



# EGN

## Erie Gay News



### Oil City Council proclaims Day of Recognition for “Fair and Equal Treatment for All People”

*info from The Derrick*

City Council members in Oil City proclaimed September 13 as Joe Wilson Day.

The proclamation is a tribute to Joe Wilson, who grew up in Oil City. Wilson and his partner Dean Hamer made the documentary film *Out in the Silence*.

The proclamation reads, “Joe Wilson’s film shows Oil City to the rest of the country as a town capable of positive change and documents progress in fair and equal treatment for all people in this community.”

Council was asked in June by Oil City resident George Cooley to adopt a formal human rights policy and to embrace Wilson’s film on tolerance in small towns. “We were proud to see the Oil City Council sign the proclamation,” Cooley said. “This is a first step in a marketing attitude toward our city. It is also a step towards a progressive Human Rights Initiative.”

(To keep up on *Out in the Silence* news, find them on Facebook, and check out the Out in the Silence blog).

### Oil City Gay-Straight Alliance Costume Ball Oct 23

*from Latonia Theatre*

The Oil City Gay-Straight Alliance is sponsoring a costume ball--“Night of the Living La La’s” on October 23 at the Latonia, 1 East First Street, Oil City, PA. The event starts at 8 PM. The cost is just \$5. It’s a BYOB event. Anyone *not* in costume may be subject to harassment by the Latonia Ghosts.

This event, publicized as a gay-straight alliance event, says that this is a welcoming event for the GLBT community. If you are straight and welcoming—come have a good time. If you are ready to have fun, to create good things, and bring an attitude of true community -building, you belong here!

Info Phone: (814) 673-8400.



*Buffalo’s veteran GLBT activist Madeline Davis, from the film *Swimming with Lesbians*. The film looks at western New York’s rich GLBT history, and will be shown at the Rainbow Pride Connection Conference on October 2.*

### LGBT Parent Support Group starts

*from LGBT Parent Support Group*

As gay dads and lesbian moms in the Erie area, we have a lot of concerns for our children. Will our kids face prejudice at their school because of us? Will they hesitate to bring friends to our house? Will they think they are the only ones ever to have a gay or lesbian parent? At Family United Counseling, we want to put you in touch with the experts of lesbian and gay parenting... each other! Beginning Thursday September 30th and every 2nd and 4th Thursday after that, a group of lesbian and gay parents will be gathering for support, friendship, and networking. Initial meeting is from 6 – 8 pm at 1011 West 38th Street (Community United Church). Child care will be provided, so bring your kids! For more information or to let us know you’re coming, email us at [FamilyUnitedCounseling@gmail.com](mailto:FamilyUnitedCounseling@gmail.com) or call (814)547-4837.

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# Community News

## Zone: Breast Cancer Awareness 2010

*info from the Zone Dance Club*

Stop out Saturday and Sunday October 2nd and 3rd to support the Zone's Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend! The Zone is located at 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Their web site is <http://www.TheZoneDanceClub.com>.

On Saturday, October 2nd, check out our great bake sale, pick up some cool PINK merchandise, or buy some chances for the Chinese Auction of great prizes.

All proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

On Sunday, October 3, join Michelle Michaels and all the girls for a special PINK edition of the FACE drag show series.

Please stop out this weekend and help make this our most successful Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend ever!

## 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](mailto:pjcollins21@yahoo.com) . Browse to [www.rainbowprideconnection.net/](http://www.rainbowprideconnection.net/). RSVP/Register/Tickets at [www.rainbowprideconnection.net](http://www.rainbowprideconnection.net)

## Plans Announced for Lake Erie Gala 2010

*info from Melanie/Erie Sisters*

The Erie Sisters, Erie's Transgender/crossdresser support/social group, will be holding their 12th Annual Lake Erie Gala November 15-21, 2010. Registration is up and running at [www.eriesisters.org](http://www.eriesisters.org) for event and there is a discount available this year for cash/check payment. Online registration is still available for those that prefer to register and pay that way. There are several items girls attending should know about in advance to plan wardrobes etc. Prizes will be given for some of the events, so we encourage participation.

1) There will be an Egyptian/Arabic themed dinner and belly dancers to include belly dancing instruction. Girls are encouraged to wear themed attire.

2) There will be an Oriental themed dinner on Friday also, so bring your geisha dresses.

3) A collage will be assembled during the Gala in memory of Jackie Barnes, a long time Gala vendor and close friend of the Erie Sisters. Anyone having pictures or memorabilia of her are encouraged to post it on the collage, which will be given to Jackie's family after the Gala.

4) There will be a Talent Contest on Friday. Participants having musical accompaniment MUST get a copy of the music to Kimi at least 2 weeks in advance of the Gala to assure it will play properly. Kimi Weathers can be contacted on the Ning site at <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>, or get in touch with Melanie if you have trouble. Contestants must also have a description of their act given to Cindy at the Gala in advance of the



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contest for announcement.

