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*Kaleigha Diamond does a split at Drag Bingo hosted By Alysia Wonderland at Voodoo Brewing Erie on February 2, 2022. Photo by Alex Sphon Photography*

## Drag Bingo Hosted by Alysia Wonderland At Voodoo Brewing

With a drag queen singing live, some high kicking, splits, and flips, this is not your grandmother's church bingo.

No, it's Drag Bingo hosted by Alysia Wonderland at Erie's Voodoo Brewing, in the historic Boston Store downtown, the first Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 5:30, and bingo begins at 6:30. Cash prizes are awarded to all winners, and you get treated to some amazing drag performances throughout the night.

Why not get some of your family or work colleagues together for a night filled with laughter and fun? Early bird tickets are available at [NWPAPride.org](http://NWPAPride.org), or you can purchase them at the door. The cost is \$25 per person.

## G2H2 Returns April 1 At Room 33

A local LGBT Happy Hour will once again be returning to Room 33 located at 1033 State St Erie, PA, Friday, April 1 from 6-8 PM.

G2H2 stands for Gay Guy (Gay Gal) Happy Hour, and the Erie meet ups are modeled after those that are held in Pittsburgh and Cleveland. They take place the first Friday of every month in a new location around town, providing LGBT professionals, colleagues, and friends the opportunity to meet, network or just hangout. Gatherings average from 30-50 people at each happy hour, meeting new friends each time.

For more information, check out G2H2/Erie on Facebook.

## Introducing Warren County Pride, Inc

Warren, PA (January 17, 2021) - The leaders of the Warren County Pride celebration are pleased to announce the formation of Warren County Pride, Incorporated (WCPI). Warren County Pride, Inc. is the first community-based 501c3 organization focused on celebrating the LGBTQIA community's presence within Warren County, PA.

With this new organization, WCPI will host the annual Warren County Pride Day and related events throughout the year. Warren County Pride Day is an inclusive all-ages family event celebrating diversity and promoting equality, acceptance, tolerance, and love throughout Warren county Pennsylvania.

The WCPI board members are Sara Culver Provencio, President, Jill Sumner, Vice-President, Douglas Hearn, Treasurer, and Father Matthew Scott, Secretary. "We want to express our appreciation to Trinity Memorial Episcopalian Church for helping guide our organization through this process and providing us with space to meet," said Sara Culver Provencio.

Warren County Pride Day 2021 was voted as Warren County's Best 2021 Event in the War-

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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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ren Times Observer's Readers' Choice Survey. Warren County Pride Day 2022 is scheduled for June 18th, 2022, at Betts Park. The annual event is open to the LGBTQIA+ community with friends, family, allies and the general public. It includes vendors, agencies, resource tables, guest speakers, DJs, performers, games, and activities.

For more information, contact Jill Sumner at [Warrencountypride@gmail.com](mailto:Warrencountypride@gmail.com) or 814-728-8546.

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## 2022 PA LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment Deadline is March 21!

There's still time to raise your voice for LGBTQIA+ health in Pennsylvania. We're not quite at our goal, and we want to hear from YOU! In 2020 more than 6,500 LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians shared their experiences. We hope to hear from even more

members of our community this year. By taking part in the survey, you help build insight into LGBTQ experiences with healthcare, mental health, discrimination, healthy habits, and COVID-19. Data from the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment supports community programs and advocacy efforts throughout the state.

Together, we can build a stronger, healthier community.

Raise YOUR voice for LGBTQIA+ health at [bit.ly/2022PANA](http://bit.ly/2022PANA). Puedes participar en español aquí: [bit.ly/2022PANA\\_S](http://bit.ly/2022PANA_S).

## Ashtabula Pride Begins Organizing

The LGBTQ Coalition of Ashtabula County is looking for volunteers and vendors for their 2022 Pride on Saturday, June 11, at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. If you are interested you can sign up on their website [www.lgbtqashtabulaco.org](http://www.lgbtqashtabulaco.org).

The coalition will also host monthly meetings at the Ashtabula Public Library at 4335 Park Ave Ashtabula, OH, starting Wednesday, March 9, from 6-7 PM.

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## Rep Malcolm Kenyatta Marries Fiance Dr. Matthew Jordan-Miller

Rep Malcolm Kenyatta, who is currently running for U.S. Senate, made the announcement in a tweet, Saturday, February 5, with some pictures of himself and his new husband.

