:30 PM. Last show. Christmas themed. Special guests including Mya Valentine from Tampa, FL. Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10:30pm. \$5 cover. Zone open regular hours. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

**Dec 26 (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.

**Dec 26 (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](mailto:info@fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org). [www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org](http://www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org).

**Dec 29 (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>. Browse to <https://comptonstable.org/>.

**Dec 31 (Fri) - Zone New Year's Eve Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. Dancing, food buffet and champagne toast at midnight. \$10 cover. Doors open at 8pm. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

**Dec 31 (Fri) - M & J's New Year's Eve Party** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) \$12 ticket, includes cover and food. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Jan 5 (Wed) - Drag Queen Bingo by Alysian Wonderland** (Voodoo Brewing Co (Erie), 101 Boston Store Place, Erie, PA 16501) 5:30 PM - 9 PM. That's Right, you loved us so much the FIRST TIME, we're bringing it back for more! This is a monthly event. This isn't your Great Aunt Gertrude's Bingo, this is Bingo with a Twist. With Performances by your lovely Host; Alysian Wonderland, Local Favorite; Debbie, and our special guest this month is the Current Miss Midwest Comedy Queen and Camp Wanakiki (Season 3) contestant; Vivian Vendetta-Sinclair from Ohio. Bring your \$\$\$ for your drinks and nosh and singles for the girls (men or bills preferred)! Doors will open at 530, and join us at 6 pm for a Meet and Greet with the cast and games to begin at 7 pm. \$25/ticket will get you access to all the fun. Prizes will be awarded. Seats are limited, so book your tickets NOW! Venue Phone: (814) 520-6990. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/drag-queen-bingo-tickets-226121233697>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.voodoobrewery.com/locations/erie/>.

**Jan 6 (Thu) - Journey To A Trauma Informed Life - Art Wellness Space** (Journey To A Trauma Informed



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**Jan 7 (Fri) - RuPaul's Drag Race Season 14 premiere** (VH1) 8 PM. Two-part premiere. The most-awarded reality competition show in the history of the Emmys ushers in 14 new talented queens to compete for the title of "America's Next Drag Superstar" and a cash prize of \$100,000. Browse to <http://www.vh1.com/shows/rupauls-drag-race>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.vh1.com/>.

**Jan 9 (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](mailto:ErieBeans@yahoo.com). [www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE](https://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE).

**Jan 9 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Trans Feminine Adult Peer Support Group meets** (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland Rd,

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Youngstown, OH 44514) 3 PM - 5 PM. Trans Feminine adults 21 and over. Phone: (234) 254-8924. Browse to <https://www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/>.

**Jan 10 (Mon) - Erie County Democratic Party LG-BTQIA+ Caucus meets via Zoom** (Zoom) 7 PM. General meeting on Zoom. Voting members must be a registered Democrat living in Erie County. Straight/cisgender allies welcome! Contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or [mmahler@eriedems.com](mailto:mmahler@eriedems.com) for Zoom meeting info. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/ErieDemsLGBTQIA/>.

**Jan 11 (Tue) - LGBTQ+ Coalition Of Ashtabula County Community Meeting** (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6 PM. Phone: (440) 749-3900. Venue Phone: (440) 997-9341. Email: [bdaywalt1@icloud.com](mailto:bdaywalt1@icloud.com). Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/176893776756950/>. Browse to venue web site <https://www.acdl.info/>.

**Jan 11 (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](mailto:youngstownareapflag.org)

**Jan 13 (Thu) - Journey To A Trauma Informed Life - Art Wellness Space** (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 2230 W. 8th St. #2, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM - 7:30 PM. This is a 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. Browse to <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>.

**Jan 15 (Sat) - Deadline for Erie Gay News February 2022 print edition (#315)** Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, Jan 25.

**Jan 16 (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. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TheZoneDanceClub>.

**Jan 18 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets via Zoom** 1 PM - 2:30 PM. Zoom Meeting ID: 927 9128 9996. Passcode: 940728

**Jan 19 (Wed) - Winter Coat and Winter Boot Drive** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16508-2540) 6 PM - 8 PM. The Erie LGBTQIA+ Community will team together for the second annual Winter Coat and Winter Boot Drive. New and Gently used Coats and Boots will be donated to Com-

munity Shelter Services. There is an urgent need for boots in men's sizes 10-13 and women's sizes 7-10. This event is organized by NWPAPride Alliance, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Erie Gay News, TransFamily of NWPAPride, Community United Church, and The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (814) 314-9075. Venue Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: [president@nwpapride.org](mailto:president@nwpapride.org). Browse to <http://www.nwpapride.org>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/899409094045956/>. Browse to venue web site <http://communityunited.church/>.

**Jan 20 (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. [aoede2149@yahoo.com](mailto:aoede2149@yahoo.com). venue web site <https://www.pattersonlib.org/>.

