



ERIE GAY NEWS

Serving the Regional LGBTQIA+ Community Since 1992



*6th Annual HIV/AIDS Awareness Walk participants.
Photo by Michael Mahler.*

6th Annual HIV Awareness Walk

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

On Monday, May 15, 2023, the Erie County HIV Task Force held the 6th Annual HIV / AIDS Awareness Walk. The HIV / AIDS walk provides a reminder to the local community that making personal health a priority is everyone's right. This year's awareness walk was located at Perry Square in downtown Erie PA. Participants enjoyed educational materials, refreshments and testing opportunities via the PA Thrive Partnership mobile unit at the event. Awareness walk attendees also received complimentary gift bags of materials from the task force as well as event sponsors Adagio Health, Community Health-Net, the Erie County Department of Health, SafeNet, and the Northwest Pennsylvania Tobacco Coalition. Public Health Staff were on hand for participants to ask questions and receive additional information regarding services in the region. For more information on local services, testing, and free condom, visit the Erie County HIV Task Force at ECHIV.ORG or follow their Twitter account @EriePAHIV and like their Facebook page.

Aging with Pride Launches Needs Assessment Survey

Aging with Pride seeks to serve local senior LGBTQ+ people with fun, enjoyable, and helpful programming. To help best understand the community's needs, we have launched a needs assessment survey. You can fill out the form online by browsing bit.ly/agingwithpridesurvey, or you can alternatively download a PDF from our website at AgingWithPrideErie.org. We will also have copies of the survey at our table at area Pride events, including Pride Fest on June 24, Meadville Pride on July 29, and Erie Pride Picnic on August 12. Please help us get the word out, so we can do the best job of serving the community!

Erie Pridefest 2023 – Parade Gathers at 11th Street!

Pridefest will take place this year on June 24th. We will gather on 11th St between Peach and French St from 11- 12 and step off to march to Perry Square at 12. Please note that this is a change in location from years past.

The NW PA Pride Alliance came to this decision with the safety of all participants in mind. By moving the step off closer to Perry's Square, the Erie Police can now close off the entirety of State Street for our Pride Parade. In past years, we have had to remain in the northbound lanes while traffic could continue southbound. This needed to be addressed in light of safety concerns because of incidents in other parts of the country.

We would also ask that if you cannot walk the parade, you join us by finding a great spot on State street to watch the parade and meet us at Perry Square afterward. For the safety of all parade participants, we will not be allowing personal vehicles to join the parade this year.

If you are setting up a table, we would like to have you checked in and set up no later than 12:30. Pridefest will start around 1 pm once the parade has

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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender people (GLBTs), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

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.

If you are restarting events or are moving to hosting events/meetings virtually, or want to change your copies received for distribution, please email info@eriegaynews.com



To Lake Erie Counseling Associates for hosting! Andrea Shaffer, Anita Holland, Audrey, Jeff Hill, Johauna, Kim Conti, Kolton Mehlalko, Oli Tilton, Rex Apps, Steve Siwiecki, and Susan Galle-Boyko for folding; Brett Staskiewicz, Jeff Hill, Johauna, Kim Conti, Kolton Mehlalko, Rex Apps, Steve Siwiecki, and Susan Galle-Boyko for distribution; Whee! Design for logo. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

finished and end at 5 pm. This event is family-friendly and open to all ages at no cost.

Throughout Perry Square, there will be information tables and vendors along with performances by local drag performers and other performers on the Erie Insurance Main Stage. HIV/STI and other health providers will be located in the Adagio Health and Wellness Zone.

More details will be available on our website NWPAPride.org.

GEAE Afternoon for Equality

Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)'s Afternoon for Equality is a significant source of funding that helps empower GEAE to support the region's LGBTQ+ community and its allies through educational programs, social events, and service opportunities. These programs and events strengthen our voice, improve the quality of life in northwestern Pennsylvania, and propel us toward our mission to create a safe and welcoming community for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

This year's Afternoon for Equality is Sunday, June 4 from 5-9 PM at the Hagen History Center, 356 W 6th WSt, Erie PA, 16607. The event features an open bar with food, and music by the Stephen Trohoske Trio.

We continue to live in challenging and difficult times, and it is GEAE's mission to provide LGBTQ+ competency training and educational outreach to help ensure all members of the community are treated as equals. Support of GEAE allows training to occur across many sectors, allowing employers, employees, and individuals to understand the importance of and navigate through the vast challenges the LGBTQ+ community still faces, even after all the progress that has been made in recent years. Many people in the Erie area continue to meet health, safety, and education challenges. And these challenges will continue to grow as we may see substantial past victories in the court systems resurface for overruling.

