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Erie Gay News



*Vigil for Tyler Clementi and 8 other young men was held at Edinboro on October 11. Tyler was the college student who committed suicide after being outed on the internet. His suicide was also part of a spate of gay bullying suicides that took place in September and October. More on this on page 4. Contributed photo.*

## **Benefit for Emma Pastrick Nov 13**

*from Sharie Boyce*

This past September, Emma Pastrick was riding her bicycle home from work when she was struck by a vehicle on the corner of West 38th Street and Zuck Road. She suffered many bruises and a couple of fractures to her spine, but due to her active lifestyle before the accident, her strength is helping her heal incredibly fast. Although she was wearing a bicycle helmet, she is suffering from a brain injury and is working hard every day with different therapy sessions to heal.

On November 13, we are going to have a benefit fundraiser at Johnny's Sports Bar to help out Emma and her partner Amy with medical expenses. \$5.00 per ticket — there'll be beer, food, and raffles.

We are accepting any type of donations— for raffle items, checks, bottles of liquor to raffle off., etc. Any donations can be dropped off at Johnny's Sports Bar after 3PM Monday through Friday and after noon on Saturdays.. We are looking to get all donations a week before the benefit (Nov 6) so we can organize every-

thing, but will of course accept anything that can help. Anyone can contact me (Sharie Boyce) at [slboyce@hotmail.com](mailto:slboyce@hotmail.com) or message me through Facebook.

## **Behrend College GSA's 4th Annual Drag Show November 11**

*from Trigon*

The 4th Annual Drag Show will be held at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College 4701 College Drive, Erie, PA 16563 in the McGarvey Commons in the REED Union Building. Every year Trigon, Penn State Behrend's Gay Straight Alliance, holds their annual drag show, which is always a big hit! This year, they want to make it even bigger! You are invited this year's performance. The show will be on Thursday, November 11 and run from 8PM to 11PM.

Performers include Glitter Trix, Thea Trix, Angelique, Ann Fu Yung, and Sasha Fierce.

We want to get all of the Erie community in-

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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 (GLBT's), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

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# Community News

involved with the programs we're holding this year, so we hope to see you there! There is no charge to attend.

For more info, contact Earl Kunsman at behrend.trigon@gmail.com or (610) 657-0295

## "FarmVille" Benefit for Second Harvest at Zone November 1-30

*info from the Zone Dance Club*

There's a sheep at the front bar and a goat on the dance floor. Howdy neighbor! Get your "CAN" into the Zone this November and play FarmVille with us as we raise money for the Second Harvest Food Bank! Stop into the bar and "adopt" your favorite FarmVille animal for a \$1 donation, or "build" a Red Barn for a \$5 donation! Pigs, chickens, cows, sheep, horses - stop in often- new items will be available each week until Thanksgiving! Be a good neighbor and help harvest a few crops as we transform the bar into a fertile FarmVille plantation! We will also be collecting canned goods and non-perishable items at the bar all month for less fortunate people struggling in this economy. All money raised and items collected will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA! More info at [www.thezonedanceclub.com](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com) or friend us on our new Facebook page! Get into the Zone and start planting your seed!

## New Ashtabula group first meeting November 11

*from Rob Miller Ashtabula Ohio Chapter LeT's Go Be Alive*

We are having our first meeting Nov 11 at 5:00pm. at Ashtabula Town Square (Ashtabula Mall). Open to anyone to come and join and either listen to what we are and why we are here. We are looking for officers to help us out! Become involved letting GLBT and Straight Supporters know that they are not alone! Become involved by coming up with idea functions to have and just volunteer your time!.This is something that would be worth being at and giving up a hour of your time. Think about your family. Wouldn't it be nice to help the public out by being a family and stop gay bullying, and any kind of hate that we all come across? This meeting is open to all... Show support and come join us! Contact Rob at (440)381-3398 or [letsgoalive@gmail.com](mailto:letsgoalive@gmail.com).

