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Common Ground's STRAY event rescheduled for October

info from Cathi "GG" Mitchell

Common Ground's STRAY (Straight/Gay Alliance) show is being moved to October due to my hand surgery. I will keep you all posted. Please spread the word.

Can you step out of your comfort zone and lay down your differences, fears, judgements and ignorance long enough to make a difference and possibly make new friend? No hidden agendas..., just an attempt to fight hate and bring people together."

For more info, or to inquire about performing, contact Common Ground at commonground.erie@juno.com (814)397-7479 and find on Facebook at [facebook.com/commonground.erie](https://www.facebook.com/commonground.erie)

Out in the Silence screening survives Coudersport controversy

The movie *Out in the Silence* was scheduled to be shown July 28 at the Coudersport Library, followed by conversation with filmmakers Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer.

The film centers on the difficult experiences of a gay teen in a small town.

After several Potter County churches began badgering the librarian to pull the film, and the local Tea Party chairman threatened to have the library defunded, librarian Keturah Cappadonia tearfully contacted the filmmakers and said that it was cancelled.

The library's board, however, refused to buckle, and voted unanimously for the screening to go on as scheduled.

A report from the *Harrisburg Patriot-News* captured what happened at the screening: "When the lights went down, all seats were full. People were sitting on the floor, sitting on bookshelves, standing between the stacks and against the wall. Many could not see the screen, but stayed just to listen.

As the film neared its conclusion an hour later, there was a flash of lightning outside, a sharp clap of thunder, and a double rainbow filled the sky.



James, Ellen, Sabrina and Joe of PFLAG-Butler County at their successful first picnic July 18. The Pittsburgh-based Persad Center sponsored the event.

"Inside, a few opponents of the film offered their brimstone and walked out.

"Applause erupted when a woman told the library board, 'I think it's good what you've done here.'"

Joe Wilson writes "But then, gradually, slowly and often in tears, the LGBT folks and their family members, friends and allies began to recount their personal experiences.

"While it was painful, even frightening to observe the open hostility of the handful of individuals who attempted to stop the meeting from occurring, and then to disrupt the conversation with angry diatribes and personal attacks, people in the community have told us that it was actually useful that it all took place in full light of day because it revealed the seriousness of the problems that LGBT people face, often alone and without any networks of personal or legal support in such an environment."

You can read more details on the Coudersport controversy by linking from our website.

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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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Community News

Rainbow Pride Connection GLBT Conference on Oct 2

The Rainbow Pride Connection event is back at Chautauqua this year, 9 AM - 10 PM Featuring workshops on a variety of topics of interest to the LGBT community, a documentary on the gay & lesbian history of Buffalo, NY, and closing with a cabaret, with delightful local talent. Location is the Bellinger Hall Retreat and Conference Center, 4 S Lake Dr, Chautauqua, NY 14722). Contact: Pat Collins. Phone: (305) 926-5499. Email: pjcollins21@yahoo.com . Browse to www.rainbowprideconnection.net/. RSVP/Register/Tickets at www.rainbowprideconnection.net

Erie Blues & Jazz recap

by Michael Mahler

For the second year, Erie's GLBT community had a table at the Erie Art Museum's Blues and Jazz Fest. Thanks go out to Ed for help with set up. Among the people helping to staff the table were Laurie Finch, Robert, Jerry McCumber, Paul, Mags, Will Koehler and Charlene Newport. Available at the table were copies of Erie Gay News, as well as info about LBT Women of Erie, Family United Counseling, and the new GLBT Parents group being started. A few people also stopped by to have face photos taken. Virtually all of the interaction was positive and friendly!

Thanks also go out to Deb for taking photos and cleanup and Christian for help with cleanup.

Persad Center's Red Tag Sale!

from Persad Center

Join us for Persad's Red Tag Sale fundraising event which will be held at Imagebox Gallery, 4933 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15224 on Saturday, September 18 from 6:00-10:00 pm with an opening night wine and cheese reception. The sale will continue on Sunday, September 19 from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm as part of the Friendship House Tour. All proceeds from the sale of works of art by regional and national artists benefit Persad Center, the region's counseling and well being center for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. The sale is hosted by Dan Iddings and Persad Center with special thanks to John Mahood and Imagebox Gallery. Admission free! RSVP to iddings@comcast.net. Persad info www.persadcenter.org. For Imagebox Gallery visit www.imagebox.com.

