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On Saturday, September 17, 2022, LBT Women held their annual picnic at Kim and Andrea's. The event included bocce ball, cornhole, great food, and excellent company! Photo by Michael Mahler.

16th Annual Pink Party Weekend at Zone Oct 7-9

from Michelle Michaels

The Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA, will be hosting the 16th Annual Pink Party Weekend on from Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9. All proceeds go to Linked By Pink, a 501c3 nonprofit located in Erie, PA, that assists young breast cancer patients and their families as they go through a breast cancer diagnosis. There will be a basket raffle and bake sale on both days and a Pink Party Benefit Show on Sunday, October 9 at 9:30 PM. After the show on Sunday, we will pull the tickets for the basket. You need not be present to win. We will have other party favors and some shots to help raise money for the Saturday night Pink Party. The Pink Party Benefit Show on Sunday, October 9, will replace what would have been the usual monthly Face show for October.

Ace Week 2022, October 23 - 29

by Rex Apps

Ace Week, formerly known as Asexual Awareness Week, was founded in 2010. This International

movement began as an awareness campaign to encourage LGBTQ+ communities to support the ace community. The community uses the word ace to encompass anyone who fits within the spectrum of asexuality. An asexual person experiences little to no sexual attraction and/or sexual desire.

Ace Week was founded by Sara Beth Brooks and Asexual Visibility Education Network founder David Jay. They wanted to gain the attention of some major organizations such as the National LGBTQ Task Force and the UN Human Relations Council.

The very first Ace Week was mostly conducted online through social media activities and blogging. In an effort to increase ace awareness within the LGBTQ+ community, members of the ace community created “Dear LGBTQ Community” videos. These were posted on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. Aces were also encouraged to share information and experiences on social media.

Each year has taken on its own unique flavor, but spreading educational materials, organizing community events, and discussing ace experiences have always remained at its core.

For more information see aceweek.org.

14th Annual Diversity Service at Community United Church

from Rev. Dr. Richard W. McCarty, Senior Pastor

The staff and congregation of Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie PA, warmly invite you to join us on Sunday, October 23, at 11:00 AM as we celebrate our fourteenth year as a nationally certified Open and Affirming faith community in the United Church of Christ. As an Open and Affirming Christian congregation, we boldly accept and affirm LGBTQ+ people and relationships. We proudly march in our city's Pride parade, and we also offer regular educational opportunities on LGBTQ+ inclusion. We are a faith community that grounds our understanding of God in unconditional love and although we do not claim to be perfect, we do seek to embody that love through radical welcome, helping

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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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those in need, honoring boundaries, worship, study, small groups, and standing for restorative justice. Please join us as we celebrate our fourteenth year of Open and Affirming certification.

Department of Aging: Registration Now Open for the Virtual LGBTQ Aging Summit and Institute on HIV and Aging on October 6 and 7

Harrisburg, PA - September 13, 2022 – The Pennsylvania Department of Aging today announced registration is now open for its virtual LGBTQ Aging Summit and Institute on HIV and Aging, which will take place Thursday, October 6 and Friday, October 7. All LGBTQ older adults, stakeholders, aging service providers, advocates and allies are encouraged to attend.

The first statewide Pennsylvania LGBTQ Aging Summit, convened in 2018, drew more than 300 participants from across the commonwealth to raise awareness and mobilize collaborative efforts. Since that historic event, the department and the Pennsylva-

nia Commission on LGBTQ Affairs have continued to work on issues raised by community advocates, Area Agencies on Aging staff, providers, and other stakeholders. The department anticipates even larger attendance for this year's summit.

"The LGBTQ Aging Summit is a great opportunity to highlight the department's ongoing commitment to building more inclusive, age-friendly communities for LGBTQ older adults. The summit is offering tools for LGBTQ older adults to live happy, healthy lives and for allies and service providers to learn how to further support LGBTQ communities," said Secretary of Aging Robert Torres. "I encourage everyone to register for this informative summit. I would like to thank our LGBTQ-affiliated partners for their continuous support in helping the department provide supportive and affirming services for LGBTQ older adults."

Day one of the virtual summit will include a keynote speech by Michael Adams, CEO of SAGE (Advocacy and Services for LGBT Elders), an overview of the Pennsylvania LGBTQ Health Needs Assessment Results, a panel discussion on elder

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equity, and working sessions with two separate tracks concentrating on supporting LGBTQ older adults and on community issues. The second day will focus on aging and living with HIV and include a panel of speakers who will discuss their experiences with growing older and living with HIV, research trends in HIV and aging and the legal landscape of HIV in the commonwealth.