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## Erie Gay Pride social and fundraiser at 1201 Kitchen on Nov 15

*from Erie Gay Pride*

Erie Gay Pride, Inc. (EPGI) will be hosting a social and fundraiser at 1201 Kitchen (corner of State and 12th), on November 15, 2010, from 7 - 9 PM. The proceeds will go towards EGPI, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Trevor Project. Tickets are \$15, with free appetizers, and a cash bar.

This event is one of three that is leading up to an EGPI sponsored event that will bring representation from "Equality PA" to Erie in March to talk about civil rights and other matters that affect the LGBT community and our Straight Allies. To purchase a ticket for the 1201 event, please contact Rich McCarty at richmcarty@msn.com or see the event page on Facebook.

**DEADLINE for next issue is  
NOVEMBER 15**

## Zone's Breast Cancer Awareness raises \$1500

*info from the Zone Dance Club*

The 2010 Pink Weekend was phenomenally successful and raised \$1500 for Breast Cancer Awareness. The weekend included a Pink Party, featuring a Chinese auction and bake sale on Saturday, October 2, and a special edition of FACE on Sunday, October 3. The Zone is located at 133 W 18th St, Erie PA. Their web site is <http://www.TheZoneDanceClub.com>.

## Candlelight Vigil for Tyler Clementi and other GLBT suicide victims at EUP on October 11

On Monday, October 11, 2010, about 150 to 200 people gathered at 8:30 p.m. at the Edinboro University Pogue Student Center for a candlelight vigil in memory of nine victims of suicide that occurred in the month of September due to anti-gay bullying: Billy Lucas (15) September 9, 2010. Indiana; Cody J. Barker (17) September 13, 2010. Wisconsin; Seth Walsh (13) September 19, 2010. California; Tyler Clementi (18) September 22, 2010. New Jersey; Asher Brown (13) September 23, 2010. Texas; Harrison Chase Brown (15) September, 25 2010. Colorado; Raymond Chase (19) September 29, 2010. Rhode Island; Felix Sacco (17) September 29, 2010. Massachusetts; and Caleb Nolt (14) September 30, 2010. Indiana. These boys and young men were either gay or perceived to be gay. WICU TV 12 and WJET TV 24 both did stories. This was also for National Coming Out Day and part of the month long LGBTQIA Heritage Month events that Identity (Edinboro University's GSA) and the President's LGBTQIA Commission sponsored. Speakers/performers included Jamie Lutz, President, EUSGA, Inc.; Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty, Mercyhurst College; Elizabeth Meade, Vice-President, Identity (GSA) and Member of the President's Commission on the Status of Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, Transgendered People and Allies; Dr. Philip Ginnetti, Provost of Edinboro University; Dr. Rhonda Matthews, Sociology/Honors College; Ondi Timoner, Two-Time Winner of Grand Jury Prize at Sundance Film Festival; Sue , Alumna, Edinboro University; Michael Mahler, co-editor and webmaster for Erie Gay News; Poem written and read



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by Edinboro Student Marc ; and Dr. Daniel Burdick, co-chair, PASSHE LGBTQIA Consortium, with comments and a solo tuba performance of, "Gabriel's Oboe," by Ennio Morricone. Representatives from all of Erie's LGBTQIA community organizations attended the event or sent their regards including the Erie Gay News, the LBT Women of Erie, Erie Gay Pride, Penn State - The Behrend College's GSA, and PFLAG Erie.

The following day, WICU TV 12 did a follow-up story and interviewed Sue McCabe, PFLAG grandmother and Michael Mahler.

Video and photos are online at the Erie Gay News site.

## 70+ attend Rainbow Pride Connection GLBT Conference

*from Emehe Waldherr*

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, the Rainbow Pride Connection held their 2nd annual GLBT conference at the Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua NY. More than 70 people attended this year. A panel presentation/discussion was held before lunch discussing the unique points of view of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender communities while emphasizing the commonalities that unite us. After lunch, workshops were presented that included titles such as, "Gay & Lesbian History," "Increasing Intimacy with your Partner," "Trans 101 and Why did they stick the T to the LGB's?" and "Queer Eye for the Bible," presented by keynote speaker Rev. Rich McCarty. A full listing of the other workshops and workshop presenters can be found on the Rainbow Pride Connection's website (see below).