5) There will be a favorite costume lunch on Saturday, so bring something for that.

6) Swap and trade will be set up in the registration room. If you have something that doesn't fit or you don't want anymore, it can be placed in the swap and trade, and items placed there are free to those that like or need them. No money will change hands for this.

7) The Glitter Ball will take place on Saturday night. Bring something sparkly to wear. Formal attire is not required, but this is a chance to really show your class!

8) We will have a game night on Wednesday, so if you have a favorite game you are encouraged to bring it. Pool, Darts and Ping Pong will also be available.

We hope to see you all there in November, it should prove to be a great time as it always is. If you have any specific questions regarding the Gala, get in touch with me.

## Updated LBT Women of Erie site

*info from LBT Women of Erie*

Please note that the LBT Women of Erie have been hard at work updating the look and content of their site. Big thanks to Terry for all of her help. Be sure to stop on by and check it out at <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com>

Also, be sure to become a member of the LBT Women of Erie site on Wetpaint! In addition, sign up for the LBT Women of Erie email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>.

Separate from that, please also note that they are also putting together another order of Beanwear! Be sure to get a shirt or other item to wear when you are out hanging with the Beans!



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

Contest	Starts
<i>Lost Raven</i> Graphic Novel	September 24
<i>Female Force: Olivia Newton John</i> - Breast Cancer Awareness issue	October 1
<i>The Incredible Machine</i> CD by Sugarland	October 8
<i>For My Wife</i> DVD	October 15
<i>Mirrors</i> by Marianne K. Martin	October 22
Kristine W - <i>Straight Up with a Twist</i> CD and Music Video DVD	October 29

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Hannah Free</i> DVD	September 24
<i>Under the Red Velvet Cover</i> by Grant Garris	September 28
<i>Kabuki in a G-String</i>	October 1
<i>Shut Up and Kiss Me</i> DVD	October 5
<i>Yield</i> by Lee Houck	October 8
Sheldon Bailey Mysteries: <i>Friend of the Firm</i> and <i>Love Valley</i>	October 12

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!

## New Study: Tobacco Use in the LGBTQ Youth

*from National LGBT Tobacco Control Network*

National Youth Advocates Coalition (NYAC) has long been the go to group for some great resources for pushing back against LGBTQ youth tobacco use, and they've done it again here. Please take a gander at their fascinating new report on LGBTQ youth tobacco attitudes, complete with smart and savvy recommendations. There's lots to learn from in this report.

Two things especially fascinating were that 20% of people who said they were 'nonsmokers' admitted to smoking socially; and that only 63% of LGBTQ youth said their sexual orientation was LGBT (We know at least a dozen survey researchers who'll wail and gnash their teeth at this news). But mostly, let's get this out far and wide, because LGBTQ youth tobacco control is severely underfunded and powered. Unless we want to be doing this work in 20 more years, please help us spread these findings and strategies to all the groups that can make them

happen. Great job NYAC!

For the full report, visit Natinal LGBT Tobacco Control Network <http://www.lgbttobacco.org/>

## HRC Launches 'New Yorkers for Marriage Equality'

*from Human Rights Campaign*

WASHINGTON – The Human Rights Campaign – the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) civil rights organization announced a new campaign, "New Yorkers for Marriage Equality," which raises the public profile of marriage equality in the Empire State leading into this fall's elections and next year's anticipated legislative action. The campaign can be viewed online at [www.hrc.org/NY4marriage](http://www.hrc.org/NY4marriage) "New York is poised to be on the leading edge of marriage equality and New Yorkers are speaking out to make it happen," said HRC President Joe Solmonese. "We hope these high-profile New Yorkers spur every fair-minded citizen to make their voices heard on this critical equality issue."

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# Calendar

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**Sep 9-Oct 3 - "Hairspray" at the Erie Playhouse**  
[www.erieplayhouse.org](http://www.erieplayhouse.org)

**Sep 24-Oct 9 Buffalo United Artists Presents the Western NY Premiere of "The Pride"** The play fluidly travels back and forth between the years, contrasting closeted life in late 1950s and the "liberated" world of early 21st-century England. The play took London by storm last season winning an Olivier award. [www.buffalobua.org](http://www.buffalobua.org)

**Sep 25 (Sat) - Rainbow Families Erie - Asbury Woods: Honey Harvest Festival Outing** (Asbury Woods Nature Center, 4105 Asbury Road, Erie, PA 16506) 2 PM - 4 PM. \$3.00 members, \$4.00 non-members. Venue Phone: (814) 835-5356. Email: [RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com](mailto:RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com). Browse to <http://rainbowfamilieserie.wetpaint.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](mailto: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 opportunity to be part of The New Era of Entertainment in Jamestown NY! STARZ The Show of The Crowns! Phone is (716) 661-3212.