The department partnered with the following organizations to plan this year's summit: The Pennsylvania Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, Pennsylvania Department of Health's Office of Health Equity, the Pennsylvania Association of Area Agencies on Aging, SAGE, AARP Pennsylvania, CARIE, LeadingAge PA, Alzheimer's Association of Pennsylvania, the Elder Initiative at William Way LGBT Community Center, Persad Center, LGBT Center of Central PA, LGBT Center of Greater Reading, Bradbury Sullivan LGBT Center, Montgomery County Office of Senior Services, Southwestern PA Area Agency on Aging, and Union-Snyder Area Agency on Aging.

"The 2018 LGBTQ Aging Summit built tremendous momentum for LGBTQ aging issues in the commonwealth, and it's been amazing to see the progress made over the past four years to improve services for our LGBTQ communities as we age," said Heshie Zinman, co-founder of the LGBT Elder Initiative. "We are excited for the 2022 Summit and HIV & Aging Institute as opportunities to reconvene aging services providers and LGBTQ older Pennsylvanians to share ideas and resources that will help us to thrive as we grow older."

In June, the LGBT Elder Initiative at William Way honored the department with its Founders' Award for LGBTQ Health Equity for its efforts to support LGBTQ older adults.

These efforts included completing several projects such as including the collection of sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data to help guide planning, programming, and outreach to ensure aging services are inclusive and responsive, as well as launching the HIV/AIDS education and resource page for older adults on the department's website.

To register for the summit or view the agenda, visit https://form.jotform.com/P4A_Events/2022-pda-lgbtq-aging-summit.

Learn more about the programs and services offered by the Department of Aging by visiting the department's website and on the department's Facebook page.

Robert J Dorr Scholarship through Pennsylvania Equality Project goes to Chole Loose

The Pennsylvania Equality Project is proud to announce that Chole Loose, a first-year student at Penn West University in Edinboro, is the first recipient of the Robert J. Dorr Scholarship. Chole is a graduate of the Conneaut School District and earned the award based on his assistance as a host at Pride events in Meadville, PA during the past three years.

When asked about whether his family is accepting of him, Chole said, "Thankfully, unlike many members in the LGBTQ+ community, my family was exceptionally supportive of my sexuality."

Chole's education and social awareness led to his activism in 2018. His mother and two LGBTQ+ sons worked with Glenn Tuttle to organize the first Pride event thrown in Crawford County. Four years later, Chole serves as a Junior Board member of Crawford County Pride. Chole concluded, "Thanks to such generous scholarships and grants, such as that provided by the Pennsylvania Equality Project, I have enrolled and, at the time of writing, completed my first week of college at Penn West Edinboro."

Going Back to School in Style

by Rex Apps

With the start of a new school year there is always a long list of supplies every student needs to have for their first day of classes. This week, with some help from the collaboration of many local entities, those lists seemed a bit more manageable for many LGBTQ+ youth in our area.

On Sunday, August 21, Macy's at the Millcreek Mall hosted LGBTQ+ youth for a private shopping



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experience at the store. The youth had the red carpet rolled out for them. Each participant was gifted with swag bags and snacks while they enjoyed shopping and meeting new friends.

NW PA Pride Alliance Inc., Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Transfamily of NW PA, and Erie Gay News teamed up Tuesday, August 23, for a school supply drive that was held at Community United Church on West 38th Street. All of the items that were collected will be given to Compton's Table for distribution at their event.

The Erie Art Museum served as the host Sunday, August 28, for the final back to school event hosted by Compton's Table. Here over 70 youth were given the opportunity to pack totes and backpacks full of school supplies and clothing. They were also given the opportunity to rock fresh haircuts for the first day of school provided by Moxi Hair Salon of Erie and Reverie Salon of Fairview.

Board Members sought for NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc

from NW PA Pride Alliance Board of Directors

NWPA Pride Alliance is looking for applicants to fill positions with our board of directors. NWPA Pride Alliance is seeking to diversify its membership to best address the needs of the LGBT community, persons of all sexual orientations, gender identifications, marital status, ethnic backgrounds and educational experiences are welcome to apply. All positions are unpaid, volunteer positions. We are looking for people who want to become more involved with the LGBT community, working with our members to extend outreach to the community as a whole.

