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On July 23, over 200 people came to Meadville Pride & Street Fair by NW PA Pride Alliance. Photo by Rex Apps.

Meadville Pride celebrated by NW PA Pride Alliance

A mother came up to Alex Sphon, President of NW PA Pride Alliance, at the street fair to give him a hug and thank him for the Meadville Pride which was celebrated on Saturday, July 23. In talking with her, he found out her ten year old child had just came out as transgender. She has never seen her child feel truly at home in public till today's event.

This is why Pride is important.

That feeling of having a safe place to be able to express yourself surrounded by caring and supportive people is what NW PA Pride hoped to bring to their first ever Meadville Pride.

More than two hundred people gathered at Diamond Park for the opening ceremonies. The crowd was welcomed by Sphon and Meadville Mayor Jaime Kinder. Also addressing those gathered was Meadville resident Travis Smith, who along with NW PA board member Brett Staskiewicz and Mar Harkless, helped to locally coordinate the event.

Following the speakers, there were drag performances by Rose Winters, Debbie and Alysia Wonderland. Attendees then paraded around Diamond Park concluding in the street fair of more than thirty craft-

ers and information booths set up on Chestnut Street.

The event was such a success the board hopes to be coming back again next year.

Compton's Table Drag-tastic Youth & Young Adult Aug 2

Compton's Table is hosting Drag-tastic Youth & Young Adult event at their new location, 1505 State St, Erie, PA. On Tuesday, August 2nd from 5-9 PM, you will learn how to build your drag character, design your costume, do your make-up, work the crowd, and put it all together on the stage for a drag show! This event is for queer youth 20 years & under to let loose in a safe, affirming space. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Allies can attend to support the performers. Masks will be required. Performers may take them off while on stage. Registration is a MUST even if you are not performing. Head over to www.ComptonsTable.org to sign up!

Respect for Marriage Act Passes House and Heads To Senate - Contact Sen. Toomey

The United States Senate will soon be taking up the Respect for Marriage Act, which passed the House 267-157 (with all 220 Democrats and 47 Republicans voting in favor) on July 19, 2022. The region's western Pennsylvania House members, including Kelly and Thompson, voted no.

Erie Gay News urges its readers to contact US Senator Pat Toomey - US Senator Bob Casey is already a yes (see article linked in online version) to urge him to vote yes on the bill when it comes before the Senate. Here is how you can do so:

To relay a comment by telephone call the Washington office at 202-224-4254 or the Erie office at 814-453-3010.

To send an email comment, visit <https://www.toomey.senate.gov/contact/email-senator-toomey> Select the "Judiciary Issues" for the topic - it's the

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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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Local LGBT Nonprofits Participate in Erie Gives 2022

Erie Gives will be taking place on Tuesday, August 9, from 8 am to 8 pm. This is a great day to help your favorite nonprofits. The local LGBT nonprofits participating in this year's campaign are listed below.

The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction. Donations can be made via check, Visa,

MasterCard, or Discover. Sorry, credit card gift cards will not be accepted.

Compton's Table, Inc.

Mission

Our mission is to eliminate systemic inequity, create community through peer connection, and empower queer youth and young adults to be agents of change. Together with the individuals and communities we serve, Compton's Table works to create a thriving queer community.

Programs and Services

Compton's Table is proud to be offering AF-FIRM, an evidence-based queer youth support group, as a free resource available to youth and young adults. In addition, we have launched Compton's Closet in two locations. This free resource provides gender-affirming attire, accessories, and hygiene products. Compton's is excited to open a community room at PACA to offer social groups and events to strengthen connection and supports. All these programs are aimed at building resilience and reducing suicide among queer youth.

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Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)

Mission

The Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Inc. (GEAE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the region's LGBTQ+ community and its straight allies through educational programs, social events, and opportunities for service, which are designed to strengthen our voice and improve the quality of life in northwestern Pennsylvania. We advance our mission to create a safe and welcoming community for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity through quality educational programs, service opportunities, and social events.

Programs and Services

GEAE provides annual scholarships to LGBTQ+ persons for university, community college, technical school, art school, or para-professional programs.

GEAE partners with Journey to a Trauma-Informed Life in order to provide mental health services to Erie County youth who are LGBTQ+ and in need of counseling.