**Sep 28 (Tue) - HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** (St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd, Erie, PA 16504) 6 PM. HIV/AIDS Support Group 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: [cheryl11027@aol.com](mailto:cheryl11027@aol.com).

**Oct 1 (Fri) - Jones Pond: Closing Weekend** (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) "Until Next Year Potluck"; Last Chance to Dance. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

**Oct 1 - 31 (Fri - Sun) - Zone Dance Club: Welcome to Hell** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Someone found the skeleton key and has unlocked the Gates to Hell! The Zone's 12th annual Haunted Bar! The fun continues all month long at the Zone as the bar is transformed into the Fiery Depths of Hell! Explore the flaming caves and hot-moist caverns, dance in the Devil's Dungeon, have a drink in the Lost Souls Lounge, or meet a Horny Devil! Join your friends in the fun all month long until the final Gates of Hell Halloween Party on

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**Oct 1 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar, 8071 Peach St, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 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.

**Oct 2 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Masquerade Weekend** (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to <http://www.campdavis-campground.com>.

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**Oct 2 (Sat) - Zone: PINK Party/Breast Cancer Awareness** Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Wear your pink to show your hope for the cure, strength and courage for those who are fighting it, and love for those who we have lost. There will be a bake sale, cool PINK merchandise and a Chinese Auction of great prizes. All proceeds will be donated to Breast Cancer Awareness. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Oct 4 (Mon) - Craze College Night Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. 18 & over. Phone: (814) 456-3027.

## Rainbow Pride Connection GLBT Conference

Chautauqua Institution, Bellenger Hall. Chautauqua NY  
Saturday, October 2, 2010 9 AM to 10 PM

Coordinated by the Chautauqua Gay & Lesbian Community and Erie Gay Pride, Inc.  
Go to [RainbowPrideConnection.net](http://RainbowPrideConnection.net) to view schedule of events and register.

Scholarships are for full time college students, unemployed & others in need.

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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 filled with music, new friends, coffee, tea, and snacks.

For more info, call (716) 761-6052

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Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**Oct 7 (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](mailto:mvstonewall@yahoo.com). Browse to <http://mvstonewall.com/>.

**Oct 7 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Oct 7-10-Eerie Horror Fest** At the Warner Theatre, Erie PA. [www.eeriehorrorfilmfestival.com](http://www.eeriehorrorfilmfestival.com) From Greg Ropp who organizes the Eerie Horror Fest: "We are showing a movie at the upcoming Eerie Horror Fest called "The Echo Game" which is about a lesbian couple who must protect their daughter from a murderous psychic! (I don't make this stuff up... lol). The movie is a little on the gory side, but I thought you may want to let people know that s (The horror fans are VERY gay friendly by the way...).

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**Oct 11 - National Coming Out Day**


**Oct 11 (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](mailto:pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com).

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**Oct 12 (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](mailto:hospice@velocity.net).

**Oct 13 (Wed) - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Movie Night** 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 7 PM. Email: [mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com).

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**Oct 16 (Sat) - Rainbow Families Erie - Zoo Boo Outing** (Erie Zoo, 423 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16508) 6 PM - 8 PM. It's almost that time of year! Let's get together and take our little ghouls and goblins to the zoo for Zoo Boo! Venue Phone: (814) 864-4091. Email: [RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com](mailto:RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com). Browse to <http://rainbowfamilieserie.wetpaint.com/>. RSVP/ Register/Tickets at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=153067481388537>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.eriezoo.org>

**Oct 17 (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](mailto:YoungstownPFLAG@aol.com). Browse to [www.angelfire.com/oh4/pflag/](http://www.angelfire.com/oh4/pflag/). Browse to venue web site [www.mvpridecenter.com](http://www.mvpridecenter.com).

**Oct 17 (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](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com).

**Oct 18 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. 18 & over. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Oct 19 (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](mailto:richmccarty@msn.com).

**Oct 21 (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](mailto:hospice@velocity.net).

**Oct 23 (Sat) - Sky Bar: STARZ Spooktacular!** At Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount Ave, Jamestown NY, (716) 661-3212.

**Oct 23 (Sat) - Rainbow Families Erie - Port Farms Outing** (Port Farms, 2055 Stone Quarry Road, Waterford, PA 16441) 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. It's almost harvest time! Let's round up our little friends and go pumpkin picking and corn mazing! Venue Phone: (814) 796-4500. Email: [RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com](mailto:RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com). Browse to <http://rainbowfamilieserie.wetpaint.com/>.

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**Oct 24 (Sun) - Diversity Day/Pride Service** Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA. 11 AM. See story in Community News this issue, Details on page 15, with Rev. Moyer's column.