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On July 25, an early morning fire in their West 18th Street apartment claimed the lives of Gwyneth Henry, 44, and Tyreesha Richardson, 31.

The devoted couple had been together for several years. They leave behind seven children.

Erie Gay News has started a memorial page for Tyreesha and Gwyn. We will be posting photos, videos, fundraising information, links to news stories, and more. Please feel free to contribute photos, prayers, comments, poems, memories or anything else you wish to share.

Funds have been set up for the children at local banks. Donations may be made to the Gwyn Henry Memorial Fund at any at any First Niagara Bank location, and the Tyreesha Richardson Memorial Fund at any PNC Bank. You can also contact Kara Onorato at (814) 602-5297 with any questions about donations or fundraising.



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Aug 5-28 - "Rent" at Erie Playhouse The groundbreaking rock musical and winner of 4 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for drama, has its Erie Playhouse premiere. Adult Situations/Language. 13 W. 10th St, Box office 814-454-2852 ext 0 www.erieplayhouse.org

Aug 27 (Fri) - Angelica Redd Presents the Zone Divas Summer Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Join your Friday night drag show host Angelica Redd and all of the Zone Divas for one great summer drag show! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

Aug 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Cowboy Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Party Sponsored by the 400 Block of Seasonal Campers; Line Dance Workshop. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

Aug 28 (Sat) - Rainbow Families Picnic (Asbury Woods Playground, 4105 Asbury Road, Erie, PA 16506) 4 PM - 6:30 PM. Potluck- please bring a dish to share. We have some kiddos with peanut allergies, so please be cognizant about ingredients :-). We will also discuss upcoming events :-). Email: RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com. Browse to <http://rainbow-familieserie.wetpaint.com/>. RSVP/Register/Tickets at on Facebook.

Aug 28 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Underwear Night II (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdavis-campground.com>.

Aug 28 (Sat) - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Picnic Lake Milton in the Craig Beach area from noon till 6pm (?). We are asking picnickers to bring a covered dish or a dessert. Hotdogs and hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the Mahoning Valley Pride Center. Call for info Terry (330) 788-1142 or email terranceesarco@yahoo.com

Sep 2 (Thu) - Mahoning Valley Stonewall Democrats Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44502) 7 PM - 9 PM. Open business meeting from 7 to 9 PM at the Mahoning Valley Pride Center. Email: mvstonewall@yahoo.com.

Browse to <http://mvstonewall.com/>. Browse to venue web site www.mvpridecenter.com.

Sep 2 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

Sep 3 (Fri) - Jones Pond: Labor Day Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Moulin Rouge Masquerade Ball; Bordello Underwear Party; Show Saturday Night. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

Sep 3 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Coconut Joe's - Boardwalk Complex, 28 North Park Row, Erie, PA 16501) 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>. Find on Facebook.

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Sep 4 - 5 (Sat - Sun) - Camp Davis: Holiday Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) White Party on Sat, Potluck Dinner/Covered Dish or Donation on Sun at 5 PM. Donations go towards main course for those who do not have a covered dish. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdaviscampground.com>.

Sep 5 (Sun) - Lada Gaga Monster Ball (Consol Energy Center, 1230 Colwell St, Pittsburgh, PA)

Sep 5 (Sun) - HAPPY LABOR DAY! Karaoke Night (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

Sep 6 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. Show starts at 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Sep 9-Oct 3 - "Hairspray" at the Erie Playhouse www.erieplayhouse.org

Sep 10 - 12 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Friends &

Family, NO nudity (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Family and Guests Variety Show following the potluck. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Sep 10-12 - Ohio Lesbian Festival Near Columbus OH. <http://ohiolesbianfestival.wordpress.com/>

Sep 11 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Cowboy Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

Sep 13 (Mon) - Deadline for EGN October 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 September 23. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact:

Sep 13 (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 GLBT people. If you would like to become a member, please see Millie, our secretary/treasurer. Bring a family member, friend, and yourself! Coffee, tea and hot cocoa provided, feel free to bring a treat or refreshment to share. Phone: (814) 456-0901. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Sep 14 (Tue) - New York Primary Election

Sep 14 (Tue) - HIV/AIDS Support Group meets (St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504) 6 PM. HIV/AIDS Support Group

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for those infected and affected meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. Contact: Cheryl A Kobel. Phone: (814) 452-6113. Email: cheryl1027@aol.com.

Sep 14 (Tue) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM and also the third Thursday of each month at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

Sep 15 (Wed) - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Movie Night 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 7 PM. Email: mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com.