GEAE works with PA Thrive Partnership (formerly NW PA Rural Aids Alliance) to provide testing, prevention, and support to LGBTQ+ persons throughout Erie County.

GEAE holds Afternoon for Equality to educate and raise funding.

GEAE holds a family-friendly After-Pride Party and helps support Erie Pride.

NW PA Pride Alliance

Mission

NWPA Prides Mission is to increase Visibility for the LGBTQIA+ Community in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Programs and Services

Officially incorporated in 2012, NWPA Pride Alliance became the organizing body for Pride events in the city of Erie. Pride events have been celebrated in Erie for 30 years, and NWPA Pride works to host events, gatherings, and programs to improve the visibility of the LGBTQIA+ community in the greater Erie area.

Since the official incorporation of NWPA Pride Alliance and our incorporation as a 501(c)(3), the organization has continued to grow. We now hold over 20 events every year! NWPA Pride relies on the support of partners within the Erie community to make these events a reality and is proud to offer

events that are completely free to attend.

Pennsylvania Equality Project, Inc.

Mission

The PA Equality Project serves the LGBTQ+ community across Pennsylvania by providing educational initiatives in pursuit of affirming our civil rights. We seek an end to discrimination, conversion therapy, and youth homelessness within the LGBTQ+ community

Programs and Services

YouTube programs such as PEP Talks Uncut provides interviews from Pennsylvanians who support and stand with the LGBTQ+ community.

In person and online courses, seminars, and webinars for educators and social workers or those with a vested interest in youth.

We are working to open a community resource center and drop in safe space shelter in Meadville, that will serve all of northwest Pennsylvania, especially Erie County.

LGBT Funds of The Erie Community

Foundation

Mission

The LGBT Community Endowment - part of The LGBT Funds of The Erie Community Foundation - exists to fund projects that address the unique challenges facing the LGBTQ+ community in Northwest Pennsylvania. The goal of all The LGBT Funds of The Erie Community Foundation is to help build a positive, thriving environment for community members. The Community Endowment specifically accomplishes this through a competitive grant-making process thoroughly vetted by the LGBTQ+ Grants Committee, the Advisory Board of The LGBT Funds of The Erie Community Foundation, and the staff and Trustees of The Erie Community Foundation. The LGBT Community Endowment is a donor-advised fund that was established in 2014 by a founding contribution from the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality.

Programs and Services

The LGBT Community Endowment represents an organized, intentional approach to supporting programs and activities that promote equity and inclusiveness, making the region more welcoming for LGBTQ+ individuals. Grants from the Fund address disparities in physical health and wellness, safety, youth education, mental health, and other challenges that members of the LGBTQ+ community face.



29TH ANNUAL *Pride Picnic*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

**ROTARY PAVILION
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LGBTQ Clinic Treating Monkeypox, Covid; Has LGBTQ Flag Burned Outside Office

July 21, 2022 - When Central Outreach Wellness Center in Erie, 3104 State Street, opened for business today, the staff discovered the LGBTQ pride flag that hung outside the office burned.

We take pride in our flags because everyone deserves to feel safe and be treated with dignity and respect.

Understand we must all remain aware of our surroundings.

Central Outreach Wellness Center is a safe space amidst homophobia, transphobia, racism, sexism, and all the bigotry that festers in America.

We will not stray from our mission to deliver healthcare to marginalized communities, and we are taking precautions to keep our community safe.

We will pursue legal action against anyone involved in this matter.



29th Annual Pride Picnic Aug 13

from NW PA Pride Alliance

This event is free and open to the public, so bring your buns down to the beach and see what's cooking!

The Northwest Pennsylvania Pride Alliance, inc. would like to invite you to join us for the Erie Pride Picnic 2022 on Saturday, August 13th at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle (near Beach 7) from 1 to 6 PM.

Food will be served from 2 to 4 PM. Note that state law does not permit alcohol in the park and we respectfully ask that you abide by rules the good folks at Presque Isle State Park have set for everyone's safety.

Be sure to check in at the registration table when you arrive. We will be taking the annual Family Portrait around 4:30 PM right before the raffle, and there will also be roving photographers. If you prefer to not be included in photos, put a red dot on your name badge.