**Oct 24 - 24 Common Ground's STRAY (Straight/Gay Alliance) Show** 2- 4 pm. Venue TBA. 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](mailto:commonground.erie@juno.com) (814)397-7479 and find

on Facebook at [facebook.com/commonground.erie](http://facebook.com/commonground.erie)  
**Oct 25 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series - The Special HALLOWEEN SHOW at Craze Night Club** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Come on out and get spooked by our ghoulish Divas! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**Oct 28 (Thu) - Rainbow Families Erie - Trail of Treats Outing** (Millcreek Mall, 1 Millcreek Mall, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Calling all ghosts and goblins to the 14th Annual Trail of Treats. The event benefits children at the Achievement Center and Sarah Reed Children's Center, and offers children, 12 and under, an opportunity to show-off their costumes and "trick-or-treat" with other children in a fun, safe, indoor environment. \$3.00 in advance, \$4.00 at the door. Venue Phone: (814) 868-9000. Email: [RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com](mailto:RainbowFamiliesErie@hotmail.com). Browse to <http://rainbowfamilieserie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Oct 28 (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](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

**Oct 29 (Fri) - Zone Dance Club: Redd Hot Divas** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) The Zone presents its Halloween drag show featuring Angelica Redd, Michelle Michaels, and Miss Erie 2010, Buffy Linn Hayes! After the show enjoy a night of dancing with the Devil's Divas! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Oct 30 (Sat) - THE CRAZE HALLOWEEN Prom From Hell!?!?!?** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Come on out and join the party! Costumes, Cash PRIZES and Surprises! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

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**Oct 31 (Sun) - Craze Night Club - Karaoke Night Halloween Style!** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) HAPPY HALLOWEEN! Come on out and scare up a song!!! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**Oct 31 (Sun) - Halloween Night at the Zone** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Nov 1 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 18 & over. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**Nov 2 (Tue) - General Election** 7 AM - 8 PM. Don't forget to vote! Be sure to check out the Voter's Guide in this issue starting on page 19!

**Nov 2 (Tue) - Ani DiFranco comes home to Asbury Hall at Babeville.** Babeville, Asbury Hall, 341 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 7pm.

**Nov 4 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze Night Club** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Nov 4 (Thu) - Mahoning Valley Stonewall Democrats meets** (Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Ave, Youngstown, OH 44502) 7 PM - 9 PM.

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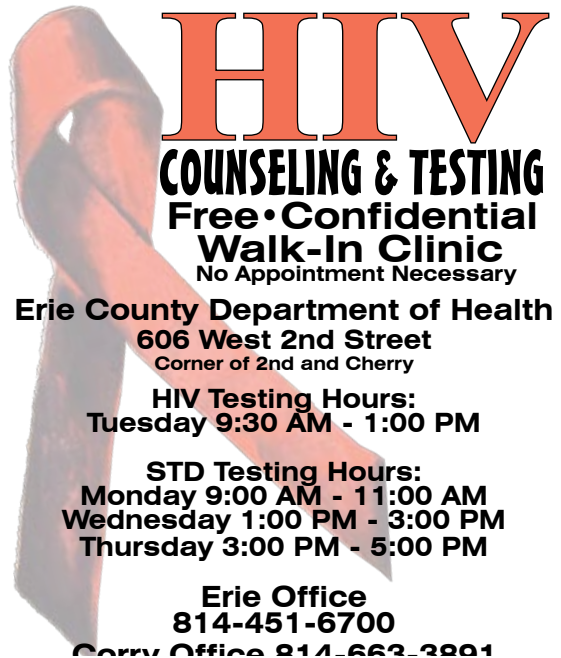
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# Sometimes God Is Not Speaking

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

It falls under the category of Christians behaving badly. On national television an angry-looking Pastor Terry Jones, minister of Dove World Outreach Church in Gainesville, FL, said he was convinced that God wanted him to host what he called “International Burn a Koran Day.” It was to be held on September 11th, the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy.

Heavy players weighed in. Everyone from the pope to the president warned him that his idea was idiotic. Sarah Palin and Newt Gingrich objected to his stupidity. Liberals and conservatives took issue with him and asked him to back-off. All the while, Jones declared that he was in prayer, talking to God.

As of September 10th Jones was still certain that God was speaking to him, leaving open the possibility that the world would be better off if he would burn a Quran or two, and thereby “send a very clear warning” to the Muslim people.

Then, on September 11, 2010, God, according to Jones, finally made up his mind. And it wasn't in favor of Jones' plan. No, Rev. Terry in an NBC news interview declared that God said, “we should stop the burning.” Evidently, in the conversation between God and Jones, the message had gotten mixed up and misinterpreted.

One wonders if Jones has also misinterpreted the message from God about gays and lesbians. This is the same minister who still calls gays “homos” and who takes every opportunity to speak out against the LGBT community in the Gainesville area.

Terry Jones knows how God feels about gays and lesbians. He knows because he's prayed about it, and God has told him.

