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PA Superior Court grants custody rights to LGBT parents in PA

from Equality PA

On February 25, in a 7-1 decision, the PA Superior Court issued an opinion that overturned 25 years of precedent in which homosexual relationships were deemed to have an “adverse effect on [a] child” in custody cases. The decision by the state Superior Court reflects the progression of child custody laws in Pennsylvania, as attitudes and sentiments toward LGBT issues begin to become more favorable.

NY Assembly Passes GENDA

from Empire Pride Agenda

On March 2, the New York State Assembly voted by an overwhelming bipartisan margin to amend the state’s human rights law to include anti-discrimination protections based upon gender identity and expression. The bill (A.5710), known as the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA), bans discrimination against transgender people in housing, employment, credit and public accommodations. It also expands the state’s hate crimes law to explicitly include crimes against transgender people. The Assembly has now passed the bill by large bipartisan margins the past three years; Governor Paterson has also said he will sign GENDA into law should the Legislature send



Jeremiah Clark will be performing with Tom Goss on Sunday, April 11 at the Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse.

Mark M. Pacheco page on EGN website

We will have a page on the Erie Gay News website for Mark M. Pacheco, the Jamestown NY man who died March 15 due to injuries from an attack. The content of the page will be done with the approval of Mark’s family and friends.

People on the Erie GLBT List will be notified when the page goes up, and a direct link will be included.

it to him.

“The State Senate remains the only obstacle to passing GENDA. It is now time for the Senate to follow the Assembly’s lead and end discrimination against transgender New Yorkers once and for all by passing GENDA,” said Interim Executive Director Joe Tarver Tarver. “Transgender New Yorkers can’t—and shouldn’t have to—wait any longer.” Read full press release at www.prideagenda.org

Dining Out for Life set for April 27

from AIDS Community Services of WNY

Take a short ride to purchase a great meal for a great cause on Tuesday, April 27 when more than 100 restaurants in western New York State participate in the eighth annual Dining Out For Life fund-raiser to benefit AIDS Community Services of WNY.

Choose a restaurant, make reservations and enjoy
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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. 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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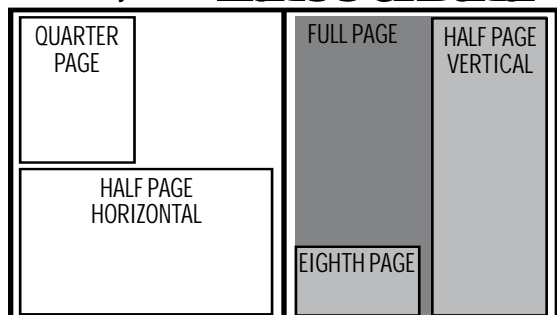
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dinner out. Participating restaurants will contribute 25 percent or more of food checks to support programs dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS and to providing vital services to those living with the disease.

All you have to donate is your appetite. The restaurants take it from there. Groups of friends are encouraged to get together for a fun night out with an important purpose.

Among the services supported by Dining Out For Life is free, anonymous, confidential, 10-minute HIV/AIDS testing; prevention education; a 24-hour HIV/AIDS information line; medical care, housing assistance, nutritious meals, mental health counseling and support groups.

Many excellent independently owned restaurants join Dining Out. Among those closest to the Erie area are three in Jamestown, NY – Alfie's, Fenton Grill, and Forte. In Fredonia NY it's Ellicottville Brewing Co. West and in Lakewood NY it's Scallion Bistro Participating restaurants range from fine dining to casual,

steakhouse to pizza, American to ethnic. For a complete list of area restaurants, visit www.diningoutforlife.com and click on Buffalo, or call (716)847-0340.