Sep 16 (Thu) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 10 AM. Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM and also the third Thursday of each month at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

Sep 17 - 19 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Halloween Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Horror in the Woods; 10PM - Costume Party & Contest; Categories for Weekend Guests and Seasonals. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Sep 18 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Dance to the 80's (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

Sep 19 (Sun) - Youngstown Area PFLAG meets

Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 3 PM - 5 PM. Phone: (330) 747-2696. Email: YoungstownPFLAG@aol.com. Browse to www.angelfire.com/oh4/pflag/. Browse to venue web site www.mvpridecenter.com.

Sep 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels' FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Drag show held the 3rd Sunday of the month. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Sep 20 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. Show starts at 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Sep 21 (Tue) - International Day of Peace (Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM. Join Erie Peace Initiative for Art by Steve Mik (on display the 20th - 25th), music by Sing for Change, poetry and readings, free literature on the Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine conflicts and community project More information? Find us on Facebook!



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Sep 21 (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.

Sep 23 (Thu) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party

Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th Sr, Erie PA. 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.

Sep 25 (Sat) - All Families Matter (Youngstown) meets

Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland

Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 2 PM. Open to all natural, foster, adoptive and prospective LGBTQ and Ally families. Email: allfamiliesmatter@sbcglobal.net. Browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/allfamiliesmatter/>.

Sep 25 (Sat) - Sky Bar: STARZ

108 Fairmount Ave, Jamestown NY, at 10:30pm Awesome performances from your own Mr Sky, aka The Rican, Mr Manny , your local Lady Gaga; the 1st crown alternate for Miss Buffalo Gay Pride 2010, Miss Liza Summers; and the beautiful, talented and amazing Glow Sorcerer Miss Erie 2010 Miss Buffy Linn Hayes. And as a treat, awesome entertainers from Buffalo NY to complete what is promising to be an enchanted night. We are also introducing our new segment of this amazing STARZ Show called "Search for a Star" where new people with dreams to become a star can happen. This picked fans will show the audience what they can do to become a star. We have a lot of amazing performances for you, so if you have seen us on stage before, you know that it is a lot of fun and if you haven't this is your oportu-



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A couple of the folks who attended Ashtabula picnic on July 17.

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Oct 23 (Sat) - Sky Bar: STARZ Spooktacular! At Sky Bar, Jamestown NY. Details in next issue



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 Lesbian and Gay Parents Group starts Sept. 30th
 meets 6-8 PM 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month.

Hairspray at Playhouse

Big hair, a big beat, and a whole lot of Hairspray kick off the 94th season at the Erie Playhouse

The Erie Playhouse kicks off the 94th season with the Tony Award-winning musical *Hairspray* – opening Sept. 9 and running through Oct. 3.

Based on John Waters' 1988 cult film, the frothy, zippy, lovable musical hit Broadway in 2002 and stayed there for six years, winning eight Tony Awards including Best Musical. *Hairspray* boasts music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman and Shaiman and a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan. The songs include 1960's dance-style music along with "urban" rhythm and blues.

It's 1962. The 50's are out, and Baltimore is ready for change! Trendsetting, plus-size teen Tracy Turnblad has big hair, a big heart and an even bigger dream – to dance on "The Corny Collins Show." Tracy soon grooves her way from outsider to teen celebrity. Once on board, Tracy launches a campaign to integrate the show and receives help and support from a cast of crazy characters who really shake things up.

Featured in the Playhouse cast are **Rebecca Edmunds** (Tracy Turnblad) and as the irrepressible Edna – Tracy's mother – **Shawn Clerkin** (yes - he is in drag). Edna is the role that won Harvey Fierstein a Tony award for Best Actor in a musical. Tracy's dad, Wilbur, will be portrayed by **Dave Edmunds** (Rebecca's real-life father). Other notables in the cast include **Patty Corella** (Velma Von Tussle), **Cheryl Horton-Jong** (Motormouth Mable), **Drevell Showers** (Seaweed Stubs), **Carissa Mason** (Amber Von Tussle), **Jose Picado** (Link Larkin), **Emma Nathanson** (Penny Pingleton) and as Corny Collins – **Jerry Gill**. A supporting cast of energetic singers and dancers compete the talented ensemble.

Hairspray is under the direction of **Almitra Clerkin** with **Eric Smrcka** handling music/vocal direction. **Joe Hassler** will create the many 1960's Baltimore locations while **Mary Rose Ferrara** captures the flavor of the era with her whimsical costume designs. "Big hair" for the show will be created by **Jeanne Santos** who handles wig and hair design for all Erie Playhouse shows.