“Forever sounds pretty good.” He wrote with a few photos. The photos were hash tagged with “The Kenyattas” and “Finally Married.” The pair encouraged those who wanted to buy wedding gifts for them to donate to the Trevor Project in North Board Renaissance.

Kenyatta currently represents Pennsylvania’s 181st District, centered on Philadelphia announced he is running for U.S. Senate in February 2021. If elected how will be the first out gay U.S. Senator. He is running for the seat being vacated by Republican Sen. Pat Toomey who is not running for reelection.

He will face off in the primary against John Fetterman, Connor Lamb, Dr. Val Arkoosh, Dr. Kevin Baumlín, John McGuigan, Alexandria Khalil, Dr. Larry Johnson, Alan Shank, and Llewlyn Tapera.

Kenyatta previously made history as the first Black, out gay elected official in the state legislature

and the third out gay politician in the Assembly. Rep Brian Sims (D-Philadelphia) and Mike Fleck (R-Huntington) were the first two in the State Assembly, and Jim Ferlo (D) came out in 2014 as the first gay PA State Senator.

## New Phase 1 Trial for HIV Vaccine

*Gary Snyder, HIV Prevention, Erie County Department of Health*

It’s been over 40 years since the first cases of HIV were reported here in the United States, and scientific advances are pushing toward more breakthroughs in HIV prevention. While there have been significant improvements in care for persons with HIV, prevention continues to be a challenge. COVID-19 brought to the forefront decades of research and work done to address not only HIV / AIDS but other diseases as well. For many people, mRNA is a new concept yet it was discovered in the 1960s. In the 1990s the first mRNA vaccine for influenza was tested. Jump ahead to 2020 with over two and a half decades of continuous research, the COVID-19 global pandemic presents a prime opportunity to utilize a new instrument in the toolkit of mitigating



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a global health crisis. mRNA vaccines have proven they are effective and just might herald a new chapter in health prevention, specifically for HIV.

Now it's 2022 and mRNA is being studied to limit and potentially end the spread of HIV. While not a cure, a vaccine that keeps HIV from spreading could become a serious mechanism in prevention efforts. Moderna [one of the makers of COVID-19 vaccines] along with the IAVI [International AIDS Vaccine Initiative] announced in January 2022 the launch of a Phase 1 trial [IAVI G002] with a focus in researching B-cell responses in our immune systems. This could lead to the development of vaccines in the future that help our bodies neutralize some strains of HIV. This may not seem like a game winning move but it is important to understand that advances are continuing toward stopping the spread of HIV. This Phase 1 trial underway is being administered by the George Washington University [GWU] School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Washington, D.C., and made possible by funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Further details can be found online at: <https://tinyurl.com/IAVIG002>

## Transgender Day of Visibility on March 31

by *TransFamily NWPA*

Internationally, on March 31st, people will celebrate Transgender Day of Visibility as a way to recognize the past, present, and future lives of transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming individuals.

At TransFamily NWPA, TDoV is:

“...a chance for cisgender people to understand that I am for the most part just like them. I have similar fears, joys, experiences, and needs. The only

real difference is my innate sense of gender doesn't match the body I was given.” *Dana, BOD Advisor*

“...an opportunity to have open dialogue so questions can be asked and information can be shared. I can take the years of education I've collected and share it with others. I truly believe this is the way to make the world a safer place for my child and others like them.” *Richelle, OG Board Member*

“...a way for me to continue welcoming the truest expression of another wholeheartedly without hesitation or prejudice in hopes others are able to see just how capable they are of doing the same.” *Emily, BOD Secretary*

Transgender Day of Visibility means something different to everyone. Some may use the day to affirm who they are to those around them. Some may use this day to affirm who they are to themselves. On Transgender Day of Visibility, many will need patience, compassion, and empathy. May it also be a day for everyone to demand the human rights of transgender, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people be honored and not debated.

For more information about TransFamily NWPA services, upcoming TDoV events, and our monthly support group please visit our Facebook page or website: <https://transfamilynwpa.org/>

## Warren County Pride LGBTQ+ Film Festival

Warren County Pride and the Struthers Library Theatre have announced the first annual LGBTQ+ Film Festival in June that will lead up to Warren County Pride Day.

SLT said in a statement. “In partnering with Warren County Pride, we celebrate the profound contributions of our LGBTQ+ community to the arts. Our culture is made more beautiful and rich through diversity and inclusivity.”