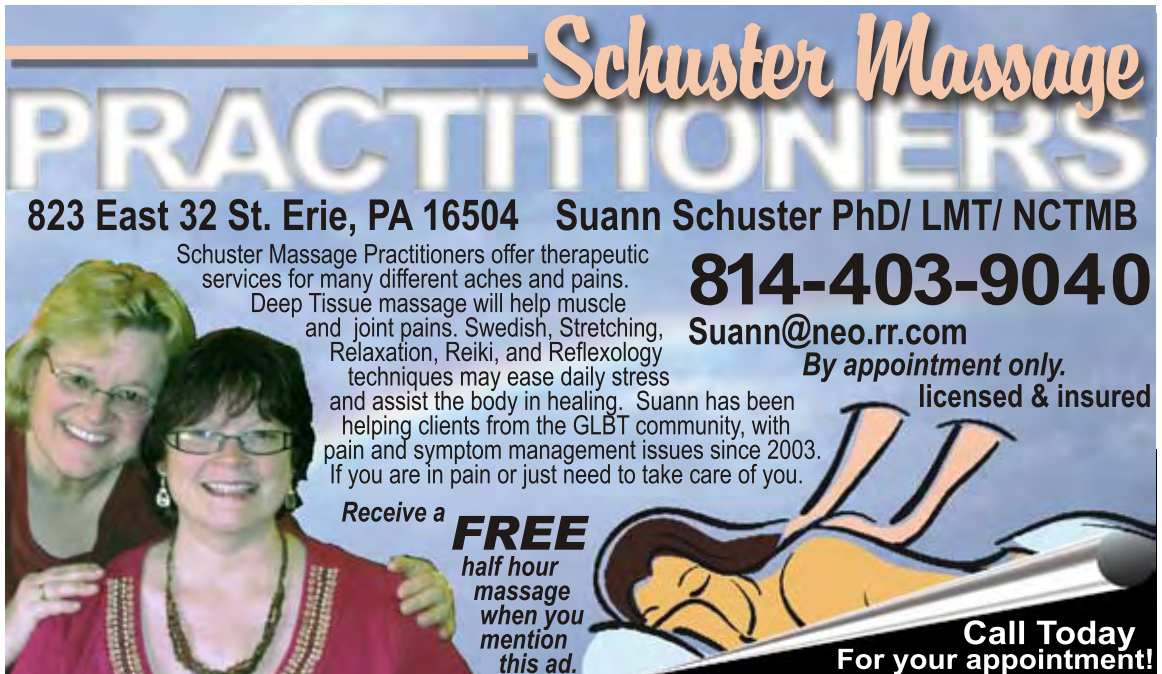
Founded in Philadelphia in 1991, Dining Out For Life now is produced in 55 cities throughout North America, raising an annual total of \$4 million. In the past seven years, the event has raised more than \$900,000 in Buffalo and the volunteer committee hopes to reach the \$1million milestone this year. All funds raised here remain in this area.

April is...

From Crime Victim Center of Erie

Child Abuse Prevention Month, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and April 18-24 has been designated National Crime Victims' Rights Week this year. There are a variety of events going on during the month to raise awareness of victimization issues. On April 12th at 6:30 p.m. Gannon University will host a Take Back the Night march beginning in Perry Square. And, on

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GLBT Venango Facebook Group

from faewoodland

There is a new Facebook page for people wanting to discuss issues of gender and sexuality in Venango County. It's called Gay, Lesbian and Transgendered Alliance of Venango County. The page can also be used to announce events, political news, and social gatherings for the LGBTI community. And it is a great place to meet new friends in the county.

PA Senate tables Constitutional ban

by Mike Mahler

On Tuesday, April 16, the Pennsylvania Judiciary Committee voted 8-6 to table SB 707, the proposed constitutional amendment to ban marriage equality. Marriage equality was already explicitly banned under Pennsylvania law in 1996.

This was the 4th time that a constitutional amendment was voted down and the first time that it effectively died in committee. This represents a major victory! Area legislators Sen. Jane Earl and Sen. Mary Jo White voted to table, and this was also the first time that Sen. White voted with us! Huge thanks go out to all of the many folks who called, wrote letters and visited to achieve this!

We ask that everyone call each of the eight State Senators who voted to table this measure.

NY State Legislature Passes Family Health Care Decisions Act

from, Empire Pride Agenda

Albany, NY — After being stalled in the Legislature for 17 years, the New York State Senate has finally joined the Assembly in passing the Family Health Care Decisions Act that enables a loved one to make health care decisions when the patient is not able to do so. The bill places a same-sex or opposite-sex domestic partner, just like a spouse, ahead of a surviving child or parent in making these decisions.

Governor Paterson has said he will sign the bill into law when it is sent to him.

Full story www.prideagenda.org



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Behrend Gender conference

from Sarah E. Whitney

Penn State Behrend will be hosting its annual Gender Conference on April 8 & 9. This is a forum for educational exchange on issues of gender between students, staff, faculty and community members.