A wine and cheese reception followed the workshops. After dinner and an inspiring keynote message from Dr. McCarty, a screening of the documentary "Swimming with Lesbians" was presented. This informative and entertaining film examines the history of Buffalo's GLBT community and an archive of relevant materials collected by Madeline Davis, the main subject of the documentary. Ms. Davis was present for the screening and answered questions afterward. A cabaret featuring local talent from our community and karaoke rounded off the evening's entertainment.

Next year's weekend will be September 16-18.

More info can be found at their website: <http://www.rainbowprideconnection.net/>


## No Tricks, Just Treats – Be Safe!

*from Crime Victim Center*

In observance of Crime Prevention Month during October, the Crime Victim Center of Erie will be presenting a safety awareness program called "No Tricks, Just Treats, Be Safe" to kindergarten and first grade students at Iroquois Elementary School. The students will then be asked to design posters based on the program and one student from each of the eleven classrooms will be chosen for their drawing and recognized at an awards ceremony during the school's Halloween Party on October 29. Representatives from the Lawrence Park Police Department and Pennsylvania State Police will help Crime Victim Center staff judge the poster contest and provide prizes for the students with the winning drawings. For more information on this program or other educational programs offered by the Crime Victim Center, call (814) 455-9414.

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## “IT GETS BETTER”

[www.itgetsbetterproject.com](http://www.itgetsbetterproject.com)

Check out the “It Gets Better” videos when for encouragement about your future. Over 200 adults and older teens have made short videos letting you know they care, that you’re okay the way you are, and that if you are getting a hard time in school because you are GLBT or just different, it will soon be in the past.

It Gets Better is an online video channel founded by Dan Savage in September 2010, in response to the suicide of Billy Lucas and a number of other teenagers who were bullied because they were gay or their peers suspected that they were gay.[www.itgetsbetterproject.com/](http://www.itgetsbetterproject.com/)

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# Letters

## Rep. Frankel: Tom Corbett “is wrong”

Nearly 75 percent of Pennsylvanians live or work in communities where it is still legal to fire someone or deny them housing based on their sexual orientation or their gender identity or expression. This lack of protections can affect everyone, including straight people, and it affects Pennsylvania’s ability to compete for jobs.

Yet the state’s chief law enforcement officer, Attorney General Tom Corbett, either doesn’t know or doesn’t care about this problem with the law. In April, Corbett said on a questionnaire that he opposes adding these protections to the state’s existing non-discrimination law. Then at a debate Oct. 18, Corbett said, “I don’t know that an amendment is what will actually make enforcement any better. It’s just we already have the laws on the books.”

As the lead sponsor of the bipartisan House bill to fix this (H.B.300), I can tell you Corbett is wrong - we don’t have the law we need.

In contrast, at the same debate, Dan Onorato said of House Bill 300, “As governor, I would sign it into law. ... No one should lose their apartment or their job or their home because of their sexual identity or their orientation.”

As chief executive of Allegheny County, Onorato signed a similar non-discrimination law that protects the county’s 1.2 million residents. As governor, Dan Onorato will be committed to fairness for all Pennsylvanians, which is also vital for fighting brain drain and for our economic competitiveness. You can learn more at [www.voteonorato.com/get\\_involved/Supporters/LGBT/](http://www.voteonorato.com/get_involved/Supporters/LGBT/) State Rep. Dan Frankel  
23rd Legislative District Pittsburgh

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# Calendar

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**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 Oct.30th! Wear your Leather Gear or come in costume! Cash Prize for Best Costume! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Oct 29 (Fri) - Zone Dance Club: Redd Hot Divas** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 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).

**Oct 29 (Fri) - Spell Bound Benefit for Persad Center** (201 N Braddock Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208) 8 PM - 12 AM. Persad presents the Halloween event of the year. Party in an amazing space.costume contest with fantastic prizes. 21+ ID required/complimentary drinks. Tickets available at <http://www.spellpgh.org>. 1 ticket \$50/5 for \$200 until October 26. \$60 at the door. Spell benefits Persad Center - strengthening the regions gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and HIV/AIDS communities and their allies. Phone: (412) 441-9786.