If your group or organization would like to set up an info table, please let us know by July 31st by emailing tables@nwpa pride.org. There is no charge for an info table, but vending at the park is not permitted. If you can bring your own table, that is very much appreciated, but not required.

As always, there will be a collection taken for Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA (non-perishables, Please and Thank You).

Family Friendly and open to those of all ages.

The picnic area and Beach 7 area are accessible.

For more information or if you have questions you are welcome to email president@nwpa pride.org

Pennsylvania Equality Project Leadership change for 2023

At its annual meeting, David Moore, President of the Pennsylvania Equality Project announced to the Board that he will not be seeking a new term as President in 2023. The Board agreed to hold a vote that evening, and selected Matt Haslam to be the President-Elect. His term as President will begin on July 1, 2023. David will be changing positions to become the new Western Pennsylvania Vice President, while Michael Martin has become the new Eastern Pennsylvania Vice President. Jennifer Rahal-Moore has decided not to seek another term in office but will remain a Legacy Board member.

TransFamily Picnic Aug 20

The annual TransFamily NWPA picnic is coming up this August on the 20th, running from 11 am to 3 pm at Glenwood Park, and we'll be celebrating our 10th anniversary! There will be games, food, and fun! Please feel free to bring food to share. We look forward to seeing all of you!

EGN Editorial Board Call for Applications

Erie Gay News is proud to have served the region's LGBTQIA+ community since 1992. We have formed an editorial board that meets virtually every month to discuss potential articles, distribution, social media presence, and other ways to maintain and improve the publication. We invite those interested in sharing this crucial work to submit applications to be a part of our editorial board. Your opinion matters and we look forward to hearing from those who are interested. If you want to volunteer, please email a resume and cover letter to info@eriegaynews.com by Friday, October 31st, 2022.

Community United Church Hosts Summer Art Show Opening

By Rex Apps

More than two hundred guests were welcomed on the evening of Wednesday, June 22 at the Summer Art Show Opening at Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie PA 16508. The show celebrates eighteen artists and allies of the LGBTQ community, as well as the themes of liberation and freedom.

Over half of the show sold on opening night. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to the artists as one way of supporting the arts in the community.



Alex Spohn with his photography at Community United Church Art Show Opening on Jun 22. Photo by Rex Apps.

Compton's Table New Home

Compton's Table has a new home, PACA, 1505 State St, Erie, PA! We are building out this space to reach even more youth with AFFIRM, Compton's Closet, and future programming. We will have an open house at the end of August and look forward to opening our doors for the community to come to check out what we have going on and what's in store for the future. Be sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates!

Crawford County Pride on 7/9

As a wrap-up to the third year of the best and only grassroots Crawford County Pride, we had wonderful performers, featuring Odd Atrocity, vendors galore with notables such as Trisha's Treasures and Marie Loose booths with Pride shirts, Community Outreach of Erie and one hell of a drag show featuring Cher Michaels, Reba MacIntosh and Misha Michaels. Wonderful activities such as bubble making, chalk art, Drag Story Time and poster making accompanied the politics of Democratic PA Senate candidate Ria Czech and myself, chair of the Libertarian Party of Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

The best event so far to date and can't wait to do this for many years to come. So many wonderful people enjoying a "gay day" in the park celebrating love, community, politics, activities, and business for all in our great county.



Four of the approximately 50 attendees at Crawford County Pride in Diamond Park on July 9. Photo by Michael Mahler.

Erie Celebrates 30 Years of Pride

by Rex Apps

All the colors of the rainbow were once again flying proudly in Erie on the afternoon of Saturday, June 25, as the Erie region came together to celebrate Pride. The parade stepped off from The Zone Dance Club with roughly two thousand participants traveling along West 18th Street before turning north on State Street and ending in Perry's Square for the Annual Pride Fest, marking 30 years of Pride events for Erie.

This year Erie was able to celebrate an in person event after the last two years were forced to be virtual because of the pandemic. With a crowd of about five thousand for Pride Fest, it was by far one of the largest Pride event the city has seen.