Without you, our supporters, our work would not be possible. That is why we are asking for you to sponsor Afternoon for Equality. In these challenging and unprecedented times, we all must work together

2023 AFTERNOON FOR EQUALITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

WATSON-CURTZE MANSION
Hagen History Center

5:00PM - 9:00PM

Open Bar | Food

Music by
Stephen Trohoske Trio

Tickets at
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 **Greater Erie Alliance for
EQUALITY**

to build a better now and future. GEAE is working diligently to provide you a return on the investment you made in us by promoting sponsors in various places.

Please choose one of our sponsorship levels pertaining to the meanings behind the original rainbow flag designed by Gilbert Baker. You can make your ticket purchase and donation to support GEAE's programs by completing and mailing the included form, or through our website at www.GreaterErieAlliance.com. Your partnership will help us continue our work now and into the future when the LGBTQ+ community needs even more support.

Ashtabula Pride is coming!

Plans for the 3rd annual Ashtabula County Pride festival are underway and getting exciting. Last year over 2000 people showed up to celebrate diversity. This year Pride will be held June 3rd from 11:00-5:00 at the Ashtabula County fairgrounds in Jefferson, OH. Admission is free for anyone in the LGBTQ+ community, their friends, family and allies. The family-friendly event will have food trucks, vendors, crafts, community services representatives,

live music and entertainment by local talent, dance parties, free medical testing, the Bookmobile, activities for kids, representatives from local churches, and a basket raffle.

The day begins with the opening ceremonies and a performance of the song "This is Me" from the movie *The Greatest Showman*. Other performers will include The Jefferson Community Players with an exciting radio theater show, local band The Daze, drag queen Mona Lotz and several friends, and other area singers and performers.

The LGBTQ+ Coalition of Ashtabula County believes those in LGBTQ+ community are a valuable part of Ashtabula county and deserve to be recognized, appreciated and celebrated.

Ashtabula County Pride is about building a world of acceptance through P.R.I.D.E. (PRIDE = People Rising for Inclusivity, Diversity & Equality).

For information about being a sponsor or having a vendor space please visit www.ashtabula.lgbt/pride23 to access the registration forms. You can also call or text 814-812-6646.

Non-profit organizations should use the vendor form to register for a space. Fees are waived for non-profits.

Cauldron & Thorne – Erie's Metaphysical Store

By Steve Siniewski

For peace and tranquility, visit Cauldron & Thorne, home of fine magical goods in Erie. I talked with owners Matt and Sonia Miller about this unique store. New to the area, they found a home not too far from Erie, but soon found that they had to drive 3-4 hours to find metaphysical items. They decided to take a chance and open a metaphysical store in Erie. Coming in with no preconceived notions, they wanted to open a happy place, a sanctuary, expecting all visitors to leave their prejudices at the door. They went from concept to opening in just 28 days, opening in October 2021. The following April, they expanded to the adjacent building, providing more space for activities.

They support a magickal, joyful, inspired lifestyle, featuring books from Llewellyn, Red Wheel/Weiser & Inner Traditions, a beautiful spread of crystals & gems, ceremonial supply, 20 varieties of sage, over 120 tarot & oracle, candles, Wildberry Incense, 90+ scents to tickle your nose (including backflow

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Ashtabula County

**DANCING
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**SATURDAY
JUNE 3**
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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cones, sticks, resins), loose herbs for your magical workings, cozy finds & more. They also offer classes, host monthly full moon and new moon events, yule and Samhain events, and other celebrations and events (including a screening of Rocky Horror).

For pride month last June, they invited visitors to write something on the Pride Wall. One quote that caught my eye was "Love is love, love is the most potent magic that we all can muster." These were thoughts and ideas to take us through the coming year. This June, they will paint over last year's sentiments and open the wall for new thoughts and ideas to take us through the coming year, to make this an annual event.

Stop in and visit the friendly owners and employees, and lose yourself in a peaceful environment. They are located at 2724 West 8th Street, and their hours are 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday and 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Sunday. To learn more about the types of items they sell and upcoming classes, visit their website at cauldronandthorne.com.

Pride Season to Overlap with Fairness Act Advocacy

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, but it is also the time of year that Harrisburg lawmakers focus on passing a budget and making other legislative deals before their summer recess. Those two traditions are meeting in an important way for LGBTQ+ rights this year.

Last month the Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed the Fairness Act, a comprehensive non-discrimination bill that would add sexual orientation and gender identity as characteristics protected by Pennsylvania's non-discrimination laws. Now it is up to the Pennsylvania Senate to take action on

the Fairness Act and send it to Governor Shapiro for signature.

