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Erie Gay News



100+ Family Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie Garage Sale

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This 22nd annual event is scheduled for Friday, June 10th, from 9AM until 1PM (numbers at the door at 8AM) and Saturday, June 11th, from 8AM until 1PM (numbers at the door at 7AM) at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie PA.

Donations such as clothing, books, housewares, tools, furniture, etc. are needed for the sale. You are welcome to drop them off any evening from 6PM until 9PM starting Sunday, June 5, through Thursday, June 9. Items must be usable and clean (no TVs, computer monitors, stuffed animals or encyclopedias). Please join us the day of the sale and find yourself a bargain. Grab a snack from our kitchen and try our yummy baked goods!!

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Get Your Erie Pride 2011 Shirt!

by Mike Mahler

The Pride Planning committee is very excited about our new T-shirts for the Pride season! The shirts are printed on black and feature the new logo (at right). On the back is a listing of our supporters - please support them as well! Also on the back is a list of exciting events in the area throughout the next year. We believe very strongly in supporting the community as a whole, and these shirts are a great way to help spread the word about what's happening here!

Regular style T-shirts are \$15 in sizes small to XL. We also have tank top style shirts in sizes medium to XL for \$16. XXL and XXXL shirts can be special ordered for \$17.

You can order your shirt online at <http://store.eriegaynews.com> and arrange with us for meeting to



Logo design for Pride 2011. The logo was designed by Danny Tingley with tweaks from graphic designer Mike Lipiec.

deliver your shirt. We will also be selling them at local venues. We are currently working on being able to accept credit/debit cards for payment when making in-person sales.

This will help us continue to provide events to the community, so not only are you getting a nifty T-shirt, you are also helping your community! Shirts should be on sale the week before the Pride Picnic. The Pride Picnic is June 11.

Please contact Michael Mahler at info@erie-gaynews.com or (814) 456-9833 for details.

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We welcome and encourage all readers to submit timely news, comments, and opinions of interest to local GLBTs for publication in these pages. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

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Community News

PFLAG Butler Garage sale success

from PFLAG-Butler

The garage sale was one of the 24 goals we set in October last year and we did it! Check off another one.

Because of your generosity, the leadership of Roche & Roche (Momma and Kate), the outstanding effort by our many volunteers, the hospitality of The Association for the Blind, and the passion for garage sale-ing of our neighbors we added \$867 to our treasury. Just wait and see what great things we can do with \$867!

Thank you from the bottom of our newly-empty closets and organized garages.

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“Like” the new EGN page on FB

by Mike Mahler

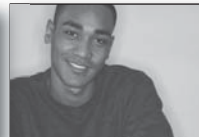
Because of Facebook changes in groups, Erie Gay News' Facebook presence is now at “page”. Please “Like” us! Our web site is still at www.eriegaynews.com/.



*Best wishes to Jeremy Snyder and Eric Linster, who were joined together in a handfasting ceremony on May 21 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie. More photos of the event can be viewed at www.eriegaynews.com
Photo by Mike Mahler.*

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Remembering Lundy “Lee” Verdoni

Just a minute to thank you and everyone in the community for your love and support during the last few weeks. As you know my partner, Lundy “Lee” Verdoni passed away April 26, 2011 after 14 years of illness due to HIV disease.

While it was a long struggle, he arranged it with a quiet strength and dignity. He and I together--a public couple, however we were very private people. Our friends, people in the community, were shocked at his passing. But, we knew at some point that this is where we were headed.

I met Lee 19 years ago at Lizzie Bordons II, after the loss of his previous partner of ten years, Jeffrey Banniste of Fairview. We’ve been together since.

As a man, Lee struggled with self-acceptance and took a lifetime to find peace in his own skin.