So for now, the “Burn a Koran Day” banner has been taken down from outside the church. I don't know about the anti-homo sign that was in front of his church protesting the election of an openly gay politician in

Gainesville. It may soon be back.

It may be true that many people believe that Pastor Jones is a crazy fake who misrepresents the Christian faith. But I've heard this kind of reasoning too many times from too many sincere Christians: “I prayed about it and now I know God's will.”

The problem is, those can be very dangerous words. So dangerous, in fact, that as a result of Jones' mixed and missed messages he thought he heard from God, Afghans set fire to tires in the streets and shouted, “Death to America!” Because Jones misunderstood God, the Taliban circulated pamphlets saying, “Americans are (burning the Quran). This is the brutal policy of the enemy of Muslims in the world.” Due to Jones' misinterpretation of God's word, General Petraeus had to publicly remind good American citizens that the lives

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## Diversity Worship Service at Community United on October 24

Community United Church will offer its annual Diversity Worship Service on October 24, 2010, beginning at 11 AM (located at 1011 West 38th Street). Community United Church is an open and affirming Christian congregation that enjoys celebrating the gifts and life of all people. The church has warmly welcomed the LGBT/A community for many years now, and as part of the church's stance on inclusion it will offer a worship service celebrating human diversity as part of God's creation. Community United Church is a ministry that includes people from across denominational lines and has a strong LGBT/A presence each week. The annual Diversity Worship Service is one opportunity for people to rediscover one of Erie's spiritual communities that seeks to build up all people and their path to God. The Rev. Dr. Richard McCarty will be preaching. The Rev. Ric Moyer will preside. All people are welcome to participate! Wherever you are at on life's journey, you are welcome at Community United Church.

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## Sometimes God ...

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of their loved ones who are in the armed forces of this country are in danger because of Florida's "most obscure preacher," as one Associated Press reporter called him.

Famous or obscure, Terry Jones reminds us that getting the message from God isn't as easy as it sounds. God doesn't just shout out of the heavens and yell, "This is the way it is!..." And I am certain that, of all people, God has not chosen Terry Jones to be the one to whom he speaks special and private truth!

Terry Jones, by his own confession, got it wrong. He could have saved us all a lot of trouble if he would have just read the Bible. There it says, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

*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](http://www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html)*

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Jane Lynch from Glee



# LBT Women events

*Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Meets the 2nd Sunday of month at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse. Contact: Laurie Finch. REMEMBER It is always helpful if you can take a few minutes and e-mail me at LFinch003@neo.rr.com, or text me at 814-450-8804 and let me know that you are coming to a particular event. It helps us to connect with you if you are late or lost. Check out our new and improved website - <http://womynoferie.webpaint.com> Join our email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/>*

## by Laurie Finch

Sep 25 (Sat), 10 AM - Go Hiking (Panama Rocks, NY).

Carpooling from Harborcreek. Bring lunch, NO disposable water bottles allowed, no pets. \$7 adults/\$5-6 kids. <http://www.panamarocks.com/>

Oct 2 (Sat), 2 PM - Mercyhurst Lady Lakers vs. St. Cloud State Women's Ice Hockey at Mercyhurst Ice Center).

Oct 9 (Sat), 8 AM - Covered Bridge Festival in Ashtabula County. Carpool from Terry's home at 8 AM ...we'd like to know ahead of time if you want to come along with us on this one....plus, you'll need to let me know so I can e-mail you her address so you can find us. Admission is \$5, under 12 free. <http://www.covered-bridgefestival.org/> Should be back shortly after 6 or so. Please e-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com to RSVP and for address and any questions.

Oct 10 (Sun), 1 PM - LBT Women of Erie Monthly Meeting at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie, PA..

Oct 16 (Sat), 11 AM - Peek'n Peak Fall Fest (405 Old Road, Clymer, NY 14724. Meet at the petting zoo. Laurie's cell is 450-8804. [www.pknpk.com](http://www.pknpk.com)

Oct 19 (Tues), 7 PM - Gannon Golden Lady Knights vs. Mercyhurst Lady Lakers Volleyball Gannon University,

Hammermill Center, 620 Peach Street, Erie, PA.  
Oct 23 (Sat), 6:30 PM - Wine & Cheese with Julie & Colleen. Bring a bottle of wine and a pound of your favorite cheese to share. RSVP to [lilbear1261@verizon.net](mailto:lilbear1261@verizon.net). Also any questions and directions - [lilbear1261@verizon.net](mailto:lilbear1261@verizon.net). Please put Wine and Cheese in subject line.

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Oct 29 (Fri), 7 PM - Mercyhurst Lady Lakers Ice Hockey vs. Robert Morris - at Mercyhurst Ice Center.