Since Pride was coming back to an in person event for the first time in two years, the NW PA Pride Alliance wanted make it bigger than before. With their community partners, the Alliance was able to do just that. For the first time ever, Pride was able to celebrate in the entirety of Perry's Square.

NW PA Pride Alliance would like to thank our community partners Safe Journey and Central Outreach along with the Erie Playhouse for helping to sponsor the zones throughout the park. The Alliance is also very thankful for all the support they received from Mayor Joe Sember and the Erie City Police who provided security for the entire event.

The fun continued on Sunday with the third annual Drive Your Pride around Presque Isle State Park. Attendees gathered at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center with their decorated vehicles and then set off at two o'clock to parade around the park.



Above: Michael Kohler with granddaughter Rae who declared 2022 Pride Fest "the best rainbow party EVER!"

Below: some of the 2,000 parade participants.

Photos by Michael Mahler.



Back to School in True-Style August 21st

Back to School in True-Style: Compton's Table is excited to offer a fantastic opportunity made possible by our local Macy's at Millcreek Mall. On August 21st, Macy's is opening their doors to Compton's Table and selected youth for a private shopping event with store credit! You read that right - free clothes & private shopping event! If you know a youth or young adult who would benefit from this opportunity, please fill out the nomination form on our website, www.ComptonsTable.org

Warren County hosts Pride for 2022

Warren County Pride continues to grow. Back in 2020, the gathering fit inside General Joseph Warren Park and now it is occupying nearly half of Betts Park. The new expanded location allowed vendors and sponsors to set up in the grass on either side of the parking lot, while scheduled events took place inside a central pavilion.

Speakers for this year's Pride included Rev. Dr. Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University, Michael

Mahler, editor of Erie Gay News, Logan Johnson, who served as emcee for the event, and Rev. Dr. Matthew Scott, Vicar of the Episcopal Mission of Warren.

Pennsylvania Lt. Governor, and U.S. Senate candidate, John Fetterman was unable to attend the event this year as he is still recovering from the stroke he suffered earlier this year. But he did send a prepared statement to be shared at the event.

"I will always stand with the LGBTQ+ community, and the fight continues until we pass equal protection under the law," Fetterman said in a state-



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ment. “And I’ve always said, if you score political points by bullying or belittling gay and trans kids or adults, you need to find a new line of work. As your Lt. Gov. and your next Senator, I’ll always support the LGBTQ+ community.”

Pennsylvania Attorney General, and gubernatorial candidate, Josh Shapiro also sent a statement.

“Pride is a time to celebrate who we are. And to celebrate the freedom to love who we love,” Shapiro said. “But it’s also a time to recognize that we cannot take that freedom for granted.”

Organizers are already hoping that next year will be even bigger hopefully encompassing All of Betts Park.



Above: Rose Winters performs at Warren Pride. Photo by Rex Apps.

Below: Limbo dance competition at Warren Pride. Photo by Michael Mahler.



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1st and 3rd Monday at 8 pm until compete, Everyone's Comedy Open-Mic Night at RandyBillDuck, 4th Floor of the Paca 1505 State.

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 Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/5892507875>, Passcode – 14701

Jul 27 (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.

Jul 28 (Thu) - Mild to Wild Discussion Group (Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, 31 Water Street Suite 7, Jamestown, NY 14701) 6 PM - 7:30 PM. Mild to Wild is a discussion group about sex and substance use designed for gay and bisexual men and folks of trans experience. Meets in person at MHA and also on Zoom. (716) 661-9044.

Jul 29 - 31 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Luminary Light Up (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Special Guest: Pittsburgh Hashers.

Jul 29 - 31 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Mardi Gras Weekend (100 block party) (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Jul 30 (Sat) - Erie Trans Picnics Beach Day (Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Dr #1, Erie, PA 16507) 2 PM - 5 PM. Bring a beach towel, a snack, a friend or just your beautiful self! All ages and genders are welcome. Look for the trans flag on Beach 10. No cops no creeps no chasers. For info, check Instagram

or Facebook @erietranspicnics or email Gwen Elaine at mgwensinger@gmail.com Email: mgwensinger@gmail.com. Browse to <https://www.instagram.com/erietranspicnics/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.presqueisle.org/>.