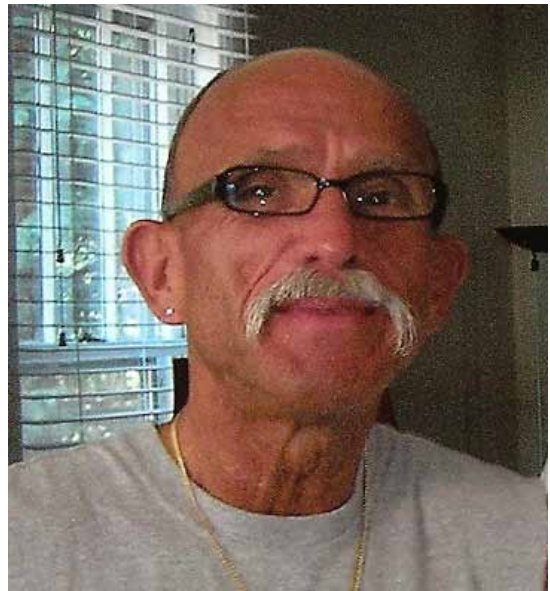
Lee was a retired postal carrier here in Erie--the one with the great tan and nice legs delivering mail on Peach Street. After retirement, he preferred quiet pursuits such as gardening, maintaining his home, keeping salt-water fish, and spending time with his brother and sister in law, Dominic and Sharon Verdoni.

Lee is survived by his four children, Lundy Jr., Dawn, Jennifer, and Joshua, a brother Dominic and myself.

While his loss (my loss) is so large, I continue to remember all that he would tell me. Always, always be who you are, to live free and be happy.

Thank you all so much for your kind words and memories, it means so much. Thank you for the flowers--they were beautiful and thank you for allowing us to share our lives with you all. Lee had many good friends in you.

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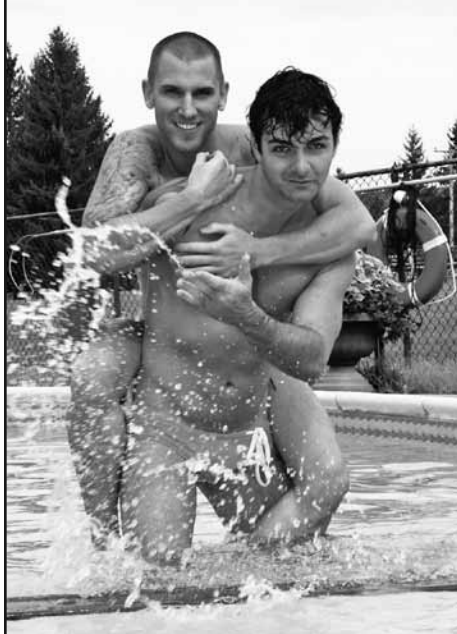
Lots going on of late! I just learned that Reid McFarlane and AnnDrea Benson are moving to Minnesota. I first met them in 2000 when they came to a PFLAG meeting to let folks know about the Human Relations Commission ordinance, and how the board was trying to include sexual orientation and gender identity/expression. It took some time, and a lot of people contributed to the victory. I am intensely proud of everyone who worked so hard, and deeply grateful to AnnDrea and Reid for this and for so much else. Wishing them all of the best!

Speaking of good wishes, I was very happy to hear about Tim Dahle and Rex Young getting married in Vermont. Tim was one of the subjects in the documentary, *Out in The Silence*. I also felt tremendously moved at the handfasting of my friends Jeremy Snyder and Eric Linster. Amusingly enough, they happened to have chosen the date that Harold Camping proclaimed with 100% certainty as the Rapture. I figured that if a Gay Pagan wedding didn't trigger that, nothing would! Just to be sure, at about 6 PM, I went over to my friend

Jaeme, who had been raised Christian, to hold her down so that she didn't float away during the dinner. It was very sad to hear of Lee's passing, which I heard about the morning of the previous issue's folding. I thought it spoke volumes about our community that folks donated to a memorial. We were able to send a lovely rainbow floral bouquet to the funeral, and also made a donation in Lee's name to the HIV/AIDS outreach program that Gaudenzia puts on. (Gaudenzia is also being kind enough to help us out with the insurance rider for this year's Pride Rally, which will be Saturday, August 27,

Hoping to see everyone at the Pride Picnic, which is coming up on Saturday, June 11! (I.e. second Saturday in June from 1 to 6 PM at the Rotary Pavilion at Presque Isle State Park, just like always!) We are also selling T-shirts throughout the summer to help fund Pride. We should have them out by the weekend before the picnic. Please consider getting one and wearing it as a sign of support for the community! We have really been blessed with some amazing help this year!