The Fairness Act is a simple but important law that would allow the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to hear complaints about discrimination against LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians in employment, housing, and public accommodations. It is supported by broad coalitions of business and religious groups and would bring Pennsylvania into alignment with its neighbors in the Northeast, as today it is the only state in the region that doesn't protect LGBTQ+ people from discrimination in state law. At pride booths across the state this year and at events at the Capitol, campaigners will be asking pro-equality Pennsylvanians to contact their State Senators and tell them they want to see the Fairness Act passed. When you see them, follow their lead and ask your Senator - especially Erie County's Senator Dan Laughlin - to support the Fairness Act and send it to the Governor for signature.

PLEASE RECYCLE US!



Cauldron & Thorne owners Matt and Sonia Miller. Photo by Steve Siwiecki.



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Erie PRIDEFEST PARADE 2023

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

PARADE STEP OFF: NOON
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PRIDE FEST: 1-5PM
PERRY SQUARE

★ NOTE NEW LOCATION ★

Erie Gay News Partners with Whee! Pride for Shirts!

Celebrate LGBT pride with some Erie Gay News (EGN) merchandise from Whee! Pride. For 30 years, Erie Gay News has worked to connect Erie citizens with the LGBT community. To celebrate and continue EGN's effort to serve the community, Whee! Pride has created personalized merch!

EGN's new sleek logo, created by Patrick Hiller, is emblazoned on t-shirts, hoodies, and other collectibles. The collection also highlights the importance of gay inclusivity and celebrating your pride. All proceeds from your purchase will support Erie Gay News' dedication as a comprehensive news source for the Erie region.

Whether you're looking for t-shirts, hoodies, or other accessories, our collection has something for everyone. Wear your EGN gear to help spread the message of acceptance and inclusivity throughout the region. Get yours while supplies last!

Pride Guide 2023

compiled by Rex Apps

Check out the many Pride events in our region!

Friday, June 2 - 3

Pittsburgh Pride Revolution 2023, Allegheny Commons Park, North Park

1 pm - 7 pm

<https://lgbtqpittsburgh.com/>

Saturday, June 3

Pittsburgh Pride Revolution 2023, Allegheny Commons Park, North Park

11 am - 9 pm

<https://lgbtqpittsburgh.com/>

Cleveland Pride

11 am - 6 pm

<https://lgbtcleveland.org/pride/>

Ashtabula Pride

11 am - 5 pm

<https://www.ashtabula.lgbt/>

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The advertisement features a collage of images: a person in a purple 'support Local Drag' shirt, a person in a 'QUEER' t-shirt, two floral 'HAWAIIAN SHIRT PRIDE DESIGNS', and two people in 'SEATTLE PRIDE' and 'PORTLAND PRIDE' shirts. A QR code is in the top right. A rainbow flag is at the bottom.

Sunday, June 4

Pittsburgh Pride Revolution 2023, Bloomfield

1 pm - 9 pm

<https://lgbtqpittsburgh.com/>

Buffalo Pride

11 am - 7 pm

<https://buffaloprideweek.com/>

Saturday, June 10

Jamestown, NY Pride

10 am - 2 pm

<https://jamestownpride.org/>

Saturday, June 17

Warren Pride

11 am - 4 pm

<https://warrencountypride.wixsite.com/website>

Saturday, June 24

Erie Pride Parade and Pride Fest

Pride Parade steps off at noon, Pride Fest in Perry Square is 1 PM - 5 PM

<https://www.nwpapride.org>

Sunday, June 25

Swissvale Pride

11 am - 9 pm

<https://www.sisterspgh.org/2023-peoples-pride-presents-swissvale-pride>

Saturday, July 8

Crawford County Pride

Noon - 7 PM

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Saturday, July 29

Meadville Pride and Street Fair

1 PM - 5 PM

<https://www.nwpapride.org>

Saturday, August 12

30th Annual Pride Picnic at Presque Isle

1 PM - 5 PM

<https://www.nwpapride.org>

Sunday, August 13

Pride Day at Waldameer

11 AM - 9 PM

<https://www.nwpapride.org>

Aging with Pride Partners with Wheel Studios for Apparel

Aging with Pride, an organization of senior LGBT+ members and allies, has partnered with Wheel Studios to provide Aging with Pride t-shirts, hoodies, and tank tops. Part of the proceeds from these sales will be used for Aging with Pride activities and events. To see what's available and to place an order, visit wheepride.shop/collections/aging-with-pride. For more information about Aging with Pride, visit their website at AgingWithPrideErie.org. Look your best as you age with pride!

McDowell GSA Spirit Week Goes Viral

by McDowell GSA 2022-2023 President, Lauren.