The conferences begins with a keynote address, **“Not Victims, but Survivors: Confronting the Legacy of Sexual Violence in the Congo,”** by **Dr. Lee Ann De Reus** on Thursday April 8 at 7:30 PM in Smith Chapel.

De Reus is committed to keeping alive the stories of women trapped in genocidal violence. She co-founded the central PA chapter of the international organization Save Darfur. At Penn State, she inspires activism in her students by leading international service and study abroad trips to Tanzania and to the Dominican Republic. Her recognitions include the inaugural Penn State University Spirit of Internationalization Award (2008), and the national Carl Wilkens Fellowship (2009).

The Capstone Event will be a film screening of “Out in the Silence” and Q&A with filmmaker **Joe Wilson**, Friday, April 9, also at 7:30 PM in Penn State Behrend’s Smith Chapel.

The newspaper announcement of filmmaker Joe Wilson’s wedding to another man ignites a firestorm of controversy and a quest for change in the small Pennsylvania town of Oil City. Drawn back to his hometown by a plea for help from the mother of a gay teen being tormented at school, Wilson takes viewers on an exhilarating journey through love, hate, and understanding in rural America. He makes an unexpected friendship with an evangelical pastor, and he helps a lesbian couple renovate an historic downtown theatre that could catalyze the town’s economic revitalization – if the community will accept them.

The greatest change occurs in Wilson himself as he realizes that creating lasting change in small towns takes the courage and ongoing commitment of local folks to speak out and live openly.

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A Faith Perspective

*Rev Doug Sewell
Pastor, All Saints Community Church*

Today, a friend asked me what race Cain, Adam and Eve's first son, was. I said that he was before there were racial differences. He then asked me if they were caucasian, black, or some other race. I said that I didn't know, but that they had the potential or genetic makeup to produce all of the races.

In the same way, although Adam and Eve were apparently heterosexual, they had the potential of homosexual or bisexual inclination within them. They had the genetic makeup to produce transgender or intersexed offspring, as well as female and male.

The next time someone says "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve!", remember that that "Adam and Steve" was potential in their offspring. They probably don't consider that racial diversity can be an indicator of potential gender and affectation diversity as well.

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All Saints will be holding holding Lenten Services. Palm Sunday is March 28th. Maundy Thursday Service will be at 7 pm. As well as Good Friday Service at 7pm. All are Welcome to attend these services. Our services start at 10:30 on Sundays. We offer Communion and Baptism. Pastor Doug Sewell can perform Holy Unions as well.

Rev. Doug is the pastor of All Saints Community Church in Cortland, OH. The church website is <http://www.allsaintsonline.org>

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A Lesson in Humility

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

Yesterday I was at one of those meetings that seemed to drag on endlessly. Everyone was talking at the same time. Every person in the room thought that he or she was an authority on the topic we were discussing. The chatter got louder and the discussion obviously was going nowhere. Finally the moderator said, "Let's just stop a minute and listen to each other. We all have something important to say, but right now no one is listening."

Much of my Lenten devotional reading this year has to do with silence and humility. The book I'm using was written in the 4th Century by a monk who lived simply and used words sparingly. I thought about that monk's ancient writings when the moderator called for silence at the meeting that was out of control.

To patiently sit back and listen to what someone else has to say can be an exercise in humility. To allow someone else to have the floor, even when we're absolutely certain that what we have to say is of utmost importance is a discipline in humility. To conclude that another person's view is better than our own is a good lesson in humility.

It seems obvious to me that if politicians could exercise more humility they would be able to find a way to listen to one another instead of scold each other. If clergy could learn to obey the biblical command of humility many of the needless theological debates and divisions would be avoided. If journalists, talk show hosts and news reporters would be more humble and

thoughtful, we'd get a more objective view of the news.

Humility is a biblical theme in both the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. The prophet of old warned us that we are to "walk humbly with our God." In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that it is the meek who will ultimately inherit the earth. At the beginning of Holy Week Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, the symbol of modesty and humility.

I was reminded of my Lenten devotional thoughts about humility when I watched a television new interview last week with an American missionary and a native minister in Uganda. Both of them have been instrumental in creating the anti-gay frenzy that is now going on in the nation. Even though they both claimed to be Christians, they spoke with a kind of arrogance and haughtiness that would never have been characteristic of Jesus. The more they talked the more foolish they appeared, as they unsuccessfully tried to defend their position. Both would have been wiser to have said nothing!

