

Erie Gay News

GEAE Celebrates PACA

from Greater Erie Action for Equality

It's time for our last GEAE Gives Back! event of 2015. Please join the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality from 6:30 – 9 pm on October 14th at PACA - the Performing Artists Collective Alliance (1505 State St., Erie PA) for a chance to help GEAE give back to this excellent organization! PACA will soon be opening a performing arts program for youth. To help out with this, we are asking for you to bring donations of art supplies, musical instruments, and dance/character shoes among other much needed items. GEAE will match the donations of supplies, instruments, and shoes up to \$300. Catering will be provided through Zodiac Dinor and PACA will be sharing with us about their program and providing some entertainment (special performances of Rocky Horror numbers!) to help make this an evening of education, service, and fun! Head to our GEAE Gives Back! Facebook event page for a list of needed items Info: www.facebook.com/ Greater Erie Alliance

2nd Annual Jamestown Pride Conference Oct 24

from Jamestown Pride Society

The Jamestown Pride Society will present the Second Annual Jamestown Pride Conference on October 24 at the Jamestown Savings Bank Arena, 319 W 3rd St, Jamestown, NY. 1-4:15 PM. Speakers, performers, vendors, free luncheon, cash bar, over \$2,000 in prizes. Performances: Comedian Aidan Park, Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus, Laura Cimino, Nat Shafer and the James Miller Band! Speakers on topics like GENDA, bullying, health and human services, plus community leaders and government officials. Over 30 local vendors. Following conference is the Miss Gay Chautauqua County Pageant (starting 7pm) in affiliation with Imperial Court of Buffalo, and the Masquerade Ball (11pm) with DJ, costume contest, 50/50.

Info: Contact: Jason A Perdue. (716) 397-2452. www.jamestownpride.com



Pride Fest revellers dancing to Billy Winn (on stage) More photos on our website.

Photo by Tammie Johnson

New group for trans youth

A new support group for transgender youth will be starting in Erie on October 4. The groups will be held from 2pm to 5pm the first Sunday of each month at Lake Erie Counseling (301 West 10th St., Erie PA). All trans youth are welcome! Info: (814) 504-1507 cmn0626@gmail.com or Caitlin: (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.com.

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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.



THANKS From Your Friends at Erie Gay News

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Community News

Lake Erie Gala Oct 28-Nov 1

from Erie Sisters and Brothers

The 2015 Lake Erie Gala, sponsored by the Erie Sisters and Brothers, will be held at the Avalon Hotel Oct. 28-Nov. 1 The event is moved up from our traditional week before Thanksgiving this year, to lessen the possibility of the kind of severe weather we had last year that blocked members from Buffalo and Canada. This year, being centered around the week of Halloween, the Gala will naturally be Halloween themed. Registration will open Wednesday morning, and our first event will be cocktail hour and dinner at Molly Branigan's, followed by bowling. Tours kick off Thursday morning, and will include a tour of the catacombs below Union Station, aka BrewErie. Our group had the first tour of the underbelly of the terminal years ago as part of a Gala tour after several years of begging to see it. If you've never seen it, it could fit right into one of those "paranormal experience" shows. Other legs of the Thursday tour include Fuhrman's Cider Mill, Arundel Cellars, and Penn Shore Winery. Thursday





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evening will welcome back illusionist Cliff Hopkins, who performed for us in 2011 and gave a terrific show.

Friday's tour lineup visits Grape Discovery Center, McClurg Museum, lunch at Brazil's, and Five and Twenty Spirits, all in Westfield NY. From there the tour concludes at Burch Farms in North East before returning to the Avalon. The annual Glitter Ball has been moved to Friday night, instead of our traditional Saturday night, and all meals at the Avalon throughout the Gala are Halloween themed. Saturday night, being Halloween, we will have a Halloween party with cash prizes, and is open to the public. Our lighting engineer, Jennifer Lucas, is providing lights and effects throughout the event. Jennifer owns a large lighting company, and has done the lightshow for the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day half time the past 2 years, and has the contract for this year's game as well.

All in all, this year's Lake Erie Gala is shaping up to be a truly EErie event. For registration and more information, visit the Erie Sisters and Brothers website at http://eriesisters.ning.com or contact president

Melanie Shubitowski at shub1@suite224.net by e-mail or phone (440) 265-8191

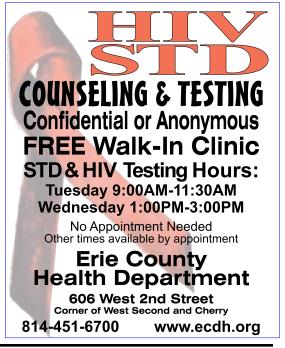
Dining Out For Life in WNY Oct 6

from Evergreen Health Services

Dining Out For Life is an annual HIV/AIDS fundraising event in western New York held on October 6. Benefits Evergreen Health Services. Services! More info: 716 664-7855 Email lmatson@evergreenhs.org