Hairspray – "You Can't Stop the Beat" in this big Broadway hit!

SHOW DATES & TIMES

September 9-12, 15-19, 23-26, 30-Oct. 3 Wednesday – Saturday 7:30pm; Sunday 2:00pm

All Adults \$13.00 & \$21.50, Students \$13.00 (includes tax and facility fee)

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Saint Anne Rice

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

I have to admit that I paid little attention to Anne Rice, the celebrated author, before she was interviewed recently on a television news broadcast. On that program she declared that she “quit being a Christian.” That got my attention!

As I heard more of the interview I came to realize that it isn't her faith in God that she is questioning; it's the way it's being presented by organized religion. She said, “I reached a point where I felt that I couldn't be complicit any longer in the things that organized religion was doing.” She went on to call many Christians “quarrelsome, hostile, disputatious and deservedly infamous.”

When I heard those words, I added Anne Rice to my list of modern day saints and extraordinary persons of faith!

In her interview she was particularly hard on the hypocrisy of the church's persecution of gay people among Roman Catholics and Protestants. She finds it deplorable that the very institution that preaches about love can display so much intolerance and hatred toward the GLBT community.

I agree with Rice. In the Protestant church, gay individuals have been targeted for their “sinfulness.” At the same time the church has more recently become tolerant of other lifestyles and choices that, in the past, would have been frowned upon. It was not very long ago, for example, that a divorced person could not be ordained to ministry in most Protestant churches. Now, divorced clergy are commonplace.

There is a very conservative Protestant denomination with which I am familiar. In their Book of Discipline they make it very clear that they will not ordain any person who is gay, even if that person is celibate. Homosexuality alone is the stated prohibition. There

is no reference to any other aspect of one's lifestyle or personality.

Anne Rice is to be admired for her courageous and prophetic proclamation that the church's stance on social issues has historically often been weak, shallow and hypocritical. Anne Rice has called the church to responsibility. The Christian church can only benefit by such constructive criticism.

Because of the courage of people like Anne Rice, the church will change slowly and cautiously. Someday we will wonder what all this fuss was about. And some day, probably no in the lifetime of any of us, the Kingdom will surely come to earth as it is in heaven.

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/communityeriepa.html

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LBT Women events

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August 27 - Pontoon Boat Ride. Leaves Lagoons at 7, back at 8:30. Free but you must register the Monday morning before the ride. Only 20 seats, first come, first served. If you want to go call Jan or Laurie at 456-6645 or e-mail me at LFinch003@neo.rr.com by no later that Friday the 20th. Jan will call and make the reservations on Monday Morning. When you e-mail me (Laurie), leave your e-mail address so I can get back to you and confirm that we did indeed get the reservations. If you leave a message, leave your name, phone number and how many seats you would like.

Aug 28 -Polish Festival. Meet 5:30 for food, then festival, games, and stuff. (Jan, Laurie 450-8804).
Sepr 8 - Pool at Andy's Pub (Lisa & gang). 3866 Peach Street Erie. Wed. After 6:30 pool is free for women

Usually out of there by 9 PM.

Sep 9-12 Tall Ship Festival in Erie. Thursday is free for all, and the opening ceremony includes a tall ship parade on the bay. We will decide a place and time to meet for the parade which starts at 5 PM and is over at 7. For the rest of the festival, Fri-Sun, you must have a passport to get onto Dobbins Landing where the ships will be docked. You can purchase a one day pass for \$13.00 or a three day pass for \$17. Passes include passage onto all ships for tours and can be purchased at the Maritime Museum inside the Blasco Library Building on the bayfront. www.eriemaritimemuseum.org We will meet Saturday at 10 AM for the tours which run 10 AM-6 PM as they do on Sunday also. For info about the festival go to <http://tallshipserie.com/> We are really looking forward to checking out the tall ship "Unicorn" whose entire crew is women! Go to www.tallshipunicorn.com/ for more info on her!

Sep 12 - LBT Women of Erie meeting at the Presque Isle Gallery & Coffeehouse. at 1 PM sharp.

Sep 22 Jr's Comedy Club for Dueling Pianos Meet 6:30 or 7pm. Free admission, but you might want to bring some cash.