Oct 30 (Sat), 11:55 PM - The Rocky Horror Picture Show at The Barrow-Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty St, Franklin, PA 800-537-7769). Tickets \$15 which includes props. We can carpool so please e-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com if you would like to come. "Lets do the time warp again!"

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# Screen

by Deb Spilko

In an earlier decade, I would barely have noticed the existence of a sitcom about Muslims in a small Canadian town. Before 9/11, we all knew that Muslims were just another way to be human, and no big deal.

But when the recent NYC Mosque hatefest began rearing its ugly head, I decided I really wanted to check out the hit CBC sitcom **Little Mosque on the Prairie**. This good-natured Canadian comedy shows Muslims and non-Muslims living and working together in the fictional prairie town of Mercy.

Although the style of comedy is pretty tame, the subject matter and situations make for some very fresh and unexpected comedy material.

The show was created by Zarqa Nawaz, based on her very real experiences in her prairie mosque. Zarqa's own progressive and feminist version of Islam strongly influence the show, and probably make it much more accessible and appealing to non-Muslim viewers.

But Zarqa has created Muslim characters that are as varied as the "white" townspeople. The funniest character for me is the conservative blowhard Baber, the Islamic version of the self-righteous and meddling "church lady." Then there is Fatima, a sassy Nigerian woman who embraces traditional gender roles but she has no problem standing up to men; she often exchanges zingers (but not hatred) with the local rightwing talk show host. Amaar is the new imam, a progressive young man who has the unenviable job of trying to keep the peace in a group with so many different types of people.

*Little Mosque* first started airing in 2007 and is now going into its 5th season.

There is not strong gay content in *Little Mosque*. In fact, I believe there are only two episodes that feature it. Gay content is not why I thought this series deserved mention in a GLBT publication. I found this review on Amazon that explained why I wanted to share *Little Mosque* with readers of EGN: "This series offers a marvelously lighthearted look at cross-cultural life. Nonetheless, despite its lightheartedness - no, BECAUSE of its lightheartedness - it manages to skewer everyone's foibles brilliantly. There are no strawmen here. The Muslims in town have quirks and flaws, as do the Christians, and they all share many of the same problems (gender wars, generation gaps, coping with



*Islamic teachings about modesty around the opposite sex didn't anticipate swimming class with Johnny the screaming queen.* (Jonas Chernick).

*Photo: Little Mosque on the Prairie*

one's own values, coping with someone else's values). In fact it's the fact that they have quirks and problems in common that shows us how much they share simply as people. We can identify with all of the characters, whatever their religion. Laughing at them or with them, we might discover that we are laughing at ourselves, too. And that's a good thing." (by Roland Spickermann)

Cast: Yasir (Carlo Rota); Amaar (Zaib Shaikh); Rayyan (Sitara Hewitt); the Mayor (Debra McGrath); Baber (Manoj Sood); the Reverend (Derek McGrath); Sarah (Sheila McCarthy); Fatima (Arlene Duncan)

**Little Mosque on the Prairie is available on DVD and online. [Link to episodes from our website.](#)**



# VOTERS GUIDE



*Pennsylvania candidates for US Senate, US Congress (PA-3), Governor and PA State Assembly were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear on the next few pages.*

## US Senate

*Not Responding: Pat Toomey (R)*

### Anti-Discrimination

*What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?*

**Joe Sestak (D)**

I fully support anti-discrimination statutes to protect the rights of sexual minorities, which is why I am an original co-sponsor of H.R. 3017, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2009. This bill would protect sexual minorities—including transgender employees—from workplace discrimination. This bill is of critical importance at a time when 33 states across the country still allow for termination based on an individual’s sexual orientation. Forty-two states allow for termination based on gender identity. I have called for swift passage of this legislation and will continue to work toward that goal.

### Military Service

*Do you support repeal or modification of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell?*

**Joe Sestak (D)**

In both the current and the previous Congress, I have been a cosponsor of legislation to repeal “don’t ask, don’t tell” and permit gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members to serve their nation openly, honestly, and honorably. “Don’t ask, don’t tell” is discriminatory and detrimental to national security. How can we say someone who went to war for his country doesn’t deserve equal rights?

During my 31 years in the military, I served alongside and in command of men and women of all

backgrounds, beliefs, and identities who fought valiantly and selflessly. When a man or woman puts on a military uniform, he or she immediately assumes a commonality of purpose with all fellow service members. I cannot and will not turn my back on anyone who serves this nation honorably.

### 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?*

**Joe Sestak (D)**

My position on the civil rights issues of the LGBT community is born out of my 31 years of service in the U.S. Navy. I went to war with brave servicemen and women, where it was known—because of public surveys— that a certain percentage were gay. How can you come home and say “you went to war for my country with me, but you don’t deserve equal rights?”