The film festival begins on June 13th and ends on June 17th, right before Warren County's Pride Day. Five films (one per night) will be shown during the event. The complete list of films will be announced once everything has been finalized.

This partnership began in October when Struthers Library Theatre reached out to Warren County Pride to help with a showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show. What helped blossom the idea of the Film Festival was the amount of youth involvement with the theatre. What more of an educational

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The festival also aims to help local businesses as well, given the scope of the event. Many people are said to be helping and or participating in the event.

## ECDH Supports 20th National LGBTQ Health Awareness Week

The Erie County Department of Health is proud to be a partner organization this year for the upcoming 20th National LGBTQ Health Awareness Week which is being held March 21-25, 2022; made possible by the National Coalition for LGBTQ Health. Each year the awareness week provides a chance to bring focus on LGBTQ health equity. Areas of interest include Advocacy, Voting, Non-discrimination, HIV and PrEP, Tran Health, LGBT Seniors and more. Started 20 years ago by the Coalition, this week raises awareness of the unique and important health needs of the LGBTQ communities and coalesces the LGBTQ healthcare community around a variety education and advocacy events that bring together the LGBTQ, LGBTQ healthcare, and allied communities to raise awareness of LGBTQ health topics. Watch for social media posts later this month regarding the available services for the LGBTQ Erie community. For more information, contact the Erie County Department of Health at 814-451-6700 or [ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:ecdhinfo@eriecountypa.gov).

## NAMI Unity Support Group Wednesdays on Zoom

Join the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Erie County, Edinboro University, Clarion University, and the California University of Pennsylvania on Wednesdays from March 2 through April 27 at 4 pm via Zoom for a Unity Support Group. Unity is a peer-led group for LGBTQIA+ and allies to attend with other students interested in discussing mental health and wellness.



The group will cover topics such as loving yourself, fostering healthy relationships, and more! Get a chance to speak one-on-one with peers. The Unity Support Group will have conversations and activities that foster a welcoming and confidential environment! Registrations are encouraged but not required. The Erie Community Foundation's LGBT Community Endowment provides support for this program.



# UNITY SUPPORT GROUP

A virtual LGBTQIA+ and ally support group for college-aged individuals who are interested in discussing mental health and wellness through topics such as loving yourself, fostering healthy relationships, and more. The Erie Community Foundation's LGBT Community Endowment provides support for this program.

- Registration on NAMI's website is encouraged, but not required. Register online at [NAMLerie.org/application](http://NAMLerie.org/application)
- Every Wednesday at 4:00 pm from March 2 to April 27, 2022
- All are welcome to join in this safe, welcoming and confidential environment!



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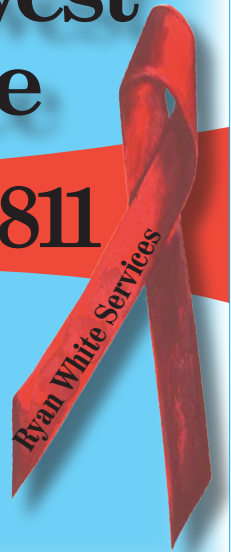
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*Live & Let Live is an LGBTQA-friendly AA meeting that meets every Sunday, at 7PM, at Community United Church, 1011 West 38th Street, Erie, PA 16508. For more information, visit [www.aeriepa.org](http://www.aeriepa.org) or contact [cmn0626@gmail.com](mailto:cmn0626@gmail.com).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

**Feb 23 (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. 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 but not necessary. All are welcome and please share and spread the word! Don't forget to bring your business cards for exchange.

**Feb 24 (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/>.

**Feb 25 (Fri) - International STAND UP to Bullying Day** International STAND UP to Bullying Day is a special event in which participants sign and wear a pink "pledge shirt" to take a visible, public stance against bullying. <https://www.facebook.com/pg/standupday/>.

**Feb 25 - 27 (Fri - Sun) - Erie Sisters Cabin Fever Weekend** (Hampton Inn & Suites Erie Bayfront, 130 E Front St, Erie, PA 16507) Venue Phone: (814) 920-9640. [lakeeriegala@gmail.com](mailto:lakeeriegala@gmail.com). <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

**Feb 26 (Sat) - Star Sirch Entertainment with DJ Guilia** (Sneakers, 100 W Harrison St, Jamestown,

NY 14701) 9 PM - 1 AM. (716) 484-8816. starsirch@yahoo.com. .