Board members organize events within the community, represent the LGBT community at local events, and work with local businesses and organizations to raise awareness of LGBT issues. Board members meet the first Saturday of each month at 11:15 AM and additionally as needed in preparation for specific events.

Advisory panel members are to provide guidance for the board of directors in specific matters upon request. Meetings will be as needed and may be irregular. Specific areas of expertise being sought are accounting, legal counselor, community education, publicity, medical backgrounds and nonprofit administration. The board of directors will seek advice from the advisory panel on issues as they arise.

If you are interested, please send a resume that outlines your experience and qualifications by Friday, November 18, 2022, to president@nwpapride.org. All resumes will be considered, please note if you wish to apply for membership to the board of directors or advisory panel. You can only hold one of these positions, but you may apply for more than one. Applicants for the Board of directors will be contacted for a mandatory interview with the board to be scheduled after the resume is received.

Intersex Awareness Day on October 26

by Rex Apps

The annual Intersex Awareness Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 26. This is the date back in 1996 when the first public demonstration of intersex people took place in Boston, MA at the annual conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

At that time, the now defunct Intersex Society of North America and their allies demonstrated and shared their pains denouncing non-consensual infant genital surgery, and demanding the medical industries to take notice. Sadly, doctors dismissed the activities as a vocal minority in a New York Times article the following year.

Intersex Awareness Day highlights the fact that intersex people face violence, discrimination, stigma, harassment and persecution on account of their characteristics, which do not fit the binary notion of typical male or female bodies. Further, we are reminded that all people everywhere are created equal and should be afforded equal dignity and respect regardless of their sex characteristics.

For more information, you can check out intersexday.org.



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Powered By Rainbows Introduces New Platform To Help Teachers

August 12, 2022 - Recently, Tamaqua Area School District in Tamaqua, PA had a citizen at their June school board meeting complain about a transgender student being allowed to use the restroom corresponding to their gender identity. The resident was allowed by the school board to insult the child and attack the minor before telling the school board they shouldn't allow the transgender girl to use the restroom in school according to his religious beliefs.

A similar action happened in Minersville School District in Minersville, PA where their elementary school principal banned a transgender girl from using the restroom and said Minersville "wasn't ready" to have a trans student.

That's where Powered By Rainbows stepped in. We believe schools can do better and need to do better because the lives of their students are at risk if they don't. We have watched for years as school boards have been presented with parents or residents who spew hatred and make false claims about LGBTQ people. So, we decided to create a platform to help teachers, school administration, and school boards be

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more LGBTQ affirming to their students.

We just published this new platform called “LGBTQ Friendly Classroom” which is structured under the Danielson Framework so educators can learn all about the LGBTQ community, learn the science of how valid being gay or transgender are, and learn how to help their students come out of the closet if they see the signs of a student being LGBTQ.

We included lessons for teachers so they can learn how to implement LGBTQ discussions in every subject from history, to math and economics, to litera-

ture and more. We also included a complete guide on how to handle situations from other staff members or students using slurs, helping a student with a homophobic or transphobic family at home, helping students overcome depression, students changing their name or pronouns to better fit their gender identity, and even helping them with controversial issues like a transgender student on a sporting team.

In all of these resources, we help teachers not only understand the data but the federal laws regulating their actions. Plus, we even enable teachers to be certified as LGBTQ-Friendly Teachers and utilize the certification towards their continuing education credits.

Studies show, by utilizing a platform like our LGBTQ Friendly Classroom, schools can reduce the rate of bullying in their school, they can improve their overall GPA of students, and they can reduce the rate of depression, self-harm, and suicide among students.

We hope that our new platform can be utilized by teachers, administrators, and school boards this school year. We hope it can help every LGBTQ student and staff member in Pennsylvania schools and around the world.