Alfred Tennyson wrote: "True humility – the highest virtue – mother of them all."

He was absolutely right. True humility is the greatest of all virtues. And, humility teaches us that sometimes it is better to be quiet and thoughtful – to speak less and listen more.

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 W 38th St. in Erie. Services are Sunday at 11am. (814) 864-4429. The pastor is Richard A. Moyer and his assistant is Dr. Richard McCarty. Website is www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html

Transitions

Sincere condolences to **Rep. Kathy Dahlkemper** who lost her father **Carl Steenberge** in February and her mother **.M. Janet Clarke Steenberge** in March.

Walter "Wally" Weise passed away on March 3. Deepest sympathies to his partner, Mark Lechner. Wally had a long and distinguished career as a keyboardist in the Erie area.

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Mar 26-28 - Drenched Fur 6 - Erie's own Bear weekend. Info: Gary Snyder (814) 446-2327 gnsnyder@drenchedfur.com www.drenchedfur.com

Mar 26 (Fri) - Craze Night Club welcomes Drenched Fur: Bearapalooza! Musical and comic entertainment, see page 4 for details. 1607 Raspberry St. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com. www.drenchedfur.com

Mar 26 (Fri) - Under-Bear Party! Zone's Bear Bar Night! Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St. The Zone welcomes all the guys from Drenched Fur to a night of dancing and fun at our Under-Bear Party just for you! Show off your Under-Bear! Wear fun boxers and underwear and lets see some *fur!* Prize for Sexiest Under-Bear! Grab a bite to eat from the Zone Kitchen, try a Zone Twister Cocktail & join your friends on the Video Dance floor as fellow bear DJ TC plays your requests! Prizes, dancing! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com. www.drenchedfur.com

Mar 30 - Renaissance City Women's Choir at Edinboro University in Dr. William P. Alexander Music Center's Recital Hall at 7:30 -to 9 p.m.: a performance by Pittsburgh's Renaissance City Women's Choir. The RCWC, comprised of lesbians creating change through music, was formed in January 1995 and includes women from many professions, avocations, and musical backgrounds. The choir is making its third appearance at Edinboro University.

Mar 31 (Wed) - LBT Women Play Pool at Andy's (Andy's Pub and Crown Billiards, 3866 Peach St, Erie, PA) 6:30 PM. Wednesday is free pool for ladies after

6:30. If you can't play pool like a shark, don't worry, neither can we! Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Venue Phone: (814) 864-9007. Email: lbt-women-owner@eriegaynews.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Apr 1 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. It's April Fool's Day! Come down and get *crazy* Nocturnal Style! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Apr 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Fox and Hound English Pub and Grille, 250 Millcreek Plaza, Erie, PA.) 6-8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. You can also sign up for the Erie Gay Business Alliance email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Venue Phone: (814) 864-5589. Find on Facebook..

Apr 2 (Fri) - Alice's Adventure in Diva-land! (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St. Join Alice as she falls thru the rabbit hole into the Zone and starts her Adventure thru Diva-land, featuring Michele Michaels, Angelica Redd, Celine DeShaun and Miss Erie—Mistress Vanatay! Don't be late for an important date! Get here early for a good seat at the Mad Hatters tea table and enjoy the show. Get into the Zone...or off with your head! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Apr 3 (Sat) - Easter Eve at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. Hop on down to Craze! Celebrate Easter with your friends! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com

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Apr 3 (Sat) - Alice in Wonderland Easter Party!

Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St., Follow the White Rabbit into the Zone for our Alice in Wonderland Easter Party! Wear fun Hats or come dressed as your favorite Alice in Wonderland character! ...Sexy Alice, Mad Hatter, Devious Cheshire Cat, Drag Queen of Hearts, or Tweedle Dee & Tweedle Dum! The White Rabbit will be handing out Easter eggs & curious treasures! Drink Me!...try a Mad Hatter Iced Tea or join the Queen of Hearts on the dancefloor. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Apr 4 (Sun) - Easter at Craze Night Club (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502)

HAPPY EASTER! CRAZE is OPEN! Come on down and sing karaoke with us! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

Apr 7 (Wed) - Erie Public Affairs Institute: Different Perspectives---Common Interests (Ambassador Banquet & Conference Center, 7792 Peach St, Erie, PA 16509)

8:30 AM - 3 PM. www.TheNonprofitPartnership.org.

