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Erie Gay News



Giving Zone...

from the Zone

On the 10th & 11th of October, the Zone Dance Club held a fundraiser to benefit the fight for a breast cancer cure. A total of \$846 was raised and made this years event a great success! The Pink Cotton Candy Carnival was a Saturday night of dancing and fun as customers at the Zone played carnival games, ate pink cotton candy, and tried their luck at winning one of 15 great prize filled gift baskets donated by the many great businesses and friends of the Zone! On Sunday evening, Michelle Michaels hosted a special edition of her Sunday drag series Face...Tears of a Clown with all the girls who performed donating their tips to help out such a great cause. The Zone would like to give a special Thank You to all the business and individuals who made this weekend a great success! Thank You for donating your time, talents, gifts, and baked goods and helping to make this a better community!

On November 15th, Michelle Michaels will host yet another Sunday edition of her drag series Face- and asks that all customers attending please bring a canned good or non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Erie. Giving Zone fall leaves will be sold for a \$1 donation and will be hung up around the Zone! Come out and enjoy the show and help others this holiday season!

NW PA COLAGE chapter forming

from NWPA COLAGE

Northwestern Pennsylvania now has a local chapter of Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE). To get things kicked off we are having our first event at Rolling Meadow Lanes in Erie. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th at 2 PM to meet and sign-in.

Our lanes are reserved from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM. The cost is \$7 per person and includes shoes/balls and all-you-can-bowl. If anyone is interested in joining our chapter and/or would like to volunteer at activities, please plan to meet us there. We would like to meet once a month and hope that as word gets out, we will have many participants!



*Ted Smith and Marc Allen at the National March for Equality in Washington DC October 11. See gallery online.
Photo: Fran Smith*

Parents are welcome to volunteer and attend activities and meetings.

New copies of Just For Us will be available at the event. For info and/or to RSVP, please email Christine at nwpa@colage.org. COLAGE is the only national youth-driven network of people with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer parents.

Living in a world that treats our families differently can be isolating or challenging. By connecting us with peers who share our experience, COLAGE helps us become strong advocates for ourselves and our families. COLAGE Northwest PA is one of the organizations newest local chapters and will build community in the northwestern PA region for people with LGBTQ parents. Contact: Christine. Phone: (814) 398-0148. Email: nwpa@colage.org. Browse to www.colage.org

Film: "For The Bible Tells Me So"

from NW PA NOW

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Organization for Women will present the film *For The Bible Tells Me So* on Wednesday, November 18 at 7 PM in the Multipurpose room of the Frank G.

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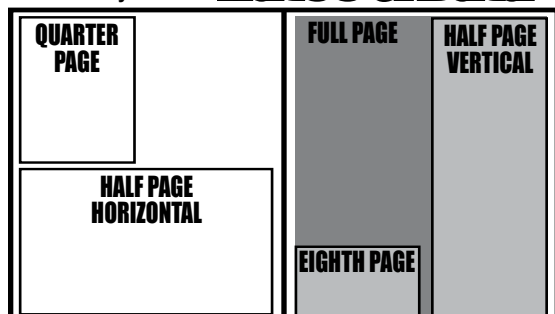
The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people (GLBTs), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. We will consider for publication any nonfiction article, blurb, or illustration graphic that upholds that spirit. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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Photos and illustrations should be PDF or TIFF and HIRES.

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From Your Friends at Erie Gay News

To The Zone for hosting; Andrea, Brian Lonyo, Bruce ShROUT, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Janice Hanusik, Johauna, Keith, Kim, Laurie Finch, Lynne Rhodes, Marshall Snyder, Mike, Robin Green and Tom Wiler for folding; Brian Lonyo, Bruce B, Bruce ShROUT, David, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Janice Hanusik, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Laurie Finch and Lynne Rhodes for distribution; Peter for proofreading; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

Community News

Pogue Student Center on the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania campus.

This award winning documentary focuses on five Christian families and how each handles the knowledge that one of their members is gay or lesbian. Their stories are juxtaposed with reflections from major biblical scholars as the film explores the intersection of religion and homosexuality in America today.

Following the screening there will be a discussion with audience members and a panel that includes Dr. Jerra Jenrette, chair of EUP's History and Anthropology Department, The Reverend Randolph Edwards, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Edinboro; and Dr. Richard McCarty, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst College.

This event is being co-sponsored by The NWP Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Iota Iota Iota, the Women's Studies Honor Society at EUP. Refreshments will be served.

PFLAG Butler Update

from Joe Tomlinson

It was a great first observance of National Coming Out Day for Butler PFLAG. Five of us participated in a radio interview on WBUT with Dave Malarkey on October 10. Dave was such a warm and welcoming person and helped us talk about life in Butler as GLBTQ people and as allies. I could've listened all day.

Then on October 11 Vertigo hosted a National Coming Out Day party and potluck and donated 10% of the day's receipts to Butler PFLAG! How generous and helpful! We had yummy food, funny funny people, great conversations, John Chriest and his acoustic music, dance time, karaoke AND T-shirts commemorating Butler's first observance of the day. Look at all the pics on Vertigo's site: www.myspace.com/butlervertigo and check out their new web site <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/index.html> Look at our new and very "baby" website at <http://www.butlerpflag.weebly.com>.