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When “Unfriending” Isn’t An Option

By Will Koehler

Member, Community United Church

Facebook, Twitter, MySpace; social networking has changed the way we relate to one another. For better or worse, many of us use these sites to communicate with 100s of our “closest” friends. A recent post from a high school friend of my partner demonstrates how quickly these seemingly innocuous networks can quickly bring fragile friendships to heated arguments ending in “unfriending”.

The post was a repost of Kathy Griffith’s “It Gets Better” video on Dan Savage’s It Gets Better project. Attached to it was the comment that the LGBT teen suicides It Gets Better is combating are a result of the depression they suffer because they are caught in the sin of homosexuality. My partner commented on his “friend’s” post stating, among other points, that it was projects like “It Gets Better”, “The Trevor Project” and “Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) that were working towards making every place a safe place for LGBT teens. My partner also

mentioned that the churches were a place that needed to be reclaimed as a safe place for all of us. He then states that the United Church of Christ (UCC) is one of a few churches that are truly open and affirming of LGBTIQ individuals.

The posting war continued for several days and eventually other friends added their comments as well. The inevitable six Bible verses that use the word homosexuality were brought into the fray. When the dust settled, I would venture a guess that no one had a change of heart, and no one’s point was really heard. That seems to be the difficulty with relating online. It is easy to spout opinions, volley back with witty comments, get offended and then, just block those who don’t agree with us.

On the other hand, Community United Church (UCC) is a place of real relating to one another. We are real people who come together week after week to celebrate life with people who are different from one another. We do wrestle with the issues that impact the LGBTIQ community as well as Eric as a whole. As examples; every Sunday, Pastor Moyer conducts a discussion hour prior to the 11:00 service. On the first Tuesday evening of the month, the church has a “Movies with Meaning” discussion group. On the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month, Dr. McCarty leads a Spirituality and Sexuality” discussion group at the church. Controversy is no stranger at these discussion groups. The difference between the discussions that take place at Community United Church and those that occur on Facebook, however is that we are a group of people committed to hearing one another out and speaking the truth in love. We are not always great at doing this, but we don’t “unfriend” each other in the process. Instead we work through our differences knowing that we all become

For more information on the United Church of Christ and what it means to be an Open and Affirming congregation, visit www.ucc.org

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Calendar

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May 27 - 30 (Fri - Mon) - Memorial Day Weekend at Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY Military Maneuvers.. The barn is full of Sea Men. *Saturday*-Admiral's Ball. *Sunday*-Tighty-Whitie Party. *Monday*-11:00am Memorial Service Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

May 28 (Sat) - Drag Show, Country Western Theme at Vertigo 564 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA. Yeeee Haaaaw! Email: vertigov@aol.com. Browse to <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/index.html>.

May 28 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Erie Seawolves Games (Jerry Uht Park, 110 E 10th St, Erie) 6:35PM. We sit in sec 114, row G seats 1-4. You can purchase tickets to sit with or near us. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

May 28 (Fri) - Memorial Day at Craze 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Watch for specials and the official opening of the patio at Craze. Phone: (814) 456-3027.

Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

May 28 (Sat) - Car Wash for the Vertigo Pride Parade Float (Snack-N-Pack Inc, 353 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA 16001) 11 AM - 4 PM. For years we have wanted to have a float in the pride parade in Pittsburgh. Well this year we're doing it, and to help raise money for the Float and registration fee we are having a car wash. Snack n Pack is helping us out so we hope everyone stops down and while we shine up your car, truck, van, hatchback, bike, your dog, (folks we'll wash anything), you can relax and have a delicious sandwich, burger, SnP's famous pepperoni balls or anything else on the huge menu. Hope to see ya! Venue Phone: (724) 287-6722. Email: vertigov@aol.com. Browse to <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/index.html>.

May 29 (Sun) - LBT Women go to Troika Russian Festival (Old Orthodox Church of the Nativity Community Center, 109 German St., Erie) 12 PM. Russian music, dance and food. Free admission. LFinch003@neo.rr.com. <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

May 30 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. 11:30 PM. Red, White and Blue

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Jun 1 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Wild Rib Cook Off (Perry Square, Erie, PA). 6 PM. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Jun 3 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Plymouth Tavern, 1109 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM - 8 PM. It's National Pride Month and we will be celebrating at The Plymouth. We hope you will be able to join in the fun. We'll be in the back bar in the loft, and if it's nice out maybe a few tables on the patio. Stop by - eat, drink and be fabulous. 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. G2H2/Erie on Facebook.