Apr 9 (Fri) - Out in the Silence screening (Smith Chapel, Penn State-Erie (Behrend Campus), Erie, PA)

7 PM. Screening in Smith Chapel will be the capstone event for the 3rd Annual Penn State Behrend Conference on Gender. This year's theme is "Gender In The World." Browse to <http://behrend.psu.edu>.

Apr 10 (Sat) - 2010 Picnic Planning Committee meets (Panera's - Yorktown Plaza, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA. 2 PM. The 18th Annual Erie Gay News Family Pride Picnic will be Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Rotary Pavilion. Volunteers needed to make this picnic the best one yet! You can sign up for the list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com> and see more about the picnic

at <http://picnic.eriegaynews.com>. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Phone: (814) 833-9101. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com. RSVP/Register/Tickets at www.facebook.com/event.php?id=10150127873735203.

Apr 10 (Sat) - LBT Women go to midtown retail district 11 AM. We will meet at the newest restaurant in town, the vegetarian "Singing Bowl" at 11 am for lunch. then shop at Grasshopper, Chicory Hill Herbs and more. Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Venue Phone: (814) 454-8300. womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

Apr 11 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse 1PM, Young LBT Women meet at 2PM. (814) 452-6645


Apr 11 (Sun)- Tom Goss & Jeremiah Clark at the Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse 35 Peninsula Drive. 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM <http://picoffeefhouse.com>. Tom Goss and Jeremiah Clark will perform, singing and playing guitar. If you have never seen Tom or Jeremiah, please come. You won't be disappointed. Check out Tom at www.tomgossmusic.com. You can find out more



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about Jeremiah at <http://www.jeremiahclarkmusic.com/> Tom and Jeremiah both are on Facebook as well.

Apr 12 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy, 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.

Apr 12 (Mon) - Deadline for EGN April 2010 print edition (1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502-1105) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of Mar 25. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Apr 15 (Thu) - LBT Women go to Erie Seawolves opening day (Jerry Uht Park, 110 E 10th St, Erie,

PA 16501) 6:35 PM. Dress warm, bring your blankets and enjoy the baseball game with Andrea, Kim, Laurie and Janice. Warming area if you get cold, and Hot Chocolate will be available! Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-6645. Venue Phone: (814) 456-1300. Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Apr 18 (Sun) - Zone Dance Club: FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8:30 PM. Drag series the 3rd Sunday of the month. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Apr 19 (Mon) - PA Voters: Last Day to Register to Vote in primaries

Apr 19 (Mon) - CRAZE Entertainment Series Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Apr 19 (Mon) - Rachel Sage in Concert Beachland Ballroom, Cleveland. www.beachlandballroom.com.

Apr 20 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA. 7 PM. Every third Tuesday of the month, the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church. Meetings are confidential. Come join the discussion! Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: (319) 270-5140. Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

Apr 21 (Wed) - Rachel Sage in Concert The Mohawk Place, Buffalo, NY. www.rachelsage.com.

Apr 21 (Wed) - LBT Women Play Pool at Andy's Pub and Crown Billiards, 3866 Peach St, Erie, PA. Wednesday is free pool for ladies after 6:30. Oh and if you can't play pool like a shark, don't worry, neither can we! Contact: Laurie Finch. Phone: (814) 452-6645.

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Apr 22 (Thu) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party Mike Kohlers, 614 Cherry St, Erie PA. 7 PM. Please contact the night before to verify that we are on schedule! Help us get out the print edition of *Erie Gay News*. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. RSVP at www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=351083079291.

Apr 22 - 25 (Thu - Sun) - Cleveland Leather Awareness Weekend Browse to www.clawinfo.org.

Apr 22 (Thu) - Rachel Sage in Concert Club Cafe, Pittsburgh www.rachelsage.com/.

Apr 24 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Opening Weekend 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.