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Spoken word artists and Poets

from Tom

Looking for spoken word artists and poets for 2009 World AIDS Day Awareness events For additional information and submissions contact : erieawareness09@yahoo.com or call: 814-824-8533

Rainbow Pride Connection LGBT Conference a success

from Pat

The Rainbow Pride Connection LGBT Conference held Sept. 12-13, 2009 was an outstanding success. Over 100 people attended and all expressed real pleasure with the location at Bellinger Hall on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution. The workshops were educational and interesting, the film "Out in the Silence" was inspiring and the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus was sensation ... and that's just a few of the highlights of the weekend!

Look for details on our website which will have

new information soon: <http://www.rainbowprideconnection.net>

Please note that there are photos from the event in the at the Erie Gay News website.

Holiday Extravaganza Fundraiser

from Crime Victim Center

Peebles and the Zonta Club of Erie will present Holiday Extravaganza on Sunday, Nov. 8 from Noon until 5 p.m. at Pebbles, 3424 Liberty St, Erie PA. Tickets are \$10 - Admission includes light refreshments, free gift wrapping, demonstrations and door prize. There will also be a Gift Auction. Ticket-holders will receive a \$10 off coupon from Peebles with a \$50 purchase. Tickets are available by calling (814) 881-0509 or purchased from any Zonta member. Proceeds will benefit the thousands of men, women and children at the Crime Victim Center.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO

From Ted Smith and Marc Allen: "Marc and I have been together for almost seven years, had a commitment ceremony in 2006 and were joined for the March by my parents Fran and Bill. They are wonderful, supporting parents and always have been. In August we were home at their house and talking about the march and going. My mom said it might be a fun thing to do. And my Dad looked at her and said, 'Well Fran, why don't we go with them!' WHAT LOVE! It was a great weekend."

[View photo gallery from the march at the EGN website]



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Lobbying meetings with Dahlkemper's office



From left: Richard McVay, Diana Ames, Brian B., Kathy Czarnecki, Amy Cuzzola-Kern, C. Michael, and Mike Mahler

by Dave Martin & Michael Mahler

On October 8, several of us in Erie's GLBT community met with Amy Cuzzola-Kern of Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper's Erie office. The purpose of the meeting was to continue our effort of lobbying in support of pending federal GLBT legislation. Some of us had met with Kathy in January. We were the first group to meet with her the day her Erie office opened.

Rep. Dahlkemper recently voted in support of two bills that are very important to the GLBT community: In August, Rep. Dahlkemper had voted for the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes bill (HR 1913), the Local Law Enforcement Act of 2009, that will, when enacted, provide important protections to GLBT people targeted for violent crime simply because they are perceived to represent the GLBT community. She also voted for the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2009 (HR 1283) would repeal Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Our lobbying team wanted to thank the congresswoman for supporting these two bills.

In addition, there were several other bills, one that will repeal the anti gay Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and another that will end discrimination of GLBT people in the workplace that the committee wished to bring to Kathy's attention and explain why

these bills are important to the local GLBT community.

In our lobbying group were Brian B, Kathy Czarnecki, C Michael, Diana Ames, Richard McVay, and Mike Mahler. Brian B handled the thank you's for Kathy's 'yea' vote on Hate Crimes bill (HR 1913). Kathy Czarnecki handled the thank you's for signing on as co-sponsor of the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell (HR 1283).

C. Michael did a lot of research about ENDA — the Employment Non Discrimination Act of 2009 (HR 3017). This bill would add employment protection on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression at the federal level.

Diana Ames presented information about the pro-equality Respect for Marriage Act (HR 3567). This bill would repeal the anti-gay Defense of Marriage Act passed in 1996. We pointed out that the bill only dealt with civil marriage and that no religious institutions would be required to officiate at marriages that were not be in accordance with their beliefs. It would allow faith traditions that are accepting of marriage equality to officiate.

Richard McVay presented information about the Ending LGBT Health Disparities Act (HR 3001).

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Dahlkemper lobbying

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Richard McVay, Dahlkemper aide Tina Mengine, Dave Martin

Meeting with Tina Mengine in DC

While in Washington, DC during the National March for Equality events, Dave Martin and Richard McVay met with Tina Mengine, legislative aide to the congresswoman in the Congresswoman's DC office.

Since Ms Mengine is extremely well-informed on the four pending bills under consideration, less time was spent on the provisions of each of the bills mentioned above, allowing more time to be spent on discussing legislative strategy.

Of particular significance at this meeting was the analysis of polling data provided by statisticians at Susquehanna Polling and Research Center. Richard and Dave pointed out that an overwhelming 86% of Pennsylvanians support extending workplace discrimination protections to in the workplace for GLBT employees. When broken down, the statistics further reveal that fully 71% of Pennsylvanians below the age of 59 support enactment of discrimination protections with only slightly fewer of those over 60 supporting non-discrimination in the workplace. Similarly, support for anti-discrimination legislation is broad based including 81% of Democrats across the state and 58% of Republicans supporting enactment of non-discrimination legislation. This data, documented by a highly respected Pennsylvania research center, is extremely important to the Congresswoman and her legislative aide in preparing for committee hearings and floor debate on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act which may well come up for consideration in the next several weeks.

Ms Mengine assured Richard and Dave of the Representative's interest in and support of legislation that will provide equality and fairness to all of her constituents.