When I first ran for Congress in 2006, I called for a repeal of DOMA. Since then, I have co-sponsored legislation to provide federal LGBT employees with the same partnership benefits provided to all spouses of federal employees, prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation, and repeal “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” I was also the keynote speaker at the Human Rights Campaign 2008 Gala and the Equality Forum 2008.

**Pat Toomey (R)**

*[Editors’ note: Although Pat Toomey did not respond, his statements and record are of concern to GLBT voters. The following is excerpted from a column by Michael A. Jones written in March 2009, entitled “If You Thought Rick Santorum Was Bad on LGBT Rights, Watch Out For Pat Toomey.” Link to the complete article from our website].*

“As a former GOP Congressman from the late 1990s through 2004, Toomey put together a legislative voting record that’s to the right of Ken Starr on LGBT issues. He openly supported a federal amendment to



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the U.S. Constitution banning gay marriage. He voted to ban gay adoptions in the District of Columbia. He voted for the Marriage Protection Act of 2004 (largely seen as an effort to completely overthrow the U.S. judicial system and usurp the power of federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court).

“Pat Toomey brings the same anti-LGBT perspective to politics that Rick Santorum had. The real difference between Toomey and Santorum is that Toomey is far more craven and intelligent than Santorum, and he could really wreak havoc in Washington if Pennsylvania sends him to the Senate.” ([link to complete column from www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com))

## US Congress (PA-3)

*Not Responding:* **Mike Kelly (R)**

### Anti-Discrimination

*What is your stance on legislation, such as the Employment Non Discrimination Act (ENDA), which would prohibit discrimination against employees on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity for civilian nonreligious employers with over 15 employees?*

#### **Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)**

I am supportive of this legislation, which ensures that no employee suffers discrimination in the work place, whether that includes gender, race, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

### Military Service

*Do you support repeal or modification of Don't Ask Don't Tell?*

#### **Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)**

I was proud to be a co-sponsor of this legislation and am pleased that it passed and look forward to its implementation.

### 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?*

#### **Kathy Dahlkemper (D-Incumbent)**

I believe very strongly that all of us deserve equal protection, equal rights and hope that one day soon we will no longer face discrimination of any kind. We are nation built on freedom of expression and that should mean for everyone.

## PA Governor

*Not Responding:* **Tom Corbett (R)**

### Anti-Discrimination

*Would you be willing to sign an amendment to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?*

#### **Dan Onorato (D)**

As Allegheny County Executive, I won passage of a historic ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, real estate and public accommodations, as well as the creation of a county-level Human Relations Commission. In fact, right now only residents of Allegheny, Erie and Philadelphia Counties have this protection. I support statewide anti-discrimination legislation.

### Hate Crimes

*As governor, would you be willing to sign an amendment to the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes?*



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## Dan Onorato (D)

I will call on the General Assembly to add actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, gender, ancestry and physical and mental disability to Pennsylvania's hate crimes law. The

Legislature has already passed this statute once, but it was thrown out by the courts due to the process the General Assembly used to enact it.

## 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?*

## Dan Onorato (D)

I have worked closely with the LGBT community in my role as Allegheny County Executive. If elected Governor, I will have an inclusive Administration with diversity in my appointments to the Cabinet, boards and commissions, and judicial nominations.

I'd also like to tell readers why I am running for Governor. The most important issue in this year's campaign is the economy. Voters are looking for a candidate who can establish the environment for the private-sector to create jobs, and I am the only candidate for Governor who has a track record turning around the economy and running a government. When I took over Allegheny County, we were hemorrhaging jobs and facing a substantial deficit; today our unemployment rate is far lower than the nation's and the state's, and I have presided over six balanced budgets with no property tax increases. I will also bring real reform to Harrisburg – and again, I am the only candidate in the race who has proven experience on this issue. Under my leadership, Allegheny County eliminated six elected row offices, streamlined government, and saved taxpayers money while improving public services.

# PA State Assembly

## Anti-Discrimination

*Do you support House Bill 300 that would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the commonwealth's civil rights law, to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" as protected classes?*

## Hate Crimes

*Do you support HB 745 which would amend the Title 18 Ethnic Intimidations Act to define crimes against individuals based on "actual or perceived ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender or gender identity" as ethnic intimidation, or hate crimes.*

## 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?*

## District 1

## Anti Discrimination

### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I am a co sponsor on HB 300 and I believe that we must strive to protect the civil rights of all the citizens of our state and yes I believe that should include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression".

## Hate Crimes

### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I would support HB 745, I thought that I was on as a co sponsor of that legislation but I don't see my name currently listed, I will check on Monday and



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make sure that I am on that bill also, I believe that in the year 2010 we should be well beyond issues like this and it is a shame that we are still dealing with things like this.

## Other

### Pat Harkins (D-Incumbent)

I think after my four years as a state representative people know that I am someone who listens and acts after learning as much about an issue as possible, I am very open minded and listen to all sides of an issue and often try to mediate a solution that works for everyone involved. I am always accessible, I have a great staff that works constantly to help our entire region with any problems that are brought to our attention. I am truly proud and honored to represent the first district and I look forward to continuing to do my best to help make Erie the best city in the Commonwealth.