**Feb 27 (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.

**Feb 27 (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/.

**Mar 1 - 31 (Tue - Thu) - Bisexual Health Awareness Month** Bisexual Health Awareness Month is dedicated to raising awareness about the startling social, economic and health disparities facing the bi+ community. <https://bihealthmonth.org/>.

**Mar 1 (Tue) - Zero Discrimination Day** Zero Discrimination Day is an annual day celebrated by the UN and other international organisations. The day aims to promote equality before the law and in practice throughout all of the member countries of the UN. [http://www.un-aids.org/en/resources/campaigns/zero\\_discrimination](http://www.un-aids.org/en/resources/campaigns/zero_discrimination).

**Mar 2 - Apr 27 (Wed) - Unity Support Group meets via Zoom** (Zoom) 4 PM. Join the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Erie County, Edinboro University, Clarion University, and the California University of Pennsylvania via Zoom for a Unity Support Group. Unity is a peer-led group for LGBTQIA+ and allies to attend with other students interested in discussing mental health and wellness. The group will cover topics such as loving yourself, fostering healthy relationships, and more! Get a chance to speak one-on-one with peers. The Unity Support Group will have conversations and activities that foster a welcoming and confidential environment! Registrations are encouraged but not required. The Erie Community Foundation's LGBT Community Endowment provides support for this program. Zoom Meeting ID: 917 7301 8153. Passcode: 219565.

**Mar 2 (Wed) - Drag Queen Bingo hosted by Alysins Wonderland** (Voodoo Brewing Co (Erie), 101 Boston Store Place, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 9 PM. This isn't your Great Aunt Gertrude's Bingo, this is Bingo with a Twist. Hosted by Alysins Wonderland. NWPAs Pride and Voodoo Brewery are hosting monthly Bingos every first Wednesday of the month! Doors open at 5:30, and join us at 6 pm for a Meet and Greet with the cast and games to begin at 6:30 pm. \$25/ticket will get you access to all the fun. Cash prizes will be awarded. Seats

are limited, so book your tickets NOW! Featuring Misty Micheals Kall and Katrina Twerk

**Mar 3 (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 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.

**Mar 4 (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. Tickets are only \$25.00 which includes a ticket to the game plus an exclusive Otters Pride T-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.

**Mar 8 (Tue) - LGBTQ+ Coalition of Ashtabula County Pride Planning Party** (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6 PM. Join us as we collaborate and plan PRIDE ASHTABULA COUNTY and continue the development of our education and outreach programs. We value your strengths, ideas, and talents that you can bring to make a difference in the LGBTQA+ Community in Ashtabula County!

**Mar 8 (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)

**Mar 10 (Thu) - National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** Every year on March 10 - and throughout the month of March - local, state, federal, and national organizations come together to show support for women and girls impacted by HIV and AIDS. National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD) sheds light on the impact of HIV and AIDS on women and girls. #NWGHAAD <https://www.womenshealth.gov/nwghaad/>.

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[www.atraumainformedlife.com/](http://www.atraumainformedlife.com/).

**Mar 11 - 12 (Fri - Sat) - O'Zone Weekend!** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Shamrocks, green beer, and a little luck of the Irish will fill the Zone for our annual St. Patrick's Party! Bust out your green, white, and orange gear and join us all weekend long! Friday: Doors open at 7:30 pm. No cover before 8pm/\$5 cover after. Saturday: Doors open at 8pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID for both nights. Phone: (814) 452-0125. [info@thezonedanceclub.com](mailto:info@thezonedanceclub.com). <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Mar 12 (Sat) - LGBTQ+ Coalition Of Ashtabula County Pride Planning Party** (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 12 PM. The LGBTQ Coalition of Ashtabula County is looking for volunteers and vendors for their 2022 Pride on Saturday, June 11, at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds. [info@lgbtqashtabulaco.org](mailto:info@lgbtqashtabulaco.org). <https://www.lgbtqashtabulaco.org/>. venue web site <https://www.acdl.info/>.

**Mar 13 (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](http://www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE).

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**Mar 14 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News April 2022 print edition (#317)** Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, Mar 22.

**Mar 14 (Mon) - Erie County Democratic Party LGBTQIA+ 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. <https://www.facebook.com/ErieDemsLGBTQIA/>.