We plan on meeting with Rep Dahlkemper in person when she is back in the district in November/December. If you would like to be a part of this or other lobbying actions, we would love to have you join us!

This is an important way to make a difference in legislation that affects our entire community. You can sign up for the GLBT Lobby email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com> or call Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833.

Preparations for the meetings

Erie office aide Amy Cuzzola-Kern made a point of saying that our group was one of the more well-prepared with which the office had met.

During our preparation prior to meeting with Representative's aides, we contacted the prime sponsors of each of the bills. This helped us to determine the current status of the each of the bills. In one case, we found out that the bill we initially were inquiring about had been superseded by a subsequent bill. We also found out about a Dear Colleague letter, which is written by a legislator to persuade other legislators to sign on as co-sponsors and support the bill. The office of Joe Sestak (D-PA) was very helpful with this, as was Rep. Tammy Baldwin's office. We also used the GovTrack.US web site to find out the status of bills, who the current co-sponsors and which committees were reviewing the bill. We had a prep meeting a few days before the lobbying session to review who would present which bill.

Also at the prep meeting were Rich McCarty and Bob H , who provided additional support.

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Oct 29 (Thu) - Identity: HalloQueen Dance and Party PSC Multipurpose Rooms A and B, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA. 7 PM - 11 PM. Sponsored by Identity, Edinboro University's GLBTA student group. Part of Celebrate LGBTQIA Heritage Month. Contact: Gerry Hoffman. Phone: (814) 732-2813. Email: edinboroidentity@gmail.com. Browse to www.edinboro.edu/departments/glbta/.

Oct 30 (Fri) - Craze Night Club: Halloween Ball Kick-Off 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. CRAZE is going HALLOWEEN CRAZY! Are you ready for the CRAZE Halloween Ball? Start the party early! Fun, food and prizes! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Oct 30 (Fri) - Zone Dance Club: Under the BIG TOP Halloween Diva Show! 133 W 18th St, Erie. The Zone and the Dementia Bros. Circus is proud to present....Under the Big Top! Hosted by your ringmas-

ter Angelica Redd, featuring Michelle Michaels, Miss Erie - Mistress Vanitay, the Zone Divas, and special guest Yvette Sapphire! Come one come all to the Biggest Show on Earth! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com>.

Oct 31 (Sat) - LBT Women Halloween Party (Kim and Andrea's, Erie, PA) 8 PM. Costumes or not, that is up to you. There will be chips and dip, water and pop provided. Bring a dish if you can, Alcohol is BYOB. If you are bringing a dish, please e-mail Kim and let her know what you are bringing so she can plan better. For directions e-mail Kim at KCON6@aol.com. Also, if you'd like to stop at Barb and Robins house anytime 6-8PM on your way to the party, her neighbor does a pretty neat elaborate Halloween display that you actually walk through. If you want to go, call Robin at (814) 455-3127 Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Oct 31 (Sat) - Zone Dance Club - Big Top of Terror - 3-Ring Halloween Party! 133 W 18th St. "Come one, come all, to the Scariest show on earth! Party the

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night away under the Big Top with your friends as the Dementia Brothers Circus puts on its final show! Cash Prize for Best Costume! Try a Cotton Candy Martini from the bar or sample some Carnival Food from the Zone kitchen—Prizes, fun, and excitement, all under the Big Top! Lions, and tigers, and Scares. oh my! Be Safe this Halloween: Don't drink & drive—we have set up a Special Room Rate of only \$49.99 + tax with the Downtown Erie Hotel —located right across the street from the Zone. Just call ahead (814)456-2961 and ask for the “Zone Dance Club Rate” to reserve a room for Erie's biggest Gay Halloween Party! Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Oct 31 (Sat) - Craze's Halloween Ball! Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. It will be a GHOULISH GREAT TIME! Cash Prizes! Come one, come all! And we're open an extra hour tonight! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Oct 31 (Sat) - Vertigo Halloween Costume Party 564 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA. 9 PM. We are having a huge Halloween Party!! Tarot reader, food, cash

prizes for best costumes, giveaways! Make sure you get your costumes ready. Doors open at 9 PM. Judging takes place at midnight. It's going to be a blast! Email: vertigov@aol.com. NOTE NEW WEBSITE: <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/index.html>

Nov 2 (Mon) - CRAZE College Night Halloween Show (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. You gotta be there! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

Nov 3 (Tue) - Trigon presents: Drag Show At McGarvey Commons in Reed Union Building, Penn State Behrend, Erie. 8 PM - 12 AM. Presented by Trigon, Penn State Behrend's GLBT student group. Anyone is welcome and it's free Phone: (814) 898-7162. Email: behrend.trigon@gmail.com. Browse to <http://www.clubs.psu.edu/bd/trigon/www/>.

Nov 5 (Thu) - CRAZE Night Club presents the Grave Diggers Ball 1607 Raspberry St.) 10 PM - 2 AM. Come out and give Halloween one last run for its money! Drink specials, costumes and games! \$3.00 cover or \$5.00 per couple. For more information, check out Nocturnal Asylum at www.myspace.com/nocturnalasylum Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Nov 6 (Fri) - G2H2 - Erie Gay Business Alliance social get together (Casino Clubhouse - Upstaris Bar, Presque Isle Downs and Casino, 8199 Perry Highway, Erie PA, 16509) 6 PM - 8 PM. Gay Guy/Girl Happy Hour (G2H2) is a monthly get together for GLBT professionals and their colleagues and friends meet for networking. You can also sign up for the Erie Gay Business Alliance email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54742829807>.