This April, McDowell's GSA created a Spirit Week to celebrate the opening of McDowell CPA's The Prom. Thursday was Dress in Drag Day, meaning that kids would dress up as drag kings or queens (within the school dress code). When the spirit week was made, there were no thoughts of any issues. The GSA spirit weeks are entirely optional. Little did the club know that the spirit week would go viral. On Tuesday, April 25th, there were posts on Twitter about how 4 out of the five days were fine for a spirit week, but Thursday was unacceptable. In the original post, the person wrote, "My issue is not with pride day or lesbian pride, but the drag day. Drag is a kink, and to push it on impressionable teenagers is absolutely appalling and needs to be stopped.....this is grooming". Under the post, many people agreed with the statement, and few tried to back up McDowell's decision.

Furthermore, when word spread to the Mill-

creek superintendent, Dr. Ian Roberts made an official statement saying that McDowell GSA is free to do the spirit week as they please under the Equal Access Act of 1984. After the statement was released, an article on the Erie News Now website was published, as well as Fox/Jet24 did a TV interview/rundown of what was happening that day. Later on that Thursday, a few people dressed in drag to show support. Aside from that, it was like a normal day. The play The Prom was also a hit with selling out in almost all four performances.

Queer Food Drive, May 2023

Thanks to 11 different Queer organizations, the Second Harvest Food Bank and those battling food insecurity will benefit from over \$500.00 in food and monetary donations collected on Saturday, May 13, at Central Outreach Wellness Center, 3104 State St, Erie, PA.

Community Spotlight #6: NW PA Pride Alliance

In 2010, several factors led to the creation of the Pride Planning Committee, which would become the NW PA Pride Alliance. Erie Gay Pride Inc, which had been the organizer of the local Pride from 2006 to 2009, reorganized as the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and changed its focus. With there not being a Pride Fest for 2010, a group of volunteers got together on January 16, 2011, at the Plymouth Tavern to begin planning events for that year.

Some early board members were Michael Mahler, Season Crannell, Chris Dye, Ernie Staaf, Amy and Erin Terrizzi, Alex Bolla, and Diana Ames. Currently, Michael Mahler and Season Crannell remain on the board with Alex Sphon, Rex Apps, Andrew Caswell, Bobbie Fenno, Moe Ferrara, Anthony Gressley, Julie Lebow, Michael Mooney, Steven Wadsworth, Matthew Ciszek, Hazel Selitto, Michael "Debbie" Hipwell, Patrick Hiller, Anita Holland, Gwen Elaine, and Brett Staskiewicz.

Currently, the NW PA Pride Alliance hosts many events throughout the year. There are monthly Happy Hours in both Erie and Meadville on the first and fourth Wednesdays of the month. These locations are on a rotating schedule, so best to check the NW PA Pride Facebook to find that month's location.

The Pride Alliance also partners with other local organizations to host some annual give-back

Jamestown PRIDE 2023

**-Fri. June 2nd 4:00pm
Vote with PRIDE Flag Raising
and Rally @
Jamestown City Hall**

**-Thursday, June 8th 5:30pm
PRIDE Slow Roll Bike Tour @
Wintergarden Plaza**

**-Friday June 9th 6:30pm
B.Proud Lecture @ St Lukes**

**-Sat June 10th 10am to 4pm
PRIDE Fest+Farmers
Market+Fun+Drag+Music**

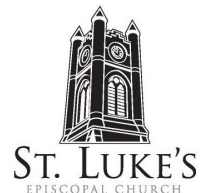
**– Sat. June 10th 6:30pm
Drag and Dancing @ Sneakers**

**– Sun. June 11th 10am
PRIDE Service @ St. Lukes**

**All events in Downtown
Jamestown
Full Details at
<http://jamestownpride.org/>**



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events. In the spring, they help to collect food for the Second Harvest Food Bank. In the fall, they work on collecting school supplies to help students when they are going back to school. During winter, they work together on the annual Coat and Boots Drive.

Volunteers are welcome to help with our events, especially the Erie Pride Fest, which will be coming up on Saturday, June 24. Please go to NWPAPride.org, and fill out the volunteer form there. Our volunteer coordinator will be in touch.

For a list of all of our activities throughout the year, like us on Facebook and Instagram at NW PA Pride Alliance, or check out our website at NWPAPride.org.



Aging with Pride Wants to Meet You

Aging with Pride, an organization of senior LGBT+ members and allies, is hosting a kickoff event on Thursday, June 8 from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Oasis Pub, 3122 West Lake Road. This organization develops and sponsors social/recreational and educational events to promote healthy leisure activities, community and an active, enjoyable lifestyle. They are sponsoring this social hour (OK, social two hours) to interact with members of the community and to get a sense of the types of activities that are of interest to senior LGBT+ individuals. Possible future events include a book club, movies, card and game times, group excursions to surrounding areas, coffeehouse get togethers, wine/beet tastings, and picnics, among others. For more information about Aging with Pride, visit their website at AgingWithPrideErie.org, or email Dale Allgeier at DaleAllgeier@outlook.com. And please plan on attending the June 8 kickoff event!