Jun 3 (Fri) - Nocturnal Asylum "Prom Night" (Vortex) 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jun 3 - 5 (Fri - Sun) - Friends and Family Week-

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Jun 4 (Sat) - Skirt Night at Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.


Jun 4 (Sat) - LBT Women Slumber Party at the Latonia 1 East First Street, Oil City, PA. 7 PM. We are going to have a slumber party in the ballroom of the historic Latonia Theater. Rox will share the

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Jun 4-5 Buffalo Pride www.pridecenterwny.org/site/
Jun 5 (Sun) - Imperial Court of Buffalo Boat Ride www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com/.

Jun 5 (Sun) - Pride Planning Meeting (Tim Horton's, 209 E 12th St, Erie, PA) 2 PM. We will be planning for the picnic on June 11 and the march & rally on August 27. Come find out how to get involved! All are welcome! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 874-3000. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Jun 5 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Sunday. David's back in the house! Ice Tea Special! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

Jun 10 (Fri) - Miss Erie 2011 Enchanted at Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 10 PM. The fairy tale continues as we prepare for the next Miss Erie. "Enchanted" will invite all the princesses in the kingdom of Erie to compete to be the next queen to wear the crown. Categories are video presentation (recorded earlier). Contestants get to share their own "It Gets Better" story as their male selves. Live Presentation—Happily Ever After. Evening Gown/Question&Answer. Talent. Packets available to pick up so pick up at Zone or contact me Drew Riggs on Facebook or email ([**The Unitarian Universalist Congregation**
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Jun 10 - 11 (Fri - Sat) - U.U.C.E. 2011 Garage Sale (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA 16508) Set-up week is June 5 June 9.. sale days are Friday June 10 at 9 AM through Saturday, June 11 at 1 PM. We'll need tons of help to share the load, laughter, and craziness. Contact Lynne Stephens if you have questions or comments. Looking forward to seeing you all! Phone: (814) 864-9300. Email: revaschmann@uuerie.org. Browse to www.uuerie.org. Find them on Facebook

Jun 11 - Erie Gay News Family Pride Picnic Presque Isle Rotary Pavilion, 1-6PM www.eriegaynews.com

Jun 11 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Erie Illusions

Football Game (Erie Vets Stadium, 26th & State) 7 PM. Help us cheer on our friend and member Jen, and the Erie Illusion Woman's Football team as they play their hearts out! \$6 tickets at gate, general seating, you will always find us on the west side of the stadium near the 50 yd line. www.erieillusion.com. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Jun 11 (Sat) - Oldies but Goodies Night at Vertigo 564 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA. Miss that old dance music, Vertigo Gives you a night of Hits you'll remember. Email: vertigov@aol.com. Browse to <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com>

Jun 11 (Sat) - Pride Night at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Happy Pride! Come on OUT and *celebrate!* \$2.00 Domestic for Happy Hour 9-10PM and \$2.00 wells 'til midnight! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

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

Jun 11- GIFT Cruise Cleveland www.clevelandgift.org/
Jun 11-12 - Pittsburgh Pridefest (Street party Saturday, Pride March Sunday) www.pittsburghpride.org/

Jun 12 (Sun) - Allegheny Region, Lambda Car Club goes to Pittsburgh Pride (Downtown Pittsburgh, PA) Contact: Bob. Phone: (814) 572-2195. Email: LCCAllegheny@yahoo.com. Browse to www.lambdacarclub.com.

Jun 12 - Butler County PFLAG marching in Pittsburgh Pride Once again, we'll be walking in the pa-



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rade. We had such a great turn out last year. Let's do it again! We'll carpool from up here on that morning and join up with other PFLAG groups as the parade starts to form! All ages! <http://butlerpflag.weebly.com/>

June 12- 3rd Annual Youngstown Pride Festival & Picnic B&O Banquet Station and Park, 530 Mahoning Ave. Noon-7PM. Find on Facebook, www.mvpride-center.com/PrideFestival.html

Jun 12 (Sun) - Pride Karaoke at Craze (1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Come on out for a little PRIDE Karaoke at CRAZE! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jun 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.