Sep 23- Help fold the Erie Gay News at the ZONE Bar 133 West 18th. Be there at 7 PM and help us get out the Erie Gay News! (21+ because of being a bar)

Sep 23 Rock climbing at Panama Rocks Bring a picnic lunch as we will eat there in their picnic grove. Note: NO disposable water bottles allowed in the rock/trail area. Bring your reusable bottles only! www.panamarocks.com/ \$7 adults/\$ 5-\$6 kids, No pets. Details <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>



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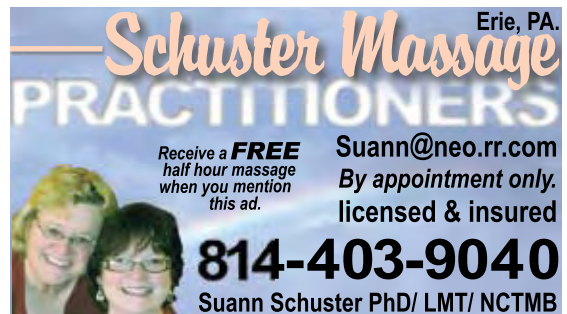
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Photos

- Additional photos added to Millcreek July 4 Parade--showing more of the other participants in the GLBT contingent.

Videos

- Brett Fallon at Craze
- Lt. Choi's West Point ring delivered to Senate Majority leader Reid
- Stephen Colbert on Mexico recognizing same-sex marriage.
- "Jailhouse Rock" from 1956.

Audio

- NPR: 'Late-Life Lesbians' Reveal Fluidity Of Sexuality



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Contest	Starts
<i>In The Therapist's Chair</i>	Augiut 27
<i>Hannah Free DVD</i>	September 3
<i>Under the Red Velvet Cover</i> by Grant Garris	September 7
<i>Kabuki in a G-String</i>	September 10
<i>Shut Up and Kiss Me DVD</i>	September 14
<i>Yield</i> by Lee Houck	September 14
Sheldon Bailey Mysteries: <i>Friend of the Firm</i> and <i>Love Valley</i>	September 21
<i>Lost Raven</i> Graphic Novel	Septmber 24
<i>Female Force: Olivia Newton John</i> - Breast Cancer Awareness issue	October 1
<i>The Incredible Machine CD</i> by Sugarland	October 8

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
Erika Jayne <i>Pretty Mess</i> Prize Pack	August 27
<i>Hairspray</i> tickets for Erie Playhouse	September 1
<i>Hard at Work</i> by Brad Saunders	September 3
<i>EAME: Taylor Lautner</i> Comic Book	September 10

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!

Michael Dithers

by Michael Mahler

I hope that everyone had a great month! Having the GLBT table at the Blues and Jazz Festival was very rewarding. What made me happiest was that many of the people that came up to the table weren't people I would necessarily have guessed. In several cases, they were supportive straight folks. At first, I wondered if the people coming up to have their photos taken were aware that it was a GLBT thing. Then I looked at the big banner with the Erie Gay News logo, and the shirt I wearing with the same thing. Duh on me!

I had a wonderful time at both the Ashtabula OH picnic and the Butler PA picnic this past month. (I am sort of referring to it as my Severely Queer Weekend, since we were putting the newsletter to bed, and I also took photos at the 1st Anniversary FACE Drag Show. I think that one of the most important things that we can do to build community is to work on getting to events that are outside of the usual track. That was also why I was so passionate about having the table at the Blues and Jazz Festival. Just checking out other GLBT events is only the beginning - there is also the need to reach out to the greater community.

Huge congratulations to *Out in the Silence* on their Emmy nomination! It is so wonderful to see people making a difference. I read sme of the comments on one of the Coudersport sites when the screening was due to happen, and responded to a few. It really just drives home the point that the most important thing is dialog. It sounds like the situation in Coudersport, although initially sounding pretty difficult, ended up accomplishing something important.

We are considering starting an occasional web feature wherein we send out a question and ask you for response. We will then publish the responses and you can list your name however you'd like. Keep an eye peeled and we hope to include you!

The performance of *Rent* at the Erie Playhouse was very well done and quite moving! I am looking forward to seeing *Hairspray* next month. I am also looking forward to the Rainbow Connection Conference being held at the Chautauqua Institution on October 2. I didn't get the chance to go last year, since it was opposite Pagan Pride Day.

Big thanks to everyone who helped with this issue!

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**Mexican Supreme Court Justice Arturo Zaldívar**, who voted with the majority to order all Mexican states to honor same-sex marriages performed legally in Mexico City.

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