NW PA Pride board members at their March 9 meet and greet.

If HIV is on your mind, hope is in your hands.

Find testing, treatment & hope at PA-Thrive.com.



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MHA Mission Statement: The Mental Health Association provides support and advocacy to those in recovery – to be themselves and to feel accepted and connected with others with shared experiences.

MHA's PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM

A Certified Peer Specialist is a person who self- identifies and uses or has used mental health and/or co-occurring services and is passionate about helping peers on the journey to recovery. Certified Peer Specialists provide services in the community where peers live, work and volunteer, working one-on-one or in groups with their peers to ensure that each peer's individual recovery goals are developed and pursued. They assist the peer to envision an increasingly meaningful life; make informed, independent choices, set goals, and facilitate community integration.

- Any Erie County resident over the age of 18 interested in getting help on the journey to recovery is eligible for Certified Peer Specialist services.
- Candidates must be diagnosed with, or currently receiving treatment for, a serious or persistent mental illness that interferes with, or limits role performance in life, work, education or social situations.
- Program enrollment requires a written recommendation from a licensed psychologist, physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant.

If you are interested in obtaining Peer Support Services, please contact the Peer Support Program at MHA for more information about this referral.

Phone: (814)452-4462 X133

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.

Compton's Table Chat and Chill Social Hour for Youth every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Register with info@comptonstable.org for location.

Zone Monday Night Karaoke with DJ Nitro at The Zone, 133 W 18th St, 9 PM-midnight.. No cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Zone Trivia Wednesdays, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Hosted by Rebecca Mae, no cover, free to play (bring a charger cell phone), and amazing prizes! Doors open at 8 pm. Trivia begins at 9 pm. No cover. 21+ with valid state-issued ID.

Zone Flamin' Fridays, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. A weekly drag show hosted by Rebecca Mae with different special guests every week! Showtime at 10:30pm! Premieres June 16th.

May 24 (Wed) - Pansexual and Panromantic Awareness and Visibility Day This is a day to celebrate the pansexual and panromantic community and educate others on the community. Browse to <https://thepancommunity.tumblr.com/faq>.

May 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.

May 25 (Thu) - Teen Trans support group meets (G.A. Family Services, 210 Gustavus Ave, Jamestown, NY 14701) 5 PM. Contact: Kaden Mason. Phone: (716) 708-6161. Email: kmason@lutheran-jamestown.org. Browse to <http://gafamilyservices.org/>.

May 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. Phone: (716) 661-9044.

May 26 - 29 (Fri - Mon) - Memorial Day Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) It's our first long weekend of the season so come celebrate the unofficial start of summer with us at the Pond.

May 26 (Fri) - RivALZ to End Alz Drag Bingo (JPTF Bingo Hall, 2319 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16506) 5:30 PM. The Alzheimer's Association team Guardians presents Drag Queen Bingo hosted by Erie's own Rebecca Mae. Tickets \$30 presale / \$35 at the door. **May 27 (Sat) - LBT Women of Erie goes to Troika Festival** (Church of the Nativity, 251 East Front Street, Erie, PA 16507) 12 PM. Annual Russian festival.

May 27 (Sat) - Memorial Day Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Potluck 4 PM in Rec Hall. Bring your favorite picnic side to join in the fun. Clothes must be worn during all group food events!

May 27 - 28 (Sat - Sun) - Pigs, Puppies & Leather Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219)

May 27 (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. Includes T-shirt design contest for Erie Pride Fest next month! transfamilynwpabod@gmail.com

May 27 (Sat) - Drag Queen Dance Party (The Beer Snob, 318 Washington St, Jamestown, NY 14701) Dance Party at 8 PM. Show times at 9:30 PM, 11 PM, 12:30 AM. Admission \$10. Featuring Katrina Twerk Island, Mia Fierce. Special guests Rebecca Mae, Fantasee Island. Hostess Exxxotica Splash. Phone: (716) 708-6609. Browse to <https://www.thebeersnob-jamestown.com/>.

May 28 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Youth Peer Support & Social Group meets (The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505) 3 PM - 5 PM. Ages 14-17, under 14 with signed parental consent form. Phone: (234) 254-8924.

May 28 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Adult Peer Support Group meets (The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505) 6 PM - 8 PM. Ages 18+.

May 31 (Wed) - Hulu Original "Drag Me To Dinner" premieres (Hulu) Neil Patrick Harris, Bianca Del Rio, Haneevah Wood, and David Burtka star, with host Murray Hill, alongside 40 stunning drag queens who are featured across the 10-episode series. Browse to <https://www.hulu.com>.