Jun 13 (Sun) - Deadline for EGN July 2011 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 June 21. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php.

Jun 13 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series - PRIDE Style (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Let's keep partying. Show starts at 11:30 pm. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

Jun 14 (Tue) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Meets 2nd Tues of month 7 PM and also the 3rd Thurs at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

Jun 16 (Thu) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email:

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Jun 16 (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. At Family United Counseling, we want to put you in touch with the experts of lesbian and gay parenting... each other! We meet the 4th Thurs. of month for support, friendship, and networking. Child care provided. For info or to let us know you're coming email us at FamilyUnitedCounseling@gmail.com or call (814)547-4837. Contact: Will Koehler. Phone: (814) 547-4837. Browse to www.familyunitedcounseling.org.

Jun 17 - 19 (Fri - Sun) - Bear County Fair at Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Games, Raffles, Gift Baskets, Fabulous Prizes! Proceeds to benefit Bear Exhibits at the Buffalo, Erie and Rochester Zoos. Airstream Rally. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Jun 18 (Sat) - Boots & Boxers Weekend at Camp Davis 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.

Jun 19 (Sun) - Allegheny Region, Lambda Car Club International (LCCI) goes to Father's Day Car Show (Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, 714 North Portage Path, Akron, OH 44303) One of the oldest car shows in America, the 54th Classic, Antique, & Collector Car Show at Stan Hywet is an annual Father's Day tradition and takes place on Sunday, June 19 from 9am - 4:30pm. This show features classic, antique and collector cars -more than 350 automobiles manufactured between 1896 and 1978 will be on display in 25 separate classes. Judges will award prizes in each class for first, second, and third place.

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

Contest	Starts
<i>Female Force: Kathy Griffin</i>	May 27
<i>Hot Lava</i> by Rob Rosen	June 3
<i>I Know Where I'm Going: Katharine Hepburn</i>	June 7
<i>The New Dance Mix USA: In The Club</i>	June 10
<i>Miss Timmins' School for Girls</i> by Nayana Currimbboy	June 17
<i>Fame: Ryan Reynolds</i>	June 22
<i>2AM Club CD</i>	June 24
<i>Cooking with the Calamari Sisters at Fredonia Opera House</i>	July 22

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Music on Film</i> books	May 27
<i>Blessed</i> CD by Lucinda Williams	June 3
<i>Hollywood Stories</i>	June 10
<i>Deep Dark Robot: 8 Songs About a Girl</i>	June 15

You can always see a complete list of contests at our web site! Members of the Erie GLBT News and Events list get first notice of contests. Sign up today!

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Contact: Bob. Phone: (814) 572-2195. Venue Phone: (330) 836-5533. Email: LCClallegheny@yahoo.com. Browse to www.lambdacarclub.com.

Jun 19 (Sun) - FACE: Michelle Michael's Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie. 11 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new faces and special guests! 3rd Sunday of the month at 11 PM. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com

Jun 19 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. 9 PM. Long Island Ice Tea Special. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Find on Facebook.

Jun 20 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Find Craze on Facebook.

+++Jun 21 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA. 7 PM. Every 3rd 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.

Jun 22 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Sunset Music Series (Beach 1, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM. Bring a beach blanket or chair. Listen to Beatles tribute band Abbey Road, opens for Jimbo and the Soupbones who play at 7 PM. Bring snacks and beverages if you like, but no alcohol on the park premises. This is a friends and family event. Join us! All Sunset Music Series events are FREE! . Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 833-7424. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Jun 24 - 26 (Fri - Sun) - Levi-Leather Weekend at Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Black and Blue Leather Ball. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Jun 25 - Cleveland Pride www.clevelandpride.org/home/

Jun 25 (Sat) - Briefs & Tees Weekend at Camp Davis 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavisground.com.

Jun 25 (Sat) - Luau/Beach Party, Drag Show at

Vertigo, 564 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA. Email: vertigov@aol.com. Browse to <http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/index.html>.