Nov 6 (Fri) - LBT Women Wine Tasting (Burch Farms, 9210 Sidehill Rd, North East, PA 16428) 5 PM - 8 PM. There will be snacks there. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 6 (Fri) - Metropolitan Dance Club: Dance Party 2009 (Metropolitan Dance Club, 144 W 13th St, Erie, PA) 10 PM - 2 AM. Ladies And Gentleman, DJ J-ROC Presents Dance Party 2009 at The Metropolitan Dance Club. This event is going to be off the



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wall. 21 And older. \$5 cover charge at the door. We have DJ G-\$pOt spinning your favorite tunes From 10 PM Till 2 AM. Also, we Have a special guest arriving around midnight. You will have to be there to see who the special guest is. Also, we have invited all the colleges and surrounding cities - Buffalo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh. So, this is definitely a party you won't want to miss. Be there at 10 PM because it will get packed quickly. Hope to see you and all your friends. Phone: (814) 455-0444. Email: herbert@metropolitandanceclub.com. Browse to <http://www.metropolitandanceclub.com>

Nov 7 (Sat) - LBT Women Movie Night (Kim and Andrea's, Erie, PA) 6 PM. Bring snacks and anything special you would like to drink. For more info e-mail Kim at KCON6@aol.com. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 8 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets See Community News for events.

Nov 9 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA. 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people. Phone: (814) 454-1392 (John). Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Nov 11 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Dueling Pianos (JR's Last Laugh, 1402 State St, Erie, PA) 6 PM. We meet there at 6 PM for the 6:30 PM show. No cover charge. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 12 (Thu) - Pride Youngstown monthly meeting (Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502) 6 PM. Will be discussing benefits for Pride 2010, which will be held on June 5. Email: Prideyoungstown@gmail.com www.prideyoungstown.com/.

Nov 13 (Fri) - Reservations due for LBT Women Holiday Dinner (LBT Women, Erie, PA) Reservations for our LBT Woman's Holiday Dinner must be called in to Robin at (814) 455-3127. The dinner will be held at the Colony Pub and Grill on W. 8th St. Erie, PA on Sunday, December 6th at 4:30 PM. Bring a \$10.00 exchange gift and also one "white elephant" gift for exchange. Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-

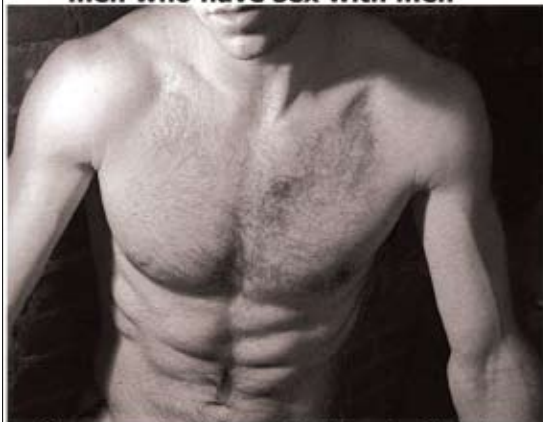
6645. Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com.

Nov 13 (Fri) - Watchfire Alliance meets (Contact for location) 7 PM. Social group in Chautauqua County. Contact: Bethany. Phone: (716)499-4817. Email: brobson515@msn.com. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/watchfirealliance/>.

Nov 14 (Sat) - Zone Dance Club: EROTICA - Levis, Leather, Fetish Party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) A steamy night of Erotic Fantasies! Let your inhibitions run wild and come dance in our Dungeon! Wear Levis, Leather, Military, Uniforms, Underwear, Fetish gear, Fantasy Costume! Dress as Leather Daddy, Slave Boy, Construction Worker, Western Cowboy, Diva Dominatrix, Naughty Nurse, Sexy Stripper, Porn Star or show off your skin art and piercings! Not sure what to wear? Just wear black! (Sorry— No Nudity!) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

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Nov 20 - Transgender Day of Remembrance To memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. www.transgenderdor.org

Nov 21 (Sat) - Mr. Greensburg Pageant At Longbada Lounge, 106 W Pittsburgh St, Greensburg, PA. Hot, sexy, talented men need apply! See bartender for applications. Phone: (724) 837-6614. Browse to www.myspace.com/longbadalounge.

Nov 24 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie. 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of *Erie Gay News*. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. 21 and over, please. It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 25 (Wed) - Craze Night Club: Thanksgiving Eve 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. Come on out and join the gang as we celebrate Thanksgiving Eve CRAZE style! \$2.00 Captains, shooters, music and other surprises! (No karaoke tonight.) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Nov 25 (Wed) - Family Reunion at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie. Everyone is coming home for the Thanksgiving Holiday! Catch up with old friends and family for a Wednesday night of dancing and fun at the Zone! Happy Hour 9 PM -11 PM. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Nov 26 (Thu) - Craze Night Club : Thanksgiving (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) HAPPY TURKEY DAY! CRAZE Open! Call your friends and come on out for a drink or two or ten after you stuff yourself! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

Nov 26 (Thu) - Thanksgiving Day at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie. 8 PM. We open at 8 PM. Join us for an after-dinner drink and dance off all those extra calo-

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Dec 1 (Tue) - World AIDS Day We do not have details of most of the local events at this writing; check our online calendar for further information at www.eriegaynews.com

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Dec 5 (Sat) - Northwest PA-COLAGE Bowling Party Rolling Meadow Lanes, 3304 Zuck Rd., Erie, PA/ 2 PM - 4:30 PM. For details check front page. Phone: (814) 398-0148. Email: nwpa@colage.org. Browse to www.colage.org.