Participating Southern Tier restaurants: Alfies Restaurant (716) 488-7410 Donating 50% Dinner; Brazil Craft Beer & Wine Lounge (716) 490-0487 Donating 50% Dinner; Forte! the Restaurant (716) 484-6063 Donating 33% Dinner; Andriaccio's Restaurant (716) 753-5200 Donating 25% Lunch, Dinner; Ellicottville Brewing Company West (716) 679-7939 Donating 25% Lunch, Dinner; Landmark Restaurant (716) 720-5633 Donating 25% Dinner Scallion Bistro (716) 763-0051 Donating 25% Dinner





Pride Fest Recap

from NW PA Pride Alliance

Downtown Erie blazed rainbows on Saturday, August 29, as over 300 members of the LGBT community and their allies celebrated at the Pride Fest and Parade organized by NW PA Pride Alliance.

The day began with the Pride Parade, which stepped off from the Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Parade units included Erie Gay News, NW PA Pride Alliance, Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group, reigning Miss Erie 2015 Valerie Valentino, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) NWPA Chapter, LBT Women, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Community United Church, Ladyfest Erie, Northwestern High School GSA, Keystone Progress, and Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie.

The parade rolled north on State Street, ending at Griswold Park. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first "Family Portrait" in October of 1995 on the steps of the Erie County Courthouse, a group photo was taken.

The keynote speaker of the event was Pennsylvania Physician General Dr. Rachel Levine, the first openly-transgender state level cabinet member confirmed in the U.S. Dr. Levine was introduced by Pennsylvania State Senator Sean Wiley of the 49th Senatorial District. Both the Senator and Physician General spent the afternoon at the Pride Fest following their speeches, enjoying the Erie community and speaking to community members.

The event was hosted by drag queen Lovin' Heart and DJ Tony G, along with assistance from their stage manager Jessica Pierce. Entertainment was provided by a variety of performance artists: Drag queens Misty Michaels Kall (Miss Erie 2011 and host of the Zone Diva shows), Sasha Alexxander, Taylor Morgan (Miss Erie 2005), Angelica Arkett, and Valerie Valentino (current Miss Erie); local vocalist and songwriter Bob Bearfield played an acoustic guitar set, and the show concluded with electronic dance musician Billy Winn.

Following Winn's performance, a pair of young women became engaged with a surprise, on-stage proposal.

In addition to the entertainment, attendees had a variety of vendors and information tables to browse. The event was attended by representatives of many local health agencies, non profits, LGBTA groups and multiple vendors. Adagio Health, ACLU NW PA, Asexuality Visibility & Community Group (AVCG), Billy Winn, Community United Church, Equality PA, Erie Animal Network, Erie County Department of Health, Erie County Human Relations Commission, Erie Sisters & Brothers Transgender Support Group, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Jamestown Pride Society, Karma Tattoo Studio, Keystone Progress, Ladyfest Erie, LBT Women, Lillis, McKibben, Bongiovanni & Co, Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, National Organization for Women: NWPA Chapter (NWPANOW), NW PA Pride Alliance, Pennsylvania Equality Project, Pennsylvania Youth Congress, Persad Center, Pittsburgh Lesbian Correspondents, PNC Bank, Safe Harbor Behavioral Health, Sam's Club, Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, Widget Financial, Ava Anderson Non-Toxic, Dragonfly Lake Scents, Ellie Ghost, Illustrated Time Photography, Jamberry, Jewelry in Candles, Ms. Zewe, Paparazzi Accessories, Rainbow Creations, Tastefully Simple, and The Cookielady.

Community Health Net and Erie County Department of Health, in partnership with NW PA Pride Alliance, were able to preform free oral and rapid tests for HIV.

Special thanks go out to board members and volunteers: Season Crannell, Chris Dye, Daniel Thomas, Diana Ames, Finu Lukose, Alex Sphon, Melanie Shubitowski, Kelly Kidd, Michael Mooney, Doug Anderson, Deb Spilko, Jodi Shay, Rex Apps, Kim, Andrea, Tammie, Tony Gressley, Johauna, and Adam. Apologies to anyone we may have missed... we were blessed with so many helpful people!



Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar 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.aaeriepa.org.

Sep 25 - 27 (Fri - Sun) - Moxie's Camp Y.E.T.I Euchre Tournament & Mega Bingo - Game Time! (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. www.jonespond.com.

Sep 25 (Fri) - End of Summer Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 26 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Support group for transgender, gender non-conforming, gender-questioning, and intersex people and their loved ones Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlynxpress@gmail.

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Sep 26 (Sat) - Masquerade 2015 (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. campd@aol.com. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Sep 26 (Sat) - Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required, purchase from bartender. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 29 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. (724) 287-7731. www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork.