**Mar 15 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets via Zoom** 1 PM - 2:30 PM. Zoom Meeting ID: 927 9128 9996. Passcode: 940728

**Mar 17 (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. [aoede2149@yahoo.com](mailto:aoede2149@yahoo.com).

**Mar 18 (Fri) - Naughty Bingo - Male Stripper Bingo** (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 7 PM. A bingo like NO other. Come out with your friends and have some fun at the ALL NEW Naughty Bingo. This all-male review is guaranteed to have you hot & bothered. We heard you and have a rotation of ALL-NEW Male Dancers for your entertainment at Bingo. Oh yeah, and over \$3000 in Cash Prizes at Bingo. There will be Food available, Cash Bar, 50/50, Chinese Auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance & \$30 at the door. Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:15 pm [info@Gears-N-Grub.com](mailto:info@Gears-N-Grub.com). <https://naughtybingo.net/>.

**Mar 18 (Fri) - M & J's Lounge Drag Show and St. Patrick's Day Celebration** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) We are celebrating 11 years in business with a Drag Show and a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Cover Charge is \$6.00 and a yearly membership fee of \$5.00. Come dressed in your green. Prize for the best dressed for St. Patrick's day. Phone: (724) 602-8447. [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Mar 19 (Sat) - Designer Handbag Bingo** (Zem Zem Shrine Club, 2525 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 1:15 PM. Do you like Designer Purses? Do you like Bingo? This is one game you don;t want to miss! Join us for lots of fun & great prizes. Over \$2000 in designer handbags given away along with gift cards to local businesses. Chinese Auction with some great prizes too, The doors open at noon with Bingo starting at 1:15 Tickets are \$25 each in advance or \$30 at the door. Included in that price are 9 Bingo Cards with 10 Games. Two Special Games, Pull-Off Tickets, Cash Bar & Food Concessions are also available.

**Mar 19 (Sat) - InterPride Silence to Solidarity Virtual Concert** 5 PM. To support the needs of our LGBTQIA+ community, InterPride will be hosting the Silence to Solidarity Global Concert. This virtual global concert will be streamed live by InterPride to help raise funds. The 90-minute broadcast will be available worldwide

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**Mar 19 (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 some fun with our Queens. They will have you laughing till you're crying. Always a good time! Get your tickets now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/254701578277> This ain't Your Grandma's Bingo! [info@Gears-N-Grub.com](mailto:info@Gears-N-Grub.com). <http://www.ErieDragQueenBingo.com/>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/254701578277>.

**Mar 20 (Sun) - National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day** National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was first observed in 2007. This day is observed on the first day of Spring each year. #NNHAAD <https://www.hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/native>.

**Mar 20 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Help us celebrate the birthday of Misty Michaels Kall at this special edition FACE! Erie's best performers and maybe some special guests! Doors open at 8 pm. Showtime 10 pm. No cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

**Mar 21 - 25 (Mon - Fri) - 20th National LGBT Health Awareness Week** (National Coalition for LGBT Health) Started 20 years ago by the Coalition, this week raises awareness of the unique and important health needs of the LGBTQ communities and coalesces the LGBTQ healthcare community around a variety of education and advocacy events that bring together the LGBTQ, LGBTQ healthcare, and allied communities to raise awareness of LGBTQ health topics. <https://healthlgbt.org/awareness-week/>.

**Mar 22 (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!

**Mar 23 (Wed) - NW PA Pride Alliance LGBTQIA and Allies Happy Hour** (Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM - 9 PM. ALL are WELCOME. 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 but not necessary. There will be a performance by "No Wheelman" Darrell Whitney and Ted Watts Jr. from 6 to 9 pm.

**Mar 24 (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>. <https://comptonstable.org/>.

**Mar 26 (Sat) - Benefit for Mason's Voice** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) When a dear friend Mason Campbell passed away from suicide, his friends decided to form a foundation to help make sure no one else feels the way he did ever again. Raffle baskets and merch sales will all go towards Mason's Voice. Rebecca Mae will also be hosting a sick show with special guests from Buffalo Cece Vergara, Melina Londen, and Sasha Storm. Doors open at 8 pm. Showtime 10 pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

**Mar 31 (Thu) - International Transgender Day of Visibility** <http://tdov.org/>.

**Apr 1 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets** (Room 33 Speakeasy & Cafe, 1033 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie provides GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. .

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