**Jan 21 (Fri) - Naughty Bingo - Male Stripper Bingo** (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 7:15 PM. Ladies Night meets Bingo... This is one bingo you don't want to miss. Bring ALL your friends for a night that you will never forget. And if you are lucky, you might even win a bingo game, if you can keep your eyes off the guys! Phone: (814) 397-9415. Venue Phone: (814) 833-3391. Email: [info@Gears-N-Grub.com](mailto:info@Gears-N-Grub.com). Browse to <http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.zemzem.us/>.

**Jan 22 (Sat) - Designer Purse Bingo** (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 1:15 PM. ALL NEW Designer Purse Bingo! Choice of cash or Designer Purse for each game. Tickets for the Designer Purse Bingo are on sale now! Tickets will be \$30 each. Each ticket admits one person to the event. We are expecting another SOLD OUT Event! So our recommendation is to buy early! This event will also feature a 50/50 drawing, Chinese Auction Table, Bonus Games, Concession Stand, and Cash Bar. Doors open at 12:00 pm. The first game starts at 1:15pm. \*WARNING: Ticket prices will increase to \$35 each at the door if tickets are still available. \*\*COVID Protocol will be followed. Phone: (814) 397-9415. Venue Phone: (814) 833-3391. Email: [info@Gears-N-Grub.com](mailto:info@Gears-N-Grub.com). Browse to <http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.zemzem.us/>.

**Jan 22 (Sat) - Erie's Original Drag Queen Bingo** (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 7:15 PM. Come out and have fun at Erie's Original Drag Queen Bingo. Doors open at 6 PM. Bingo starts at 7:15 PM. Join your favorite Drag Queens, Rebecca Mae, Michelle Michael's, and Priscilla Godzilla for a night of fun. Be warned... No one is safe from the

Queens! Prepare for 2 hours of dirty jokes, ruthless insults, and side-splitting laughs! Not for the easily offended! Tickets & Reservations can be made online at [www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com](http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com). Limited Seating Available. MUST be 18 and older to attend. Phone: (814) 397-9415. Venue Phone: (814) 833-3391. Email: [info@Gears-N-Grub.com](mailto:info@Gears-N-Grub.com). Browse to <http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.zemzem.us/>.

**Jan 23 (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.

**Jan 23 (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](mailto:info@fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org). [www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/](http://www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/).

**Jan 25 (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. Volunteers appreciated!

**Jan 26 (Wed) - LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour - All welcome** (Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM - 8:30 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. Browse to venue web site <https://www.facebook.com/Julians-Bar-Grill-1590463787848338/>.

**Jan 27 (Thu) - Holocaust Remembrance Day** Day to remember all of the victims of the Nazi era. Browse to <https://www.yadvashem.org/27th/index.asp>.

**Jan 27 (Thu) - 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>. Browse to <https://comptonstable.org/>.

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**Jan 28 (Fri) - Erie Otters Pride Night 2022** (Erie Insurance Arena, 809 French St, Erie, PA 16501) 7 PM. Doors open at 6 PM, puck drop at 7 PM. Join us in our second annual Pride Night at the Erie Otters on Friday, January 28th. Tickets are only \$25.00 which includes a ticket to the game plus an exclusive Otters Pride T-shirt. Be sure to purchase your ticket prior to January 7th to guarantee your shirt. After you place your order, you will be contacted to order your shirt size. Please note you will receive one t-shirt per ticket ordered. For example, if you order two tickets, you will receive two t-shirts. Contact: Chad Westerburg. Phone: (814) 480-6086. Venue Phone: (814) 453-7117. Email: [chad@ottershockey.com](mailto:chad@ottershockey.com). Browse to <http://www.nwppride.org>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://offer.fevo.com/21otters-game-18-eus4vld-18ca457?fevoUri=21otters-game-18-eus4vld-18ca457%2F>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.erieevents.com/>.

**Jan 28 (Fri) - Zone Copacabana Drag Show** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10 PM. You won't want to miss the trifecta of talent with live vocal performances of "the voice" herself, Miss Denise Russell, and an amazing all-star cast of female impersonators Coco Vega and the one and only Valerie R. Valentino! Doors open at 8 pm. Come early as seats will fill up fast. Showtime at Copa will be 10 pm! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: [info@thezonedanceclub.com](mailto:info@thezonedanceclub.com). Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Jan 29 (Sat) - Zone Copacabana Dance Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Get your dancing shoes on and head on out for an amazing night of fun at the Copacabana Dance Party! Dance the night away with music and laughter. Tonight WILL be the HOTTEST spot north of Havana! Music and passion will be the fashion tonight as you merengue and cha-cha the night away! Doors open at 8 pm! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: [info@thezonedanceclub.com](mailto:info@thezonedanceclub.com). Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.



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