Dec 6 (Sun) - LBT Women Holiday Dinner (Colony Pub and Grille, 2760 W 8th St, Erie, PA 16505) 4:30 PM. Bring a \$10.00 exchange gift, and a "white elephant" gift for exchange. Reservations must be called in to Robin at 455-3127 by Friday, November 13th. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

On Stage

Selected events of possible GLBT interest

Oct 23 - Oct 31 - "Marc with a 'C'" in Buffalo at Buffalo United Artists. Singer-actor Marc Sacco's first one person cabaret show www.buffalobua.org

Nov 13 - Dec 5 - "Texas Homos" presented in Buffalo by BUA. Compelling comedy about a sex sting in a small town, www.buffalobua.org

Nov 22 - Liza Minelli Holiday Concert University at Buffalo Center for the Arts for a special Holiday Concert to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo. (716) 645-2787. www.ubcfa.org

Dec 4 - Billy Joel and Elton John in Buffalo at HSBC Arena

Mar 28 - Tegan & Sara Cleveland, OH at Lakewood Civic <http://teganandsara.com/>

Great American Smokeout Nov 19

from the American Cancer Society and the Gay American Smokeout

Every year, on the third Thursday of November, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout® by smoking less or quitting for the day on the third Thursday of November. The event challenges people to stop using tobacco and helps make people aware of the many tools they can use to quit for good.

Studies show that smoking rates are higher in the GLBT community, for a number of reasons.

A number of agencies offer help in quitting, like **Adagio**, **Community HealthNet** and the **Erie County Department of Health**.

In addition you can check out the resources at the American Cancer Society www.cancer.org and the Gay American Smokeout at www.gaysmokeout.net

Clickable links to other resources at the online version of this article.

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Candidates for Erie County Executive, Erie County Council, Erie City Mayor, Erie City Council, Harborcreek Township Supervisor and Millcreek Township Supervisor were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear on the next few pages.

Erie County Executive

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Do you support HB 300, which would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations statute to include as protected categories real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity/ expression?

If you do support HB 300, what would you be willing to do as an office-holder to promote its passage?

Barry Grossman (D)

I support HB 300 absolutely— 100%— totally. I would lobby state legislators to support it.

Mike Kerner (R)

As County Executive, I will be in no position to support or oppose this measure. I believe it is inappropriate to comment on it as a candidate.

OTHER

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

Barry Grossman (D)

I am totally and completely committed to constructing a society that welcomes & cherishes the rights of all human beings. At my restaurant, Mi Scuzi, we presently have white, black, Latino, Korean and gay and/or lesbian employees. I would have it no other way.

As a person of Jewish ancestry, I am keenly aware of discrimination and all of the horrors that it

has wrought. Discrimination against GLBT is America's last bastion of legal intolerance.

We must firmly and finally include our GLBT friends in the promise of America that "all men (i.e. people) are created equal -- entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Mike Kerner (R)

As County Executive, I will uphold my oath to enforce and comply with all laws of the commonwealth, to the best of my ability.

Erie County Council

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County Council District 2

Anti Discrimination

Joe Giles (D-Incumbent)

Yes. I have always supported this legislation and will continue to do so.

Other

Joe Giles (D-Incumbent)

Throughout my many years of public service, I



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have played a strong leadership role in the revitalization of the Human Relations Commission for Erie County. I have taken on the role of chairing efforts to review and expand the policy of Erie County to include sexual orientation. This important policy was completed and approved in 2002. This involved many hours of work and many meetings with people in our community. As chair of council, I made it a point to meet with HUD officials in Washington DC to secure a 3 year grant to expand the role and authority of our local HRC to include housing discrimination issues. This is the first full year of the grant. We are optimistic that federal funding will continue for the next two years. This is an important step in the development of a quality program emphasizing equal treatment under the law for all people.

County Council District 4

Not Responding: **Dan Desrochers (R)**

Anti Discrimination

Ronald Whitey Cleaver (D-Incumbent)

Yes --- The bill sponsored by Rep. Dan Frankel has my full support. The bill being on the state level needs support from our local elected officials which means contacting our State Reps to vote in favor.

Other

Ronald Whitey Cleaver (D-Incumbent)

I will protect their rights when the need arises.

County Council District 6

Not Responding: **Ebert G Beeman (R), Albert Bert Taylor (Green), Steve Porter (Independent)**

Anti Discrimination

Gerald D Price, Jr (D)

I support any legislation that increases or protects an individual's rights and freedoms.

I will strongly lobby state officials to help them recognize that ALL are created equal & our rights

should NOT be trampled on.

Anti Discrimination

Erie City Mayor

Not Responding: **Jack Anderson (R)**

Anti Discrimination

Joe Sinnott (D-Incumbent)

I do support this bill because I support any legislation that would serve to protect specific targets from hate crimes. The need for protected classes seems to be an evolving concept so there is sometimes need to expand this definition.