Jun 1 (Thu) - Game with Pride (Compton's Table, 3104 State St, Erie, PA 16508) 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM. A gathering for queer folx, play games and enjoy community. 18+ event (21+ BYOB.) Light snacks provided.

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Jun 1 - 5 (Thu - Mon) - Friends & Family Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Jun 1 - 30 (Thu - Fri) - LGBT Pride Month June is celebrated as Pride in honor of the Stonewall Riots, though Pride events occur all year round. It also marks the month that same-sex marriage was legalized in the United States.

Jun 2 (Fri) - Jamestown PRIDE Flag raising and rally (Jamestown City Hall, 200 E 3rd St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 4 PM - 6 PM. "Vote with Pride" voter registration drive begins. Join local elected leaders and candidates for public office and the queer community and our allies. Full details at <http://jamestownpride.org/> Venue Phone: (716) 483-7510. Email: info@JamestownPride.org. Browse to <http://jamestownpride.org/>. Browse to venue web site <https://www.jamestownny.gov/>.

Jun 2 (Fri) - Journey: Healing Together - LGBTQ+ Affirmative Game Night (Journey: Healing Together, 201 W. 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501) 5 PM. Gather around 5pm for a couple of hours to geek out with fellow gamers. Ages 18+ choose from a variety of board, card, dice, games. As the group grows, smaller

groups can split off and play different games. There are plenty of quiet spaces available to regroup for those of us who can get over stimulated sometimes. Hosted by Eric Reiche, Milo Orr, and Leo Ferko, there are opportunities to meet up with friends new and familiar. We are definitely an LGBTQ+ affirming space! Allies and Accomplices welcome! \$5 suggested donation. Phone: (814) 867-5309. Browse to <https://journeyht.org/>.

Jun 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) meets (Pier 6 Rooftop Bar & Restaurant, 6 Sassafras St, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM - 8 PM. June Happy Hour - All Are Welcome!

Jun 3 (Sat) - Bling Bling Baby! Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Dust off the Bedazzler and plug in your hot glue gun, an

Jun 3 (Sat) - Third Annual Ashtabula County Pride (Ashtabula County Fairgrounds, 127 N Elm St, Jefferson, OH 44047) 11 AM - 5 PM. .

Jun 4 (Sun) - Afternoon for Equality (Watson-Curtze Mansion at the Hagen History Center, 356 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16507) 5 PM - 9 PM. Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)'s Afternoon for Equality is a significant source of funding that helps empower GEAE to support the region's LGBTQ+ community and its allies through educational programs, social events, and service opportunities.

Jun 5 (Mon) - HIV Long-Term Survivors Day This day celebrates and honors long-term survivors of the epidemic and raises awareness of their needs, issues and journeys. Browse to <https://medium.com/hiv-long-term-survivors-awareness-day-hltsad>.

Jun 7 (Wed) - Erie's Queer Happy Hour (U Pick 6 Harbor House, 4454 Buffalo Rd, Erie, PA 16510) 6 PM - 9 PM. This event is open to everyone however those under 18 years of age will need a guardian to attend. In accordance with State law, only those 21+ can have alcoholic beverages. Phone: (814) 314-9075. Venue Phone: (814) 616-8106. Email: president@nwpapride.org. Browse to <http://www.nwpapride.org>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/128919120192492>. Browse to venue web site <https://www.upick6.com/harbor-house/>.

Jun 8 (Thu) - Aging with Pride Social Hour (Oasis Pub, 3122 W Lake Rd, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM - 8 PM. This kickoff event is for interacting with members of the community and to get a sense of the types of activities that are of interest to senior LGBTQ+ individuals. Possible future events include a book club, movies, card and game times, group excursions to surrounding areas, coffeehouse get togethers, wine/beet tastings, and picnics, among others.

Jun 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) - 80's & 90's Weekend (Jones

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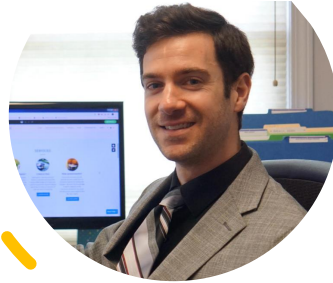
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Jun 9 (Fri) - B.Proud Presents (St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701) 6:30 PM. St. Luke's, The MHA, and Jamestown Pride Fest (JPF) present B. Proud. The program begins on Friday, June 9, at 6:30 at St. Luke's Undercroft. Proud is a legendary LGBTQ+ civil rights champion. This JPF Opening Speaker program welcomes all people and LGBTQ+ friends and allies, especially families and youth new to discovering their identities and seeking acceptance, friendship, and empowerment. Venue Phone: (716) 483-6405. Email: info@JamestownPride.org. Browse to <http://jamestownpride.org/>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <https://www.facebook.com/events/885642182509753>. Browse to venue web site <https://www.stlukesjamestown.org/>.