Sep 30 (Wed) - The Table: Gather at the Table (Presque Isle State Park, Beach 1 Pavilion, 301 Peninsula

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Oct 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Location TBA, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 8 PM.

Oct 2-4 (Fri -Sun) - Annual Michelle Michaels Breast Cancer Weekend (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Pink party Sat, special FACE show Sun. Bake sale, Chinese auction, ribbon sales, much more. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Oct 2 - 4 (Fri - Sun) - Camp Davis Closing Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Oct 2 (Fri) - Bear Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, membership required, purchase from bartender. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 2 - Oct 4 (Fri - Sat) - Jones Pond Closing Weekend (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585) 567-8100. www.jonespond.com.

Oct 2 (Fri) - "Freeheld" (2015) opens nationwide.

www.freeheld.movie

Oct 3 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Applefest (Franklin, PA) 10 AM. Food, crafts, entertainment. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.franklinapplefest.com/.

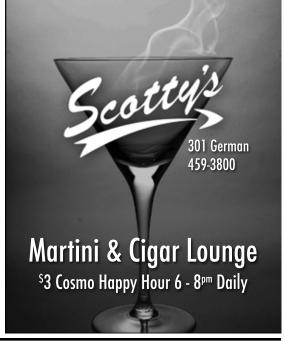
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Oct 6 (Tue) - Dining Out for Life (Jamestown, NY 14701) Supporters Dine Out at a participating WNY





restaurant and restaurant donates at least 25% of your food bill to Evergreen Health Services! (716) 664-7855. lmatson@evergreenhs.org.

Oct 8 (Thu) - Bears Do Dinner (Summer House Cafe, 2605 Washington Ave, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. Dinner is on your own. (814) 446-2327. (814) 452-2500. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

Oct 9 (Fri) - Indoor Sports Night (M & J's Lounge,



124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

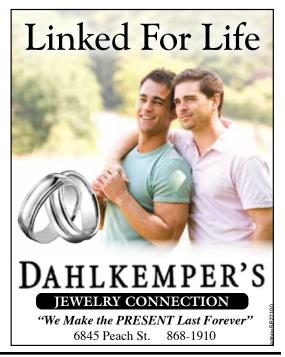
Oct 9 (Fri) - Comedian Karen Williams 7:30 PM Edinboro University, Louis C. Cole Auditorium – Memorial Hall, Edinboro PA. Comedy writer and former host of the GLBTQ show, *In The Life*, Williams' humor writings appear in numerous anthologies. Office for the Performing Arts (814) 732-2518.

Oct 9 - 31 (Fri - Sat) - PACA Presents: 'Rocky Horror Show' (PACA, 1505 State St, Erie, PA) By Richard O'Brien Doors: 7:30p, Curtain: 8:00p, Tickets: \$10. BYOB w/ ID. www.paca1505.com.

Oct 10 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Peek n Peak Fall Festival (Peek 'n Peak, 1405 Old Rd, Clymer, NY) 1:30 PM. Contact: Kim Conti. (814) 314-9512. Venue (716) 355-4141. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.pknpk.com/activities/fallfest. venue web site www.pknpk.com/.

Oct 10 (Sat) - TransFamily Meadville meeting (Counseling Corner, 898 Park Avenue, 2nd floor, Meadville PA) 2-5PM. Beginning in October, we will be holding monthly meetings in Meadville on the second





Saturday of each month Info: Richelle Koehler at richellekoehler@hotmail.com.

Oct 10 (Sat) - Leather Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) BYOB, get membership from bartender. rwww.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 11 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Brew Ha Ha at the Colony, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA) 12 PM. (814) 314-9512. ErieBeans@aol.com. www.facebook.com/LBTWOMENOFERIE.

Oct 12 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News November 2015 print edition (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA) This issue will be released the evening of Oct 20 and include our General Election Voters Guide. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Oct 13 (Tue) - Youngstown PFLAG meets (St. John's Episcopal Church, 323 Wick Ave, Youngstown, OH) 6:30pm. www.youngstownpflag.org

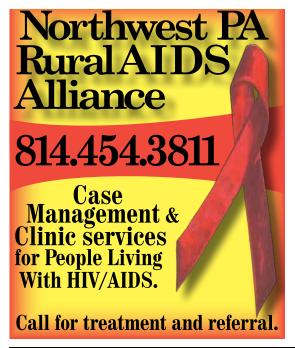
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Oct 14 (Wed) - Namoli Brennet (Venango College of Clarion University, Oil City, PA) 7:00 PM www. namolibrennet.com

Oct 14-18 - "Cabaret" SUNY Fredonia, Rockefeller





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Oct 15 (Thu) - Screening: "Out in the Silence" 7pm (University of Pitt at Titusville in Henne Auditorium, Titusville PA.) Emmy-award winning documentary, that follows the struggle of a gay teen growing up in the Oil City region. Panel discussion follows. Info: Tammy Carr at 814-827-4429. Visit legacy.wpsu.org/outinthesilence

Oct 16 - 17 (Fri - Sat) - 4th Annual Trans* Wellness Conference (Evergreen Commons, 262 Georgia St, Buffalo, NY) www.pridecenterwny.org/.