**Oct 30 -Priscilla Queen of the Desert: The Musical** In Toronto. Featuring former EP performers Nick Adams and Eric Sciotto.\$205. leaves at 7:00AM, current passport or passport card required. [www.](http://www.)

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**Oct 30 (Sat) - Zone Dance Club: The Gates of Hell Halloween Party!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. The Devil is hosting our Halloween Party and we are going to heat things up! Join your friends for a sizzling night of devilish fun as we dance the night away in the Devil's Dungeon! Spirits, Demons, and Horny Devils haunt the caves of the Devil's Lair. the Zone's 12th annual Haunted Bar! Cash Prize for Best Costume! Sorry-No Nudity! Join us for Erie's Biggest Gay Halloween Party! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>. *(Be safe this Halloween: Don't drink & drive! We have set up a Special Room Rate of only \$49.99 + tax with the Downtown Erie Hotel, located right across the street from the Zone. Just call ahead (814)456-2961 and ask for the "Zone Dance Club Rate").*

**Oct 31 (Sun) - Craze Night Club - Karaoke Night Halloween Style!** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 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** (, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](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 [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Nov 2 (Tue) - General Election** 7 AM - 8 PM. Please support GLBT-supportive candidates!

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

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

**Nov 5 (Fri) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze Night Club** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Come get your freak on! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Nov 5 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Fox and Hound English Pub and Grille, 250 Millcreek Plaza, Erie, PA 16565) 6 PM - 8 PM. They've invited us back and are providing the food! We'll be in the pool room. Come enjoy the wings, pizza and chips, and maybe challenge a friend or colleague to some pool. 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.

**Nov 7 (Sun) - Karaoke Night (Craze Night Club,** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Check out

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**Nov 8 (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 Millic, 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: [pflagerie.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:pflagerie.crawford@gmail.com).

**Nov 9 (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: [cheryl1027@aol.com](mailto:cheryl1027@aol.com).

**Nov 9 (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).

**Nov 10 (Wed) - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Movie Night** 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 7 PM. Email: [mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com](mailto:mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com).

**Nov 11 (Thu) - LGBT Parent Support Group meets** Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie. 6 PM - 8 PM. 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! We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month as a group of lesbian and gay parents for support, friendship, and networking. 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. Contact: Will Koehler. Phone: (814) 547-4837. Venue Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: [familyunitedcounseling@gmail.com](mailto:familyunitedcounseling@gmail.com).

**Nov 11 (Thu) - Trigon's 4th Annual Drag Show** At Penn State-Erie (Behrend Campus) McGarvey Commons in the REED Union Building, 4701 College Drv, Erie, PA. 8 PM - 11 PM. We are having the familiar faces back (Glitter, Thea, Sasha, Angelique, Kim Fu Young), along with one new girl that may look



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**Nov 15 (Mon) - Deadline for EGN December 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 November 29. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at [www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php).

**Nov 15 - Erie Gay Pride Social and Fundraiser at 1201 Kitchen** Erie Gay Pride, Inc. (EPGI) will be hosting a social and fundraiser at 1201 Kitchen (corner of State and 12th), from 7 - 9 PM. Proceeds will go

towards EGPI, and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Trevor Project. Tickets \$15, free appetizers, and a cash bar. This event is one of three that is leading up to an EGPI sponsored event that will bring representation from "Equality PA" to Erie in March to talk about civil rights and other matters that affect the LGBT community and our Straight Allies. To purchase a ticket for the 1201 event, please contact Rich McCarty at [richmccarty@msn.com](mailto:richmccarty@msn.com) or see the event page on Facebook.

**Nov 15 - 21 (Mon - Sun) - 12th Annual Lake Erie Gala** (Avalon Hotel & Conference Center, 16 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) Annual transgender/cross dresser event. Includes talent show, Glitter Ball, trips and much more! Phone: (814) 746-5524. Venue Phone: (814) 459-2220. Email: [eriesisters@eriesisters.org](mailto:eriesisters@eriesisters.org). Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

**Nov 15 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series** Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Nov 16 (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).