Jun 9 (Fri) - Zone - Pittsburgh Invasion! (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 10:30 PM. The queens of Pittsburgh take over for this one-night only event! Hosted by Miss Erie 2021 Indi Skies and Luna Skye, come watch the Steel City represent! Doors

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Jun 9 (Fri) - M & J's Lounge Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) \$5 cover charge, membership fee waived. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

Jun 10 (Sat) - You Kilt It Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Come sporting your favorite kilt and easily be the winner of a thirst-quenching basket at midnight by a secret judge. Sponsored by Dustin and Tony. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Jun 10 (Sat) - Jamestown Pride Fest (Third Street, between Cherry and Pine St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 10 AM - 4 PM. Street fair, farmers market, drag, entertainment, speakers, fun, food. Full details at <http://jamestownpride.org/> Email: info@JamestownPride.org. Browse to <http://jamestownpride.org/>.

Jun 10-Jun 11 (Sat)- Sun - We Dream a World: Renaissance City Choir 2023 Pride Concert (East Liberty Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15406) 4 PM. Join RCC as we sing for justice and "Stand Up" in pride and in joy for our community not just in June but every month.

Jun 11 (Sun) - Jamestown PRIDE Service (St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701) 10 AM. A service of pride and empowerment welcoming people of all faiths! Full details at <http://jamestownpride.org/>

Jun 11 (Sun) - Aging With Pride planning meeting (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 1932 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) 1 PM. Planning meetings are open to anyone interested in helping to plan activities for Aging with Pride. Meetings generally run about 2 hours with coffee and light refreshments provided. Use the entrance at 1934 W 8th. Contact: Dale Allgeier. Phone: (814) 455-4009. Email: daleallgeier@outlook.com. Browse to <https://agingwithprideerie.org/>.

Jun 12 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News July 2023 print edition (#332) (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502-1105) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released on the evening of Tuesday, Jun 20.

Jun 12 (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

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Jun 13 (Tue) - LGBTQ+ Coalition of Ashtabula County Community Meeting (Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004) 6 PM. Join us for our monthly meetings: a safe place for discussion, understanding, and community. Learn about the current activities of the Coalition and how you can participate. Connect with others in the LGBTQ+ Community in Ashtabula County. All are welcome who come in the spirit of inclusivity, diversity, equality, and nonjudgement.

Jun 13 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH 44503) 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

Jun 15 (Thu) - Bears Do Dinner #104 (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.

Jun 15 (Thu) - Queer Open Mic (Compton's Table, 3104 State St, Erie, PA 16508) 6 PM - 10 PM. Come hang out at our monthly open mics hosted by the awesome, talented, and slaying Gwen Elaine! FREE! BYOB (wrist bands provided for anyone with alcohol). if you want to register as a performer, email info@comptonstable.org Contact: Gwen Elaine. Phone: (814) 580-8185. Browse to <https://comptonstable.org/>.

Jun 15 (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.

Jun 16 - 18 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Pride (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)

Jun 17 (Sat) - Naked Foam Party (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219)

Jun 17 (Sat) - Journey: Healing Together - LGBTQ+ Crafternoon (Journey: Healing Together, 201 W. 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501) 11 AM - 2 PM. CottageCore and Curious Crafter's alike are welcome! Journey: Healing Together hosts a casual time of crafting and conversation. Crafting is a great anxiety reducer and being around great people while you're creating is even better! We are a Queer-Affirming space so LGBTQ+, Allies and Accomplices are welcome! \$5 suggested donation per person or \$10 max per family (Children welcome, although we do not provide any childcare or facilitation). Phone: (814) 867-5309. Browse to <https://journeyht.org/>.

Jun 17 (Sat) - Aging with Pride Book Club - Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin (Werner Books, 3514 Liberty St, Erie, PA 16508) 1 PM. Werner Books offers a 20% discount on books purchased for the book club.

Jun 18 (Sun) - DRAG Brunch: Pride Week Kick-off (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 11 AM. Hosts Alysins Wonderland and DJ Tony G are back with another BRUNCH to kick-off our WEEK LONG Pride celebration! **THIS IS A NON-SMOKING EVENT!** Doors open at 11am. Show begins at 12pm. Featuring Misty Michaels Kall, Rebecca Mae, Scarlet Fairweather (from Pittsburgh) AND MORE! Mimosa and Bloody Mary specials! Ticket price includes the show, buffet, and service fees. Seats are first come/first served and will not be assigned.