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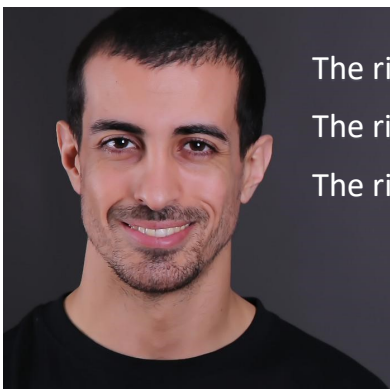
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Calendar

For latest updates, see www.eriegaynews.com

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 or contact cmn0626@gmail.com or (814) 504-1507

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

Sep 16 - 23 (Fri - Fri) - Bisexual Awareness Week
Co-founded by GLAAD, Bisexual+ Awareness Week seeks to accelerate acceptance of the bi+ (pansexual, fluid, no label, queer, etc.) community. #BiWeek draws attention to the experiences, while also celebrating the resiliency of, the bisexual+ community. Throughout #BiWeek, allies and bi+ people learn about the history, culture, community, and current policy priorities of bi+ communities. Browse to <http://bisexualweek.com/>.

Sep 22 (Thu) - Bears Do Dinner #95 (Habibi Mediterranean Cuisine, 127 W 14th St, Erie, PA 16565) 6 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and conversation! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Peter. Phone: (814) 384-9785.

Sep 22 (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.

Sep 23 (Fri) - Celebrate Bisexuality Day Marked each year since 1999, Bi Visibility Day raises bi awareness and challenges bisexual & biromantic erasure. Browse to <https://bivisibilityday.com/>.

Sep 23 (Fri) - Take Me Back To: The 70s & 80s (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Rebecca Mae and special guests take us back to the 70s and 80s! Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Sep 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Bear Weekend #2 (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) .

Sep 24 (Sat) - Camp Davis Dive Bar Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219)

Sep 24 (Sat) - Erie Out of the Darkness Community Walk (Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle, 301 Peninsula

Drive, Suite 1, Erie, PA 16505) 9:30 AM. This walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's education and support programs and its bold goal to reduce the annual U.S. rate of suicide 20 percent by the year 2025..

Sep 24 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWP (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM - 5 PM. All current CDC, state, and local guidelines for meeting indoors will be observed. Meetings are always confidential and completely free. <http://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfNWP>.

Sep 25 (Sun) - Diva-Licious Drag Brunch (Presque Isle Downs & Casino, 8199 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA 16509) 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Join us on for our first Diva-Licious Drag Brunch in Churchill's Bourbon & Brew! Doors open at 10:00AM, Show Time at 11:00AM. Tickets: \$25 and include brunch, one non-alcoholic drink and admittance to the show. (Alcohol sold separately.) Brunch Menu: Chicken and Waffles, All American Breakfast Burger, Bananas Foster French Toast, Breakfast Bowl. Reservations: To make a reservation, please call 814-866-8363. Seats are limited and reservations are highly recommended, people who have a reservation will be seated first. Please note, if you are not here within 15 minutes of your reservation, your reservation will be opened to other guests.

Sep 25 (Sun) - American Civil Liberties Union of PA Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting (La bella Restaurant and Catering, 802 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16502) 3 PM - 5 PM. Please feel free to attend. Admission is free and masks are optional. Email: suswood219@gmail.com. **Sep 25 (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.

Sep 25 (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/.

Sep 25 (Sun) - FACE Show with Misty Michaels Kall (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10 PM. Misty and the house cast (and special guests!) will burn up the dance floor in this month's FACE show. Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10pm. No cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Sep 27 (Tue) - National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day In 2008 the National Association of People with AIDS launched this observance day to recognize the disproportionate impact of the epidemic on gay men. #NGMHAAD

Sep 27 (Tue) - Future-Finding with 16-19 year olds (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) 5:30 PM - 7 PM.

Sep 28 (Wed) – LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour – All welcome (Julian's Bar & Grill, 299 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM.

Sep 29 (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/>.

Sep 30 (Fri) - Take Me Back To: Hocus Pocus (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Rebecca Mae, Misty Michaels Kall, and Alysins Wonderland are teaming up for not one but TWO events! First, our own version of the Sanderson Sisters host the Hocus Pocus 2 Viewing Party. Then, immediately following the movie they'll take the stage to start getting everyone in the spooky season mood! Doors open at 8pm. Viewing party starts at 9pm. \$5 cover. 21+

Sep 30 - Oct 29 (Fri - Sat) - The Rocky Horror Show (Academy Theatre, 275 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA 16335)

Sep 30 - Oct 2 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Ugly Sweater Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Sep 30 - Oct 2 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Moxie's Camp Yeti Euchre Tournament (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Oct 1 - 31 (Sat - Mon) - LGBT History Month First celebrated in 1994 in October. It was declared a national History month by President Barack Obama in 2009. The month was created with the intent to encourage openness and education about LGBT history and rights.