Apr 28 (Wed) - Youth Support Group meets Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center, 200 Gustavus Ave, Jamestown, NY 14701. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. A peer support group for GLBT youth and their allies ages 14 to 19 is co-sponsored by GA Family Services and GLYS. Meetings held in the cafetorium. Contact: Deb. Phone: (716) 969-1873. Email: glyswny@gmail.com. Visit www.glyswny.org

Apr 30 - May 2 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Opening Weekend - Welcome Back 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Cinco de Mayo; Margarita Madness; Bring a Margarita mixer for the Blenders!; Mexican Potluck Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

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Info and to volunteer:
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May 1 (Sat) - Happy May Day at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Stop down and gear up for summer with us at Craze! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

May 1 - Elton John in Youngstown Covelli Centre www.eltonjohn.com

May 3 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

May 4 (Tue) - Ohio Primary Election

May 7 - 9 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Retro Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Dancin' through the decades. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

May 8 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Bears in the Woods I (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdavicampground.com>.

Jul 14 (Wed) - Lady Gaga in Cleveland Quicken Loans Arena



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On Stage

Renaissance City Woman's Choir returns to Edinboro

from Renaissance City Women's Choir

The Renaissance City Women's Choir returns to Edinboro University for the third time!

Renaissance City Women's Choir: Lesbians and Gays Creating Change through the Power of Music will perform March 30 at Edinboro University, Alexander Music Center Recital Hall, 110 Kiltie Road, Edinboro, PA. Andres Cladera, Artistic Director.

The Renaissance City Women's Choir was born in January 1995. A tremendous turnout of over 60 women responded to the first audition call, and several of the choir's current members sang in the inaugural season.

There have been many highlights in the choir's history. Our premiere performance was to a standing ovation at the Benedum in Pittsburgh for the Gala 10th anniversary celebration of the Renaissance City Men's Choir.

In 1999, the women recorded their first studio CD. Ferron headlined at our Womenfest in 2000. In

2001, we joined with RCMC in hosting a weekend retreat with Ysaye Barnwell, a founding member of Sweet Honey in the Rock and one of our favorite composers. We premiered "I Look Like a Girl" the first commissioned composition by Susan R. Haugh in 2002. It was part of our first concert for children and families on a double bill with "Oliver Button is a Sissy" performed by RCMC. Although our major concerts get most of the publicity, the choir is just as passionate about our performances at community events: for the Thomas Merton Center, PFLAG Pittsburgh Chapter, Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh, the Pittsburgh Arts Festival and more. In 2004, the RCWC toured local universities, performing at California University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro University, and Penn State's Fayette campus.

The Renaissance City Choirs' mission is to promote a positive image of the GLBT community and to be a leading contributor to the cultural life of the tri-state area. The choruses seek to build bridges both within the GLBT community and with the community at large. Programming blends challenging contemporary music; commissions of new works; an ambitious, traditional repertoire; and music from various world cultures. They seek to educate, challenge and enlighten both audiences and singing membership. They continue to affirm, by example and through song, the worth and dignity of sexual minorities. Music that is gay-positive and openly supports issues related to human equality and justice is represented at all concerts. The Renaissance City Choirs are proud members of GALA Choruses.

Throughout the many seasons we have brought to our members and our audiences the power that comes with making music together. We look forward to continuing to grow in our core values: musical excellence, respect for diversity, and community. And we look forward to continuing our mission as Lesbians and Gays Creating Change through the Power of Music. If you would like to learn more about the Renaissance City Choirs visit www.rccpittsburgh.org

Also coming up in Pittsburgh: The Renaissance City Choirs will perform their 25th anniversary spring concert, The Best of RCC: 25 Years, Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17 at 8pm at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh. Tickets are available through website, www.rccpittsburgh.org.



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On Stage

Tom Goss and Jeremiah Clark in Erie April 11 at P.I.G.

Singer-Songwriters Tom Goss and Jeremiah Clark are overjoyed to announce they will once again share the stage for The BIG Spring Tour 2010.

Presque Isle Gallery and Coffeehouse bring back two favorites on April 11 3:30-5:30PM (35 Peninsula Drive, Erie).

The two openly-gay, solo artists will be traveling through almost forty cities to bring fans across the country a truly unique and intimate experience.

Tom Goss is a nationally touring, independent singer/songwriter based out of Washington, DC whose critically acclaimed albums and aggressive touring schedule are raising the ears of many listeners. Named the top artist and top album of 2009 by Radio Crystal Blue (NYC-based independent radio), Tom is geared up for an even more ambitious 2010. Tom's 2009 video "Till The End" created a major buzz early in the year by notching over 100,000 views after an exclusive online release. 7 months later, based on a listener supported campaign, it climbed to the top on MTV's LOGO and stayed there for 6 weeks.