Jul 29 (Fri) - Joey Grego "Opening for JG Art at City Gallery" (City Gallery, 1503 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 5 PM - 10 PM. Join us as we Present Joey Grego's latest & most expressive work!!! This show will give a clear look into styles of art expression. The rich colors, techniques & textures will touch all your senses!

Aug 2 (Tue) - Drag-tastic: Don't wreck yourself, express yourself (PACA, 1505 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 5 PM - 9 PM. See article in this issue.

Aug 1 - 5 (Mon - Fri) - Jones Pond August Vacation Week (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 3 (Wed) - Pride Drag Bingo Hosted by Alysins Wonderland (Voodoo Brewing Co (Erie), 101 Boston Store Place, Erie, PA 16501) 5:30 PM - 9 PM. Drag Bingo Returns, hosted by Alysins Wonderland. NWPAs Pride and Voodoo Brewery will be hosting bi-monthly Bingos on the first Wednesday of every even-numbered month! Doors will 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 in advance and \$30 at the door will get you access to all the fun. Cash Prizes will be awarded. Seats are limited, so book your tickets NOW! Featuring former Miss Erie's Valerie Valentino and Debbie. Phone: (814) 314-9075.

Aug 4 (Thu) - Truth Seekers of LGBTQ+ Coalition Of Ashtabula County meets (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6:30 PM. We are people of faith coming together to discuss reconciling our faith with our sexuality.

Aug 4 (Thu) - The Slap Heard 'round the World: Why Toxic Masculinity Just Will Not Die. Featuring Rhonda Matthews, Ph.D. (Erie Center for Arts & Technology, 650 East Ave. Suite 120, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Site is the former Wayne School, 7th street entrance. FREE lecture hosted by the Jefferson Educational Society. Please register in advance by visiting our website at www.JESErie.org/events or by calling our office at (814) 459-8000.

Aug 5 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets (The Cove Bay-Side Restaurant & Tavern, 2 State St, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month.

Aug 5 (Fri) - G2H2 Pirate Adventure Cruise (Scal-

lywags Pirate Adventures, 2 State St, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. Wobbly Pirate Cruise - Departs 8:15pm \$13 - Recommend buying tickets in advance; easily done online. Must be 21

Aug 5 - 7 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Gay Games Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Friday: Toga Pool Party. Saturday Afternoon Gay Games of Davis. Saturday Night: Gay Games Awards 9-10pm. Black Light Body Paint.

Aug 5 - 7 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Olympics (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 8 (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 for Zoom meeting info.

Aug 9 (Tue) - LGBTQ+ Coalition of Ashtabula County Community Meeting (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6 PM. Join a committee - fundraising, outreach and education, Pride, Drag in the New Year, and more! We value your strengths, ideas, and talents that you can bring to make a difference in the LGBTQ+ Community

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Aug 11 (Thu) - Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM) & Second-Chance Sentencing. Featuring Maria Goellner, J.D. (Erie Center for Arts & Technology, 650 East Ave. Suite 120, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Site is the former Wayne School, 7th street entrance. FREE lecture hosted by the Jefferson Educational Society. Please register in advance by visiting our website at www.JESErie.org/events or by calling our office at (814) 459-8000. .

Aug 12 (Fri) - RuPaul's Secret Celebrity Drag Race Season 2 Premieres (VH1) 8 PM. Filmed in front of a live studio audience, nine celebrities from all walks of life have agreed to leave their famous identities behind as they fully embrace the miracle of drag. It will be kept secret who each contestant is until they are asked to sashay away, allowing viewers to focus on their charisma, uniqueness, nerve, and talent. Browse to <http://www.vh1.com/shows/rupauls-drag-race>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.vh1.com/>.

Aug 12 - 15 (Fri - Mon) - Copacabana Weekend (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@thezonedanceclub.com. Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Aug 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Locker Room/Jock Strap Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Locker room/Jock strap...use your imagination. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Aug 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Red Hot Leather Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 13 (Sat) - 29th Annual Pride Picnic (Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle, 301 Peninsula Drive, Suite 1, Erie, PA 16505) 1 PM - 6 PM.

Aug 14 (Sun) - Pride Day at Waldameer (Waldameer Park & Water World, 220 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA 16505) 11 AM - 9 PM. We're doing it again! End your Pride Picnic Weekend with unlimited rides and slides at a discounted price of \$35 (normal price \$47)

Aug 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.

