

Saints Episcopal Church; catch a presentation of "The Lost Colony," an outdoor historical drama, on June 14 at 8:30 p.m., an afternoon at the beach from 6-10 p.m., a Pride & Joy Booze Cruise aboard the Crystal Dawn at 6 p.m., Michael Walters one-man show on Jun 15 at 10 p.m., Gay Pride Festival on June 16 from 12-6 p.m., plus a plethora of other activities.

For a complete list of events, visit obxpridefest.com.

— L.M.

Triangle

Heroes forum slated

RALEIGH — The History and Heroes: Affirming Faith Forum will be held on June 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the LGBT Center of Raleigh, 411 Hillsborough St., as part of their HealthWorks programming.

Participants will gain insight into ways to diffuse negative messages from faith traditions which can deny the "gracious expression" of one's life and cause conflict. Organizers say, "The confusing feelings that creep in with the misguided morality messages denying experiences of love and authentic self can threaten to take root. Remembering our history as well as our heroes is an antidote."

Discussion will center around role models who encourage access to avenues of validation and direct transformative actions. Support never goes unnoticed and heroes are found when least expected. Being loving and a just community is important, especially in the face of anti-LGBT hate-based rhetoric. It can threaten lives and well being. Through this process one learns how to disarm shame and guilt and build strength.

For more information, email info@lgbtcenterofraleigh.com.

— L.M.

Mad dash for musical

RALEIGH — On July 28, "The Music and The MadDness" will bring its multi-performer event to the Marriott Crabtree Valley, 4500 Marriott Dr. at 5:30 p.m.

The show includes comedians Happy Cole ("Comic Strip Live"), Percy Crews II (BET's "Comic View"), openly gay Sampson McCormick, as well as Marcus Anthony, who will bring the Motown sound to the stage.

Co-hosted by GLO TV President Maurice Jamal and author and activist Uriah Bell who hails from Rising Voices Press and *Truth Magazine*. McCormick is a N.C. native from Evergreen, but now calls Washington, D.C. home. He has shared stages with Kate Clinton and Karen William. Anthony has opened for Patti LaBelle.

Tickets are \$35/VIP (reserved seating, servers and complimentary Barefoot products); \$20/regular. Open mic registration is \$10. To purchase tickets or to register for open mic, email July28@TheMusicandTheMadDness.

For more information visit, triangleblackpride.org.

— L.M.

ENC looking for heroes

RALEIGH — Equality North Carolina (ENC) is on the hunt for nominations for local heroes for equality. These people have made "unprecedented sacrifices" to assist in the fight against Amendment One, plus helping to grow an equality-minded movement that's now 100,000 strong.

To submit names, write three-five paragraphs providing ENC with the name of the equality hero, whether an individual or organization, and include a description of the selfless achievement and how it made a meaningful difference in the campaign against Amendment One. Also, send along a photograph of the individual or organizational staff or an image of the hero on the ground at an event put together by that nominee. Finally, supply the person's email address and cell-phone number so that ENC can contact the nominee about the profile ENC will be publishing. Note that not all profiles received will be published, but ENC will make attempts to include as many as they are able. Submitters should follow the prescribed outline above.

For more information or to submit, email kay@equalitync.org.

— L.M.

Western

Mountain town makes Pride list

ASHEVILLE — This laid back hamlet has made cnn.com's top five Pride destinations.

President Barak Obama has issued a proclamation and LGBT Americans are finding ways to show the world how to celebrate in a rainbow of ways.

CNN said that Blue Ridge Pride has grown tremendously since it started in 2009. It has a grassroots, hometown feel, "poignant given the recent amendment passed in North Carolina... 'It's a good time to show our support and solidarity in a state that's had a setback,' says Ed Salvato." Salvato is a leading travel expert who also serves as editor-in-chief of *Man About World*, "a soon-to-launch gay travel magazine for the iPad." He says to

book early and to ask about Pride packages.

Other locations that made the list include: Boston, Mass.; Tel Aviv, Israel; Amsterdam, Netherlands; and Atlanta, Ga.

— L.M.

National/Global

City unveils Harvey Milk St.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — On May 8, the San Diego City Council unanimously voted to give final approval to rename a street after slain LGBT civil rights hero Harvey Milk. A celebratory unveiling of the new street was held May 22, Milk's birthday, making San Diego the first city in the nation to have a street named for the groundbreaking political leader and activist.

"A year ago, a group of community leaders came together around the notion the time had come to honor an LGBT civil rights leader in San Diego the same way we have given honor to other civil rights leaders such as Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr," said Dwayne Crenshaw, San Diego LGBT Pride executive director, following the historic vote. "Today marks a symbolic and significant moment in the movement forward towards the American value of equality."

Milk was shot to death by his fellow San Francisco Board of Supervisors member Dan White in 1978. He would have turned 82 this year.

— D.S.

Polls: Marriage proponents up

BALTIMORE, Md. — A new Public Policy Poll of Maryland voters shows a decisive majority (57 percent) would vote in favor of same-sex marriage if it's on the ballot this see *News Notes* on 8

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