Jeremiah Clark is the perfect balance of singer-songwriter and contemporary artist. His ability to marry together truly heartfelt lyrics and unforgettable melodies make this new talent a rising star. With effortless, vocal phrasing and an eclectic, musical palette, his mixture of various melodic influences rival those of Mika, Morrissey and Michael Buble combined. "A Pittsburgh sensation," according to CUE Magazine, Jeremiah is honored to make his touring debut with both a mentor and dear friend.

"A History Book" is the first single from his forthcoming album and will soon be making a splash on the airwaves as will the music video currently in the planning stages; an extensive PRIDE tour is planned for 2010, with radio and TV appearances in the works, all to coincide with the album launch. Currently on rotation is Jeremiah's latest EP "Leaving a Broken Heart" which features five original tracks about acceptance, growth and understanding.

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Apr 1 Kittanning Public Library Kittanning, PA - 7:00 PM—Screening followed by community dialogue—280 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning, PA—Phone: 724-543-1383

Apr 9 - Penn State University-Behrend Erie, PA 7:00 PM—Screening in Smith Chapel will be the capstone event for the 3rd Annual Penn State Behrend Conference on Gender—This year's theme is "Gender In The World." More Details: <http://behrend.psu.edu/>

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

Contest	Starts
Elijah Black - Duo of CDs	March 26
Rhythm by Rod Carillo and Ronnie Sumrall	March 30
Hey Dude Aftershave	April 2
Jeremiah Clark EP - Leaving a Broken Heart	April 9
Blood Strangers: A Memoir by Author Katherine A. Briccetti	April 16
Divas Las Vegas, signed by author Rob Rosen	April 20
Jason Anton Single - Ooh Ooh Ohh	April 23
The Gay Uncle's Guide to Parenting: Candid Counsel from the Depths of the Daycare Trenches by Brett Berk, M.S. Ed.	April 30

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
A Private Midnight by Scott Fried, signed by the author	March 26
Crossing Twice	April 2
Kendall autographed CDs two pack	April 12

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!

Headlines

Feb 24—Maryland Attorney General Declares State Can Recognize Out of Jurisdiction Same-Sex Marriages, Joins may NY

Mar 2—U. S. Census to Officially Count Same-Sex Married and Unmarried Couples for First Time

Mar 3—DC Law Permitting Same-Sex Marriages Takes Effect

Mar 3—DC Archdiocese cancels all spousal benefits to new employees so they would not have to give them to same-sex married couples

Mar 3—Lieberman introduces legislation into Senate to repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

Mar 17- Episcopalians confirm a second gay Bishop, Rev. Mary D. Glasspool in Los Angeles

On our website

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

Videos

- “ACDC” - by Joan Jett
- “Catholic Sex Abuse Scandals in Europe”
- “Hallelujah” k.d. lang
- “We All Count” - (GLBT census PSA)

Photos

- FACE Drag Show

Web-only Articles

- Commentary on the AFA’s right-wing whack-job call to “Biblically” execute Tilly the SeaWorld orca.
- Other news!

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Michael Dithers

I hope that everyone is having a great spring! I was so impressed with how folks came together to prevent PA SB 707 from coming to the floor. Hopefully, we won’t have to deal with this again. I thought it was great that so many different groups (ACLU, NOW, various faith groups, GLBT and straight allies, Democrats and Republicans) joined forces to bring us this victory.

But we are not quite done yet! We still need to call the 8 legislators who voted to table this bill and thanks them. I called all 8 the day that this happened and it probably took me only 10 minutes total for all.

We are getting ready to send out our candidate questionnaire for the Voters Guide that will be in the next issue. Please be sure to check this out! *Erie Gay News* doesn’t endorse any candidates, and we try our best to give you as much info as possible so that you can make an informed decision. As we just saw with SB 707, who we vote for will determine what happens to our community.

We are also getting ready for the 18th annual Erie Gay News Family Pride Picnic on June 12. I am particularly impressed with the wonderful people that we have had at the planning meetings. I am very definitely excited about the new fundraising effort for Second Harvest Food bank of NW PA for this year!

**Watch for
Voters Guide
Next month!**

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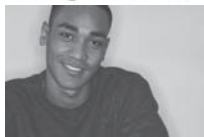
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