Because this is a state issue, I do not have any direct influence on the issue but would support it by writing letters to state representatives and encouraging their passage of the bill.

Erie City Council

Not Responding: **Tim Butler (R), Curtis Jones (D-Incumbent), Joseph V Schember, JR (D-Incumbent), James N Thompson (D-Incumbent), Jim Winarski (D)**

Millcreek Twp. Supervisor

Not Responding: **Richard Figaski (D), Larry Curtis (R)**

Harborcreek Twp. Supervisor

Not Responding: **Tim May (R), Curt Smith (D)**

Youth



Edinboro students at National March for Equality October 11. 17 people from Edinboro went to the march and rally. Check out the National March photo gallery at our website. Photo from Dan Burdick

Campus Pride: creating safer college environments

from *Campus Pride*

Campus Pride represents the only national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization for student leaders and campus groups working to create a safer college environment for LGBT students. The organization is a volunteer-driven network for and by student leaders. The primary objective of Campus Pride is to develop necessary resources, programs and services to support LGBT and ally students on college campuses across the United States.

Visit www.campuspride.org



Chris (left) and Nicole Steele (right) at the Erie screening of *Out in the Silence*. Nicole Steele helped to start the Gay-Straight Alliance at Collegiate Academy (she's wearing one of their just-out T-shirts) and was on the panel that addressed questions after the film. Chris is a student at East High School who is setting up a Gay-Straight Alliance there, with help from Nicole and ally and youth advocate Maureen Koseff (not pictured). Erie Out in the Silence gallery at www.eriegaynews.com

Youth email list

by Mike Mahler

Please note that there is now an email discussion list for youth and those who work with them. Erie Gay News believes very strongly in fostering communication. You can sign up for the youth group email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>

NYT mag: “Coming Out in Middle School”

The New York Times Magazine featured a story “Coming Out in Middle School.” Asking “What happens to 13-year-olds and their friends, parents and school principals—when they announce they are gay?” about the recent phenomenon of middle school students identifying as gay and coming out publicly. The link to that article is on the EGN website.

Ask Miss Manners

By Rev. Richard A. Moyer
Pastor, Community United Church

In a recent news broadcast I heard the word civility used several times. It's a word I hardly ever use. So, the news commentator made me think. Maybe I should not only be using the word; I should make sure that civility describes me and my actions.

I looked up the word in the dictionary. According to Webster, civility means "a polite act or expression."

As a Christian pastor and as a follower of Jesus, politeness becomes a theological issue for me. Certainly Jesus was courteous, polite and tactful.

Of course, there are a few exceptions. Jesus called the Scribes and Pharisees "hypocrites", and he threw the money-changers out of the Temple. Interesting, isn't it, that the times when Jesus was less than polite, he was going after the clergy and those who were part of the religious status-quo?

It is also true that the great prophets of the Old Testament Hebrew Scriptures were not always polite. Their prophetic task was to call people to responsibility and challenge them to change their ways. At times they spoke so derogatory that their words were offensive and even sounded unkind.

The truth of the matter is that confrontation is a fact of every day life. If we did not confront the prejudice and injustice that goes on in the world, we would be a weak and inadequate society.

I like the phrase that business etiquette expert Barbara Pachter uses. She writes about what she calls "positive confrontation." She says things like "we should not attack back, and we should disagree agreeably."

She also tells us that we should be careful not to use inflammatory words such as "stupid", "ignorant" or "fool". Those words only inflame a situation.

Pachter is not only reminding us how powerful words can be – especially harsh words – but how important it is to work toward healing rather than hurting.

Recently I received a letter from a friend of mine who is angry at his church because, at their national meeting this past summer, they voted to become a little more liberal in their acceptance of gay/lesbian clergy.

In his response, my friend, presumably not aware of my position on this issue, used inflammatory words

that were disrespectful toward gay people as he vented his anger. In fact, his remarks were nothing short of disgusting!

My first reaction was to attack back. I was so angry and repulsed by his remarks that I wanted to call him an idiot, and worse! But remembering Barbara Pachter's admonition I resisted! She would say, "Someone else's bad behavior is no excuse for your own."

Sometimes we walk that fine line between making our point emphatically, yet making it diplomatically and courteously! "Do not return evil for evil," is the way the New Testament says it. And that's worth considering when someone makes you angry!

The Community United Church is an open and affirming congregation and is a member of United Church of Christ and Church of the Brethren denomination. . It is located at 1011 W38th St. in Erie. Services are Sunday at 11am. (814) 864-4429. The pastor is Richard A. Moyer and his assistant is Dr. Richard McCarty. Web site is <http://www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html>

the Rural AIDS Alliance

We provide access to testing, education, and medical, financial, and supportive services to those infected with HIV/AIDS in Northwest Pa. With Clinics in Erie, Warren, Clarion, Clearfield, Seneca, Sharon, Greenville and Farrell staffed by HIV specialists. Support Groups are also offered, please contact Sue at the Clarion office for that information.

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Compiled by Deb Spilko

When available, there are clickable links to trailers and movie websites in the online version of this article.