**Nov 18 (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).

**Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance** Memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice [www.transgenderdor.org/](http://www.transgenderdor.org/)

**Nov 21 (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/).

**Nov 21 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE -Harvest of Giving!** Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St. 10:30 PM. Get your "Can" into the Zone for a night of FUN and Entertainment! Michelle wants you empty out your kitchen cupboards and bring in

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**Nov 23 (Tue) - HIV/AIDS Support Group meets** St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd, Erie. 6 PM. 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).

**Nov 24 (Wed) - Thanksgiving Eve at Craze** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Come on out and join the gang as we celebrate Thanksgiving Eve!! \$2.00 Captains! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.crazeerie.com](http://www.crazeerie.com).

**Nov 24 (Wed) - Family Reunion at the Zone!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Stop in and catch up with old friends and "family" for a night of cocktails and fun! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Nov 27 (Sat) - All Families Matter (Youngstown) meets** Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 2 PM. s. Email: [allfamiliesmatter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:allfamiliesmatter@sbcglobal.net). Browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/allfamiliesmatter/>.

**Nov 27 (Sat) - FarmVille Bountiful Harvest Party at the Zone** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Join us for a night of fun on the farm as we celebrate autumn and its bountiful harvest! Get a blue ribbon drink at the bar or get plowed on the dance floor. Prize for the Sexiest Farmhand! Adopt a FarmVille animal for a \$1 donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA or try a spiced apple shooter! You don't need a green thumb to get something to grow!... Get into the Zone and plant your seed! Phone: (814) 452-0125.

Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Nov 28 (Sun) - Karaoke Night at Craze** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.crazeerie.com>.

**Nov 29 (Mon) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party** Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St, Erie PA. 7 PM. PLEASE NOTE! Different day of the week due to Thanksgiving! Please check 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 are 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](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

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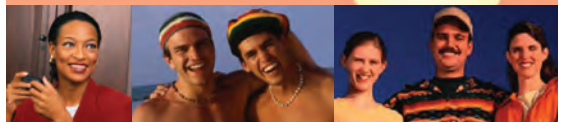
**Dec 1- World AIDS Day** Check our online calendar for events later in November.

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# 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.wetpaint.com> Join our email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/>*

## by Laurie Finch

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

Oct 30 - Rocky Horror Picture Show - Barrow Theatre in Franklin Pa. Not attending due to lack of interest.

Nov 5 - Lady's Night at Burch Farms - located at the corner of Sidehill and Moorheadville Roads in North East. (814) 725-0747 Meet us at 6 PM at Burch Farms, to sample wine and snacks and wine and baked goods and wine and fruit and wine too!

Nov 6 - Gannon Women's Volleyball vs. Slippery Rock at Gannon Hammermill Center - 7 PM

Nov 13 - Benefit For Emma Pastrick (Johnny's Sports Bar, 1604 Pittsburgh Ave, Erie, PA 16505) 1 PM - 5 PM. See details on front page of this issue

Nov 14 at 1 pm - LBT Women of Erie meeting at the Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 peninsula Drive, Erie, Pa. Join us for our monthly meeting at the P.I.G! <http://picoffeehouse.com/default.aspx>

Nov 29 - Help fold the Erie Gay News, 7 PM at Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St.

Nov 20 - "Dinosaurs Alive" on the Big Green Screen at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center ( TREC ) The Movie is at 4 PM. [www.dinosauralive.com](http://www.dinosauralive.com) After 3 pm all movies are 2 for \$10. So bring a friend or kids and enjoy the discount. Also a free dinosaur exhibit on the 2nd floor, a totally awesome gift shop, and you can also take the elevator up the observation tower and get a spectacular view. Admission to TREC and tower are free! The center is open till 8 PM.