Oct 2 (Sun) - Drag Brunch (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 AM - 3 PM. Hosts Alysins Wonderland and DJ Tony G are back with a NEW AND IMPROVED brunch! You had suggestions and we listened. Featuring performances by Alysins, Rebecca Mae, Priscilla Godzilla, and Ohio Shari Turner! More information and tickets available at <https://www.thezonedanceclub.com/events>.

Oct 4 (Tue) - Art Expression with 12 -15 year olds + parent/caregiver support meeting (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) 5:30 PM - 7 PM. Phone: (833) 487-5769.

Email: jmorell@4urjrny.com. Browse to <https://www.traumainformedlife.com/>.

Oct 5 (Wed) - Pride Drag Bingo Hosted by Alysins Wonderland (Voodoo Brewing Co (Erie), 101 Boston Store Place, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 9 PM. Drag Bingo Returns on 10/5/22, hosted by Alysins Wonderland. NWPA 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 6pm for a Meet and Greet with the cast and games to begin at 6:30pm. \$25/ticket in advance, \$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 Rebecca Mae AND Venus Doom.

Oct 6 - 7 (Thu - Fri) - Pennsylvania Department of Aging Virtual Aging Summit & Institute on HIV & Aging (Virtual/Online) The summit is virtual and free to attend, but registration is required. The intended audience is older LGBTQ+ individuals, stakeholders, aging services providers (including AAAs & senior center staff), advocates, allies, and providers of services to LGBTQ older adults. Event sponsored by AARP.

Oct 6 (Thu) - Truth Seekers of LGBTQ+ Coalition Of Ashtabula County meets (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6:30

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Oct 6 (Thu) - MIAC Live: An Evening With Fran Lebowitz (Mercyhurst University - Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA 16546) 7:30 PM. Visit the MIAC website for more information. Tickets can be purchased at the box office (open Tuesday-Thursday, noon-5 p.m.), on the MIAC Ticketing website, or by calling 814-824-3000

Oct 7 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets (Room 33 Speakeasy & Cafe, 1033 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 8 PM.

Oct 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Masquerade Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Oct 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Moxie's Closing Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Oct 7 (Fri) - Night of 1,000 Dolly Partons (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Join Rebecca Mae and your favorite local queens as they turn it out to the incomparable Dolly Parton! Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10:30pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID. **Oct 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Michelle**

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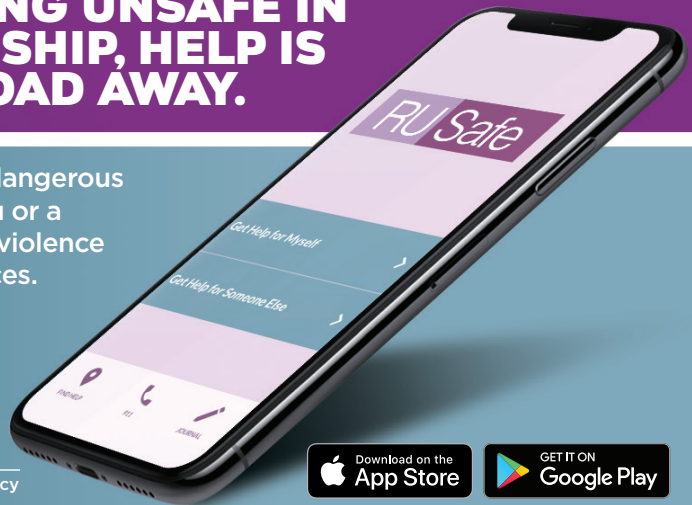
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Michaels' Annual Pink Party Weekend (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. All money raised will go to Linked by Pink - a non-profit that provides emotional and financial support for young women diagnosed with breast cancer. Bake sale and basket raffle all weekend. The weekend comes to a grand finale on Sunday with Michelle hosting a special edition of our FACE shows. All tips from the show go to the cause as well. Doors open at 8pm. Sunday Showtime 10pm. \$5 cover Friday & Saturday. No cover Sunday. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Oct 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. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Oct 9 (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/>.

Oct 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 for Zoom meeting info.

Oct 11 (Tue) - Dining Out for Life (Various restaurants and bars in WNY, Jamestown, NY 14701)

Oct 11 (Tue) - National Coming Out Day Every year on National Coming Out Day, we celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) or as an ally. First celebrated in 1988.