IN THEATRES

Precious: Based on the Novel *Push* is the highly acclaimed story about Clareece “Precious” Jones (Gabourey Sidibe)—an illiterate African-American teen who has suffered unfathomable amounts of abuse in her short life. Just as she’s about to give birth to her second child, Jones is accepted into an alternative school where a caring teacher helps her find a new path in her life. Based on the novel “Push” by Sapphire, openly-gay director Lee Daniels has kept the gay characters in this adaptation, including Ms. Rain (Paula Patton), the teacher who helps her to turn her life around.

The film opens in limited release Nov. 6, but with Oprah Winfrey’s wildly enthusiastic promotion of the film—and an impressive African-American cast—it should be in wide release soon. Other cast members include Mo’Nique, Lenny Kravitz, Mariah Carey and Sherri Shepherd. Visit www.weareallprecious.com

ONLINE

From **Brian T:** Pittsburgh’s Out Newspaper launched its website, **Outonline.com**, back in July 2008 which is powered by gaylifestv.net. In just over a year, it has grown into the largest LGBT site in the region offering original podcast shows such as Talk it Out, The Pittsburgh View, Pridecast, The Magazine Show, and Brian T World to name a few. Out also offers opportunities for sponsors such as the new Buy Gay program. In addition, a new LGBT social networking site has been added to Out called www.out-connect.com welcome to everyone to become members, post event listings, share photos, and interact with the live podcasts. [Note: Representing Out, Pittsburgh’s local entertainer Brian T and fellow co-producer David Stanton marched in this year’s Erie Pride Parade and Brian performed at the rally.]

GAMES

Grand Theft Auto: The Ballad of Gay Tony is released October 29 for Xbox 360. No reviews yet, but check out **GayGamer.net**



The life of abuse victim Clareece “Precious” Jones (Gabourey Sidibe) is turned around by her caring gay teacher Ms. Rain (Paula Patton) in the new movie *Precious*.

VIDEO - New and Upcoming

Check online for links to trailers and clips

Celebration: The Video Collection (2009) Madonna’s 2 DVD collection features 47 videos. **Chef’s Special** (2008) Spanish comedy about a gay chef struggling to get his life together. Subtitles. **TLA Eating Out: All You Can Eat** (2008) Raunchycomedy about the pitfalls of meeting online. Available 11/10 *Ariztical* **The Fall of ‘55 (2006)** Documentary about the sweeping investigation and nationally-publicized “Boise homosexuality scandal” that began in 1955 and turned into a witch-hunt. Provides insights into pre-Stonewall attitudes and the prevailing myth that it was a cancer that could be spread to the youth. www.fallof55.com *Frameline*

Filth and Wisdom (2008) Romantic comedy that’s Madonna’s directorial debut *MPI Films*

Generic Thriller (2009) Gay comedy about a writer and his characters. *Cinequest*

Girl Seeks Girl (2009) Spanish w/subtitles available Nov 17 *Wolfe*

Humpday (2009) A very different buddy comedy. www.humpdayfilm.com 11/17 *Magnolia Pictures*

Judy Garland Holiday Show (1963) Musical special with Judy and her kids, Liza Minnelli and Lorna and Joe Luft—and Liza’s dancer boyfriend! *Classic World*

The L Word: Final Season (2009) *Paramount*

Limbo (2008) A transgendered fifth-grade boy finds

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himself in an otherworldly hospital, where there is no past and no future. Spanish w/subtitles. *Distrimax*

Make the Yuletide Gay (2009) Tale of a gay Christmas love and a corny Wisconsin family. 11/10 *TLA*

Lokas (2008) Chilean comedy, tagline: "My father is homophobic, my grandpa is gay. I'm Pedro." Spanish w/subtitles *Distrimax*

OMG/HaHaHa (2009) Reflecting a social networking-saturated youth culture, a pastiche of the lives of a diverse set of twenty-something gay, straight and trans teens. www.sawedoffproductions.com *Water Bearer*

Pageant (2008) Behind the scenes look at the 34th Miss Gay America Pageant (2008) 10/20 *Wolfe*

Shank (2009) When closeted gang member rescues Olivier from a pointless beating, he finds an escape from his grim existence. *TLA*

We Were One Man (1981) Love story chronicles the budding relationship between a wounded German soldier and the young French peasant who nurses him to health. www.waterbearerfilms.com (French w/subtitles) *Water Bearer*

Wrecked (2009) Edgy drama about a gay teen's tumultuous descent into drugs and anonymous sex. 11/10 *TLA*



Have fun brushing up on your Spanish with a number of Spanish-language titles this month. Like *Girl seeks Girl* (*Chica Busca Chica*), Spain's answer to *The L Word*. Out on video November 17.

New galleries on our website

Online now or coming soon: to www.eriegaynews.com

Videos

- Watch video of President Obama's address to the Human Rights Campaign on October 10, and link to CSPAN's video of the National Equality Rally.
- "86-year-old WWII vet's plea for marriage equality becomes Internet hit"

Photos

- Photos from people who went to the National Equality March on October 11 (may not be up immediately; we are still getting photos from people.)
- Out in the Silence Erie Screening
- Mike and William's Handfasting

Out in the Silence screenings

To keep on on further screenings or to order a DVD, visit www.outinthesilence.com

People who subscribe to the Erie GLBT Mailing List will receive updates on screenings and broadcasts in the region.