Jun 18 (Sun) - Journey: Healing Together - Banned Book Club (Journey: Healing Together, 201 W. 11th Street, Erie, PA 16501) 2 PM - 4 PM. Phone: (814) 867-5309. Browse to <https://journeyht.org/>.

Jun 20 (Tue) - Erie County HIV Task Force meets (Hybrid) (Erie County Department of Health (ECDH), 606 W 2nd St, Erie, PA 16507) 1 PM. The Erie County HIV Task Force is a collaboration of local organizations and individuals dedicated to educating, supporting, and advocating for people living with HIV/AIDS and preventing the spread of infection.

Jun 20 (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 print edition of Erie Gay News.

Jun 21 (Wed) - Journey: Healing Together - Out & Proud - A Solstice Celebration (Journey To A Trauma Informed Life, 201 W 11th St, Erie, PA 16505) Sun Salutations yoga, contribute to the community mosaic panel, make a sun catcher (children and adults), intention setting fire rituals... all throughout the day. Visit <https://journeyht.org/pride-summer-solstice/> for details

Jun 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboy Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Cowboy Weekend is all about the dancing, the food and the boys. Save a horse and ride a cowboy with us.

Jun 24 (Sat) - Back To The 80's Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Evening sponsored by Rob & James. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Browse to <http://campdavispa.com/>.

Jun 24 (Sat) - Erie Pridefest and Pride Parade 2023 (Perry Square, 6th and State Streets, Erie, PA 16507) 11 AM - 5 PM. See article on front page

Jun 24 (Sat) - Erie Sisters & Brothers Annual Victorian Princess Dinner Cruise (Victorian Princess, 1 State St, Erie, PA 16507) 3:30 PM. Join us and take in the beautiful scenery of Presque Isle Bay as you enjoy the delicious dinner buffet on the three tier Victorian Princess paddle boat. \$44.00 per person includes Cruise and Buffet dinner (does not include alcoholic beverage).

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Jun 25 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Youth Peer Support & Social Group meets (The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505) 3 PM - 5 PM. Ages 14-17, under 14 with signed parental consent form. Phone: (234) 254-8924.

Jun 25 (Sun) - Full Spectrum LGBTQIA+ Adult Peer Support Group meets (The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown, 1105 Elm Street, Youngstown, OH 44505) 6 PM - 8 PM. Ages 18+.

Jun 26 (Mon) - Aging With Pride planning meeting (Lake Erie Counseling Associates, 1932 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM.

Jun 27 (Tue) - National HIV Testing Day National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) was first observed on June 27, 1995. NHTD is a day to encourage people to get tested for HIV, know their status, and get linked to care and treatment. #HIVTestingDay Browse to <https://locator.hiv.gov/>.

Jun 28 (Wed) - Stonewall Riots Anniversary

Jun 28 (Wed) - NW PA Pride Alliance LGBTQIA and Allies Happy Hour (Cussewago Creek Distillery,

Jun 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. Phone: (716) 661-9044.

Jun 28 (Wed) - NW PA Pride Alliance LGBTQIA and Allies Happy Hour (Cussewago Creek Distillery, 993 Water St, Meadville, PA 16335) 5:30 PM - 9 PM. ALL are WELCOME. This is a time to network and socialize with the LGBTQ community and allies in the Meadville area. An RSVP would be appreciated but not necessary. All are welcome so please share and spread the word! Don't forget to bring your business cards for exchange.

Jun 29 (Thu) - Pride Night with the Erie Seawolves (Erie Seawolves/UPMC Park, 110 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) 6:05 PM. Get a limited edition ballcap when you purchase your ticket through nwpapride.org.

Jun 29 (Thu) - Teen Trans support group meets (G.A. Family Services, 210 Gustavus Ave, Jamestown, NY 14701) 5 PM. Contact: Kaden Mason. Phone: (716) 708-6161. Email: kmason@lutheran-jamestown.org. Browse to <http://gafamilyservices.org/>.

Jun 30 - Jul 4 (Fri - Tue) - Independence Day & Canada Day Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729)



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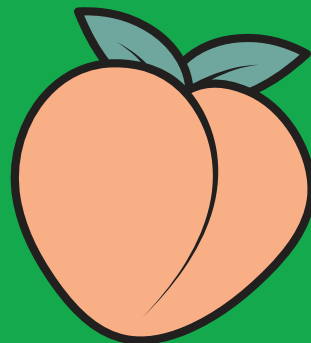
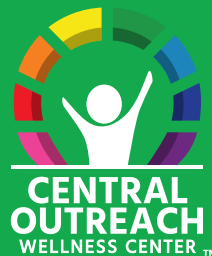
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