## District 2

### Anti Discrimination

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

Yes

### Hate Crimes

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

Yes

### Other

Flo Fabrizio (D-Incumbent)

I have cosponsored Representative Mark Cohen's bill to provide for civil unions under the law.

## District 3

*Not Responding:* John Hornaman (D-Incumbent),

Regina Smith (R)

## District 4

*Not Responding:* Curt Sonney (R-Incumbent)

### Anti Discrimination

Gerry Price (D)

Yes!

### Hate Crimes

Gerry Price (D)

Yes!

### Other

Gerry Price (D)

I will always support legislation that would increase or protect **everyone's** personal liberties and freedoms.

## District 5

*Not Responding:* John Evans (R-Incumbent)

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# Michael Dithers

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Hoping that everyone is having a good month. We have always believe that it is important to participate in the political process. We need to work for those who support us. It can be really easy - just letting campaigns put yard signs at your place, or donating (even \$5!) can make a difference. If you have any questions or don't know how to get in contact with candidates, please feel free to ask us! We are more than happy to provide referrals. As I write this, the US Senate is about to take up debating repealing Don't Ask, Don't Tell. What we do, whether it is a quick phone call or just taking less than 15 minutes to vote can have a profound effect on what happens to our community. (Please read the Voters Guide in this issue!)

I had a delightful time last month at the Erie Playhouse performance of *Rent* and I also recently caught *Hairspray*, which was also fun! I bumped into one of the moms of one of the cast members, who was obviously proud of the great job her daughter was doing. I reminded the mom that I recall that the very first time she came to a public event was the Flirtations concert at Allegheny College back in the early 90's, when she was only a few weeks old. The daughter also came along with her mom to one the Erie County Council meetings back in 2002, before the GLBT inclusive Human Relations Commission ordinance was passed. The daughter (who would have been about 9 at the time) asked if anyone could speak. Her mom said that she could, and so this wonderful little girl spoke about the

need for equality and respect for all. I think that the news might have included her in a story, and I seem to recall that there was either a photo or video clip that included her. So, if a girl in elementary school can speak out for equality, surely we can all take 15 minutes or less to go to the polls and vote.

I continue to be impressed by PFLAG Butler and what they are doing to lobby the school board to insure a safe environment for LGBT and questioning youth. It is really obvious from the emails that the leadership is creating a vibrant and nurturing environment.

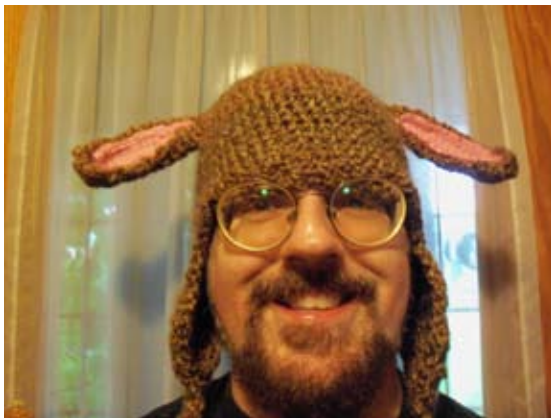
I see that Margaret Cho and Bristol Palin are going to be on the new season of *Dancing With the Stars*. Truth to tell, I have never seen it, but my money is on the delightfully over the top Margaret to wipe the floor with Bristol.

There's lots of good stuff coming up. I am looking forward to the Rainbow Pride Connection COncference on October 2. I didn't get the chance to go to the first one last year, since it was opposite Pagan Pride Day. I heard very good things about it. I am also thinking of stopping in at the Diversity Worship Service at Community United Church on October 24. It may not be my spiritual path, but I think it is terrific what they are doing, and going to something different every now and again is a good thing.

The night before the worship service will be the Night of the Living La La's costume ball at the Latonia Theatre in Oil City, which I am also looking forward to going to. (Hmm, just realized that will also be newsletter layout weekend, so I might be a tad overbooked. Oh well!) I feel very strongly that our friends in more rural areas need our support. (And there are also some really terrific people who go there!)

We were happy to publish the comments about the LBT Women of Erie. I am thinking that we might try doing a series of questions (maybe 1 a month) and maybe we could also include audio. I think it might be nifty to have different voices on our web site. Suggestions for questions? (I.e. plans for an upcoming holiday, reactions to a news story, etc.)

I also wanted to mention the newest gay-friendly bar in Erie, the Karma Bar And Grill, which is located at 18th and State. They offer 5 Different Dj's. Dj's play from 9:30pm till 2am Fridays and Saturdays. During the week, check their Facebook page at [karmabarandgrill](#).



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