*Upcoming (more complete December calendar on LBT Women website) . . .*

Sunday, December 12th - 2nd Annual LBT Women of Erie Christmas Dinner at Ruby Tuesday's party room at 4 pm. RSVP to Robin at 455-3127 on or before December 1st. (but last minute RSVPs will be accepted)

# Win Prizes from Erie Gay News

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

Contest	Starts
Kristine W - <i>Straight Up with a Twist</i> CD and Music Video DVD	October 29
<i>A Question of Manhood</i> by Robin Reardon	November 5
<i>Unsolved Suburbia</i> DVD	November 12
<i>Stuck</i> DVD	November 19
<i>Heart: Red Velvet Car</i> Prize Pack	November 26
<i>The One</i> by Kevin Winters	December 3
<i>Pooltime the movie</i> DVD	December 10

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>The Incredible Machine</i> CD by Sugarland	October 29
<i>For My Wife</i> DVD	November 5
<i>Mirrors</i> by Marianne K. Martin	November 12
Don Friesen Comedy DVD - <i>Inexplicable</i>	November 16

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!

## On our website

Online now or coming soon: to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

### Photos

- Latonia Night of the Living La La's

### Videos

- Some of the *It Gets Better* videos
- Trailer from the upcoming Allen Ginsberg movie *Howl*.

### Audio

- On Point interview with the director of *Howl*, the new movie about gay Beat poet Allen Ginsberg

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# Another Kind of Courage

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

Every so often the world pauses to acknowledge great acts of heroism and courage. The recent rescue of the trapped miners in Chile was a notable example. As the miners came to the surface, after having been underground for 70 days, people from all over the world watched with breathless anticipation. There was a universal rejoicing and relief as families were reunited and the miners and their rescuers were applauded for their bravery and valor. This was surely a moment in the history of the world when hope won over despair.

The events that occurred at the San Jose mine are a great and extraordinary example of a certain kind of courage that deals with life-threatening challenges head on.

But there is, as well, another kind of courage. It is expressed in a quote from Roswell C. Long who said, "The highest type of heroism is...the courage to face the daily issues of life, opposing the wrong and upholding the right." An example of courage that "opposes the wrong and upholds the right" came to

my attention in a recent magazine article about the Rev. Bill Johnson.

Bill, a pastor in my denomination – the United Church of Christ – was the first openly gay minister to be ordained by a mainline Protestant denomination. Bill's courageous and heroic efforts to right the wrongs that had been directed toward gay clergy would not get the international attention that some other courageous acts would. But for many people, he became a great hero.

It began on November 11, 1970 when Bill attended a forum in Berkley on "Homosexuality and the Church." A speaker at that event presented a view that would clearly exclude openly gay persons from serving in the church's professional ministry. Angry with what he was hearing, Bill Johnson rose to his feet and announced in the presence of 400 people that he was gay and would seek ordination in the United Church of Christ.

Bill's courageous and outspoken intention caused raised eyebrows, to say the least. When it came time for Bill to appear before his ordination examination board, one minister suggested that Bill's "abnormal" sexual orientation would be harmful to children. Other comments by those who opposed were just as absurd.

But Bill did not give up. His heroic courage finally took him to the place where he would receive full ordination standing as well as the blessing of the General Synod of the United Church of Christ. Because of Bill's determination to right the wrong, hundreds of other clergy would not be asked to live a lie by hiding their sexual identity in order to qualify for ordination.

Courage comes in very different forms and is expressed in many different ways. Each of us must decide what risks we are willing to take in order to be courageous. And all of us can take a lesson from the poet Henry Van Dyke who wrote: "Renew the courage that prevails, The steady faith that never fails, And makes us stand for every fight, Firm as a fortress to defend the right."

*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. . 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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Two of the happy revelers at The Latonia's Night of the Living La-la's party October 23. Next event is December 11! More photos online! Photo: Mike Mahler

## Remembering Fran Reinsel

Frances C. Reinsel, age 67, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at her home in Erie. Fran worked for Gaudenzia/SHOUT Outreach and before that, the Erie County Department of Health. She was a terrific advocate for the GLBT community and people living with HIV/AIDS.

The fight against AIDS will long be remembered due to work in part, that we did as a team effort for nine years.

We lost a champion, our friend and colleague, Fran Reinsel to a devastating disease, cancer.

Fran would not want us to cry, but to go on valiantly, with our own lives, enjoying our children and grandchildren as she did, and being the best we can be.

Fran was a great role model for all of us, and we will miss her tremendously.

Patty Puline



Members and friends of Community United Church who held a very moving Diversity Worship Service on October 24. Photo by Mike Mahler.



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