Aug 14 (Sun) - Full Spectrum Trans Feminine Adult Peer Support Group meets (Full Spectrum Community Outreach Center, 5060 Youngstown Poland

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

Aug 15 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News Sep 2022 print edition (#323) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, Aug 23.

Aug 15 (Mon) - Bears Do Dinner #94 (Location TBA) 6 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. Phone: (814) 384-9785.

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

Aug 18 (Thu) - PFLAG Westfield NY meets (Paterson Library, 40 S Portage St, Westfield, NY 14787) 6:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and family of LGBTQ+ people. Contact: Patricia. (716)-450-9055. aode2149@yahoo.com.

Aug 19 - Sep 4 (Fri - Sun) - All An Act Theater Presents "Rule of Three" by Agatha Christie (All An Act Theatre, 652 W 17th St, Erie, PA 16502) Three Stories of Intrigue from the Mistress of Suspense! Three Directors! Three Casts! Note: Proof of vaccination and photo identification will be required to attend performances. You may use a copy of your vaccination card or a picture of the card on your smart phone. If you are unvaccinated, a negative covid test (including home tests) that is less than 72 hours old from the performance date is also acceptable. P

Aug 19 (Fri) - Miss Erie 2022 - Life's a Beach (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 7 PM. Hosted by Misty Micheals Kall. Join us for "Life's a Beach", the 21st presentation of Miss Erie at the Zone Dance Club. Honoring Miss Erie 2021, Indi Skies. Categories for this evening include Presentation, Evening Gown, and Talent. The winner will receive a prize package worth over \$1500. Miss Erie is sponsored by The Zone, NWPA Pride Alliance, and the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality. For information on competing, contact the Zone Dance Club. Doors open at 7pm and the pageant will begin promptly at 8:30pm. \$10 Cover - Doors Open at 7pm - 21+.

Aug 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Bear Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219)

Aug 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Heaven or Hell Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 20 (Sat) - Annual TransFamily Summer Picnic (Glenwood Park, West 38th Street, Glenwood Park Ave, Erie, PA 16509) 11 AM - 3 PM. The annual

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TransFamily NWPA picnic is coming up, and we'll be celebrating our 10th anniversary! There will be games, food, and fun! Please feel free to bring food to share. We look forward to seeing all of you! Browse to <https://transfamilynwpa.org/>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1119250325330513>.

Aug 21 (Sun) - 2022 Afternoon for Equality (Erie Yacht Club, 1 Ravine Dr, Erie, PA 16505) 5 PM - 9 PM. Join GEAE for an Afternoon of Equality! We must stand up for LGBTQ+ rights and dignity in times like these. There will be friends, updates on GEAE's work, scholarship awards, and news on upcoming events. Enjoy food, wine, beer, and cool jazz by the Stephen Trohoske Trio. Individual tickets and sponsorships are available at GreaterErieAlliance.com!

Aug 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!

Aug 24 (Wed) – LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour – All welcome (Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Aug 25 (Thu) – Teen Trans support group meets (G.A. Family Services, 210 Gustavus Ave, Jamestown, NY 14701) 5 PM. Contact: Danielle Bonovitch. (716) 708-6161. <http://gafamilyservices.org/>.

Aug 25 (Thu) - Mild to Wild Discussion Group (Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County, 31 Water Street Suite 7, Jamestown, NY 14701) 6 PM - 7:30 PM. Mild to Wild is a discussion group about sex and substance use designed for gay and bisexual men and folks of trans experience. Meets in person at MHA and also on Zoom. (716) 661-9044.

Aug 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Stark in the Dark Black Out Party (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Aug 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Summer Beach

Party Weekend (600 block party) (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Aug 27 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWPA (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM - 5 PM. We will be making T-shirts at this meeting. Meetings are hosted at the Crime Victim Center of Erie County (125 W. 18th St., Erie, PA). All current CDC, state, and local guidelines for meeting indoors will be observed. Meetings are always confidential and completely free. <http://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWPA>.

Aug 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.

Aug 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+. (234) 254-8924. info@fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org. www.fullspectrumcommunityoutreach.org/.

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