Jun 26 (Sun) - LBT Women go to the Erie Summer Festival of the Arts (Liberty Park, Erie, PA) 1 PM. . FREE - Contact: Laurie LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>

Jun 27 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

Jun 29 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Sunset Music Series (Beach 1, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 6 PM. Bring a beach blanket or chair and come park it on the beach and listen to Stiletto who will open for Garland Nelson and the Soul Session at 7 PM. There will be a bonfire at the concert! Bring snacks and beverages if you like, but remember, no alcohol on the park premises. Friends and Family event—Join us! All Sunset Music Series events are FREE! LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Visit <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

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Jul 1 - 4 (Fri - Mon) - July 4th Weekend at Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Pool Party Sponsored by 300 Block of Seasonal Campers. Saturday Night-Super Heroes Party. Dress as your favorite Super Hero. Prizes for best Super Hero Costume. Sunday Night-Red White & Boyz Underwear Party. (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com. www.jonespond.com.

Jul 2 (Sat) - Holiday Weekend – Luminaries at Camp Davis 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Dance Saturday and Sunday Night Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavicampground.com.

On Our Website

Some recent additions on our website

PHOTO

- Spring Fling at Latonia Theater
- FACE Show
- LBT Women (various activities and events)

VIDEO

- “Positive outlook Show” Butler PFLAG
- Landmark Bill Introduced In Senate To Ban Workplace Discrimination Based On Gender Identity And Sexual Orientation - ACLU: Tell Congress to Pass ENDA!
- NBA, GLSEN and Ad Council on anti-gay language among teens
- Music videos-”Mean”, original 2000 version of “All the Things She Said”, “Firewrk”

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UPCOMING...

Jul 15-17 - Rochester Pride www.gayalliance.org/pride/

Jul 16 (Sat) - Annual Family Picnic-PFLAG Ashtabula (Saybrook Twp Park, 5941 Lake Road West, Ashtabula, OH) 12 PM - 5 PM. Please R.S.V.P. for this event no later than July 9. Free,, but we ask that you do bring a dish to share. Contact: Jayson Nadolny. Phone: (440) 969-0212. Email: jayson@pflaga.org. Browse to www.pflaga.org/.

Jul 17 - Melissa Etheridge in Salamanca NY At Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca NY. www.senecaalleganycasino.com

Jul 24 - Rainbow Community Picnic Pavilion #3 Alameda Park, Butler PA. Co-sponsored by PFLAG-Butler and Persad Center’s Community Safe Zone project. http://butlerpflag.weebly.com/



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PBS airs “Two Spirits” in June

Sixteen-year-old Fred Martinez dressed as a girl one day, as a boy the next. Always purely himself, Fred was loved and accepted by his family. For such unapologetic authenticity, he was brutally murdered in 2001.

Director Lydia Nibley deftly weaves together the life and death of Martinez, traditional Navajo gender roles, and stories of other Two Spirits. Indigenous LGBT people use this moniker to emphasize a pre-conquest sense of social role and belonging, not just individual sexual identity. Two Spirits embody both male and female essences and are traditionally esteemed as leaders, counselors, healers, medicine people, teachers and foster parents of orphans. Lucky Two Spirits are recognized by elders early on and nurtured for who they are. Others like Fred have to fight for their lives.

Pre-Christian Navajo knew four genders: feminine women, masculine men, feminine men (nadleeh, ‘one who transforms’), and masculine women. In more traditional Navajo society, Fred would have been honored as a nadleeh. But in a rapidly assimilating environment, his mother’s love could not protect this different child from such dangerous freedom. This full spectrum of gender roles and sexual identities is passing with traditional Navajo elders. But, a hopeful spark lives on in the fluidity and acceptance of many LGBT youth. — CAROL HARADA

When to watch:

WNEB (Buffalo) June 28 10PM

WQLN (Erie) -On WQLN-3: June 15 9am, 3pm, June 16 1am, June 19 noon. On WQLN-1 June 16 3am, June 19 3am, June 20 2:30am;

Info: <http://twospirits.org/>

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from MTV

Do you have gay parents and want to tell your story? Are you proud of what your parents have taught you and want a platform to share their lessons of diversity and acceptance? Or is it harder for you to blend in and reveal that you have two parents of the same sex? Have any of your parents unexpectedly “come out”, causing you to adapt to a whole new household? Now is the chance for kids across America to hear what you have to say!

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