Oct 11 (Tue) - Art Expression with 16-19 (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) 5:30 PM - 7 PM. Phone: (833) 487-5769. Email: jmorell@4urjrny.com. Browse to <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>.

Oct 11 (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 LGBTQA+ Community in Ashtabula County!

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Oct 11 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44503) 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. If you're GLBT, a parent of someone who is, or an ally and you're looking for emotional support, we encourage you to attend Youngstown PFLAG's monthly support group. You will be surrounded by understanding peers from the valley who will be able to listen and help. Support groups are open to the public, and it starts at 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be available. Browse to <http://www.youngstownpflag.org/>.

Oct 14 - 16 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Closing Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Oct 14 (Fri) - Night of 1,000 Rihannas (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Join Rebecca Mae and your favorite local queens as they turn it out to the Caribbean Queen Rihanna! Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10:30pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Oct 15 (Sat) – Deadline for Erie Gay News Nov 2022 print edition (#325) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, Oct 25.

Oct 15 (Sat) - National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day The Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA) , the Hispanic Federation and other organizations organize this day to build capacity for non-profit organizations and health departments to reach Latino/Hispanic communities, promote HIV testing, and provide HIV prevention information and access to care. #NLAAD Browse to <http://www.nlaad.org/>.

Oct 15 (Sat) - Fall Table Runner Class (First Congregational UCC Jefferson, 41 E. Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047) 9 AM - 2 PM. A sewing machine can be provided if someone needs to borrow one. This is a beginner's class. The cost is \$25 and includes Fall Runner Quilt Kit and Pattern. We will be having a light soup lunch that day. All are welcome no matter your skill level!

Oct 18 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets (Hybrid) (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA 16507) 1 PM.

Oct 18 (Tue) - Future Finding with 12-15 + caregiver support (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) 5:30 PM - 7 PM. Phone: (833) 487-5769. Email: jmorell@4urjrny.com. Browse to <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>.

Oct 18 (Thu) - Bears Do Dinner #96 (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.

Oct 19 (Wed) - International Pronouns Day Browse to <https://pronounsday.org/>.

Oct 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. (716)-450-9055. aode2149@yahoo.com.

Oct 21 (Fri) - Night of 1,000 Rebecca Maes (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Our house cast turns it out in their best efforts to mimic host Rebecca Mae. Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10:30pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@thezonedanceclub.com. Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Oct 22 (Sat) - TransFamily of NWP (Erie) Transgender Support Group meets (Crime Victim Center of Erie County, 125 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM - 5 PM. 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/TransfamilyOfNWP>.

Oct 23 - 29 (Sun - Sat) - Ace Week Browse to <https://www.aceweek.org/>.

Oct 23 (Sun) - 14th Annual Diversity Worship Service (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16508-2540) 11 AM. Please join us as we celebrate our 14th Annual Diversity Service, recognizing our national Open and Affirming status as a Christian congregation. Here, LGBTQ people are warmly welcome!

Oct 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.

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Oct 24 (Mon) – Last Day to Register to Vote in PA General Election

Oct 25 (Tue) - Future Finding with 16-19 (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) 5:30 PM - 7 PM. Phone: (833) 487-5769. Email: jmorell@4urjrnj.com. Browse to <https://www.atraumainformedlife.com/>.

Oct 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!

Oct 26 (Wed) - Intersex Awareness Day Oct 26 (Wed) – LGBTQ+ and Allies Happy Hour – All welcome (Cussewago Creek Distillery, 993 Water St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM. *Note new location for even-numbered months!*

Oct 26 (Wed) - MIAC Live: Get Happy! Michael Feinstein Celebrates the Judy Garland Centennial (Mercyhurst University, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA 16546) 7:30 PM.

Oct 27 (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/>.

Oct 27 (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.

Oct 28 (Fri) - Zone Diva's Halloween Spooktacular (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. Host Misty Michaels Kall and former Miss Eries will get you in the spirit for the spookiest weekend of the year! What tricks and treats does Misty have up her sleeve? Doors open at 8pm. Showtime 10pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state- issued ID. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@thezonedanceclub.com. Browse to <https://thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Oct 29 (Sat) - Zone Diva's Halloween Spooktacular (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM. The Zone will be transformed into a haunted factory to scare, creep, and confuse you. Take a stab at the costume contest for a chance at some CASH prizes. Doors open at 8pm. \$5 cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.





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