Oct 16 (Fri) - Truth or Dare (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) www.facebook.com/MandJs-Lounge

Oct 17 (Sat) - Wild Hair Night (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) www.facebook.com/ MandJsLounge.

Oct 18 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. "Great entertainment with all of your



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Oct 20 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, Griffin Room, 55 West Bay Dr Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of EGN. All ages welcome! info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

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Oct 23 (Fri) - Asexuality Visibility & Community Group meets (Mental Health Assoc. of NW PA, 1101 Peach., Erie, PA) 4PM. joshuabeckey814@gmail.com.

Oct 24 (Sat) - Rocky Horror Picture Show Sing-Along (Academy Theatre, 275 Chestnut St, Meadville, PA) (814) 337-8211. www.theacademytheatre.org.

Oct 23 (Fri) - Diva Halloween Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501)

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Oct 25 (Sun) - Diversity Worship Sunday (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM. This year's special guest is Andy Lang, Executive

Director of the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ, who will offer the message. Contact: Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty. (814) 864-4429. communityunitedchurch@yahoo.com. communityunitedchurchoferiepa.weebly.com/.

Oct 27 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 1 PM. (724) 287-7731. www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork.

Oct 27 (Tue) - PFLAG Meeting in Meadville (Stone United Methodist Church, 956 S Main St, Meadville, PA) 7 PM. Co-sponsored by Stone United Methodist Church and Unitarian Universalist Church of Meadville. (814)724-6736 sroncola@allegheny.edu, www.facebook.com/pages/PFLAG-Erie-Crawford-Counties/1.

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Oct 31 (Sat) - Drag Show & Halloween Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) (724) 602-8447. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 31 (Sat) - Haunted Raven Mansion Halloween Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Nov 1 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E Jefferson St, Butler PA, PA) 5 PM - 8 PM. Dr. Massey (From Slippery Rock University) (724) 290-9674. president@pflagbutler.com. www.pflagbutler.com/.

Nov 3 (Tue) - General Election 7 AM - 8 PM. Please remember to vote! Voters Guide in next issue!

Nov 7 (Sat) - GEAE Intersections of Equality Symposium (Penn State Behrend, 5103 Station Rd, Erie, PA 16563) 8AM-4:30PM Continuing Education credits available. (866) 229-1974. GEAEinfo@gmail. com. www.facebook.com/GreaterErieAlliance

Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month..

Contest	Begins
a-ha Hunting High And Low: 30th Anniversary Super Deluxe Edition	September 25
Lyle DVD	September 29
The Expanders: The Hus- tling Culture	October 2
Parade by Michael Graves	October 6
You Don't Own Me	October 9
A Reunion	October 27
Strayhorn: An Illustrated Life	November 10

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends	
How Deep Is Your Love from Calvin Harris + Disciples	September 25	
Extraordinary Hearts: Re- claiming Gay Sensibility's Central Role in the Progress of Civilization	September 29	
Introducing Darlene Love	October 2	
Patience and Sarah audio- book download	October 6	
III. from JoJo	October 9	
STONEWALL prize pack	October 13	
More contests at eriegaynews.com!		

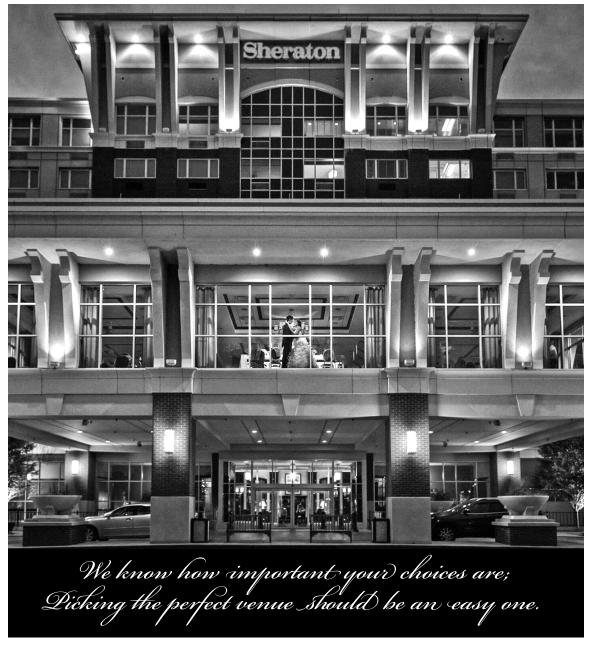
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