Sharon, PA - November 04, 2009

Penn State - Shenango

7 PM—Penn State - Shenango Auditorium, followed by audience discussion with panelists Steve Glassman, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Chair; Matt Chess, student activist and GLSEN member; and filmmakers Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer —FREE and open to the public! For more information, call 724-983-2961

Oil City, PA - November 05, 2009

Venango Campus - Clarion University

7 PM in the Rhoades Center Auditorium, screening followed by audience discussion with ACLU Legal Director, Vic Walczak; Penna. Human Relations Commission Chair, Steve Glassman; local parent advocate Kathy Springer; and filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer Venango Campus—1801 W. First St., Oil City, PA 16301 —814-676-6591

Interview on WQLN-FM: You can listen to a wonderful hour-long interview with the filmmakers on WQLN radio's *Weekend All Things Erie* with Kim Young. The interview first aired October 17. Visit www.wqln.org

News Briefs

U.S. Senate Passes Defense Authorization Conference Report, Including Hate Crimes Provision

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 22 – U.S. Senate passed the conference report for the FY 2010 Defense Authorization bill by a vote of 68 to 29, sending critical hate crimes legislation to the President’s desk. The U.S. House on October 8 successfully passed the conference report including the hate crimes provision. In July, the Senate voted to attach the Matthew Shepard Hate Crimes Prevention Act to the Defense Authorization measure. President Barack Obama has repeatedly pledged to sign the bill when it reaches his desk. For a retrospective of hate crimes advocacy visit: www.LoveConquersHate.org.

The Defense Authorization conference report removed a provision adopted in the Senate which would make the death penalty available for hate crimes. In addition, the hate crimes provision has been renamed “The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act,” honoring the memory of another victim of hate violence – in the same year as Matthew Shepard – an African-American man who was dragged to death in Jasper, Texas.

~ Human Rights Campaign

How they voted

HOUSE

Rep Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Pennsylvania) Yes
Rep Brian Higgins (D-New York) Yes
Rep Steven LaTourette (R-Ohio) No

SENATE

Sen. Casey (D-Pennsylvania) — Yes
Sen. Specter (D-Pennsylvania) — Yes

Sen. Gillibrand (D-New York) — Yes
Sen. Schumer (D-New York) — Yes

Sen. Brown (D-Ohio) — Yes
Sen. Voinovich (R-Ohio) — Yes

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November 15**

Schwarzenegger signs gay rights bills

SACRAMENTO CA, Oct 11—California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed two gay rights bills, one honoring late activist Harvey Milk and another recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states.

Harvey Milk Day will be celebrated in California every May 22.

~from Sacramento Bee

Creation of LGBT Elders Resource Center at Department of Health and Human Services


WASHINGTON, DC, October 22 – The Department of Health and Human Services announced plans to establish a national resource center to help communities support and serve their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) elders. Through its Administration on Aging, HHS will award a single resource grant in the amount of \$250,000 annually, depending on the availability of funds. According to HHS, the center will provide resources to LGBT organizations, as well assisting mainstream aging services providers in developing cultural competence in serving LGBT elders.

~ Human Rights Campaign

“Quote-Unquote”

“While progress may be taking longer than you’d like as a result of all that we face – and that’s the truth—do not doubt the direction we are headed and the destination we will reach. My expectation is that when you look back on these years you will see a time in which we put a stop to discrimination against gays and lesbians, whether in the office or on the battlefield. You will see a time in which we as a nation finally recognize relationships between two men or two women as just as real and admirable as relationships between a man and a woman.”

President Barack Obama at the Human Rights Campaign’s national dinner in Washington, D.C., Oct 10. The speech was carried live on CSPAN and the video can be viewed from their website.



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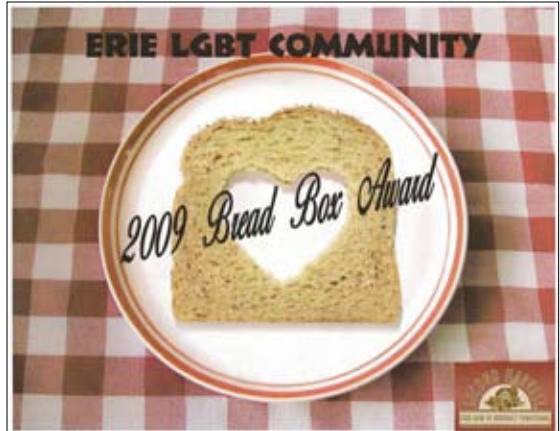
Here are contests that will be premiering this month...

Contest	Starts
Kelly King - The Real Definition: Workin' Girl Remixes	October 30
Sugarland Holiday CD - Green and Gold	November 6
Hunter-Valentine DVD - We're Here to Recruit You	November 13
Tania Mashay CD Package - includes 2 CDs and an autographed poster	November 20

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
DJ Seth Cooper's Splash Days CD	October 30
Lauren Hildebrandt - Not Really a Waitress CD	November 13

Please note that you can always see a complete list of contests at our web site! Members of the Erie GLBT News and Events list and also the Erie Gay News Facebook group get first notice of contests. Sign up today!



The Erie GLBT Community" received a 2009 Bread Box Award from Second Harvest Food Bank. Food was collected around the holidays last year as part of the Nationwide Food Drive for Equality. Collection sites included Chicory Hill Herbs, Craze Night Club, Mercyhurst College, Pap Joe's downtown, Zodiac Dinor, and Zone Dance Club. The Erie Gay News also received an award for donations collected at the 2009 Picnic.



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