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Erie Gay News



## Persad Center opens offices in Erie

*from Persad Center*

Persad Center, the nation's second oldest licensed counseling and well being center serving the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities has opened offices in Erie, Pa.

Persad Center is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA and has served Western Pennsylvania's gay citizens for nearly 40 years. It is the only agency of its kind in western Pennsylvania. The agency's mission is to strengthen the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and the HIV/AIDS communities and their allies. This is done through counseling, prevention, education, and advocacy programs. The agency also has offices in Washington, PA and an advocacy program serving Washington, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler and Armstrong counties.

The Erie office is licensed by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare, and is being opened in response to a demand for and lack of specialized services for LGBT people in the area. The new office will bring access closer to home for LGBT individuals seeking counseling, and will provide the county with a resource for improving the human service system response to LGBT needs.

"We are delighted to be taking Persad services to Erie", says Betty Hill, Persad's Executive Director.

The offices will be housed inside the Community United Church building on 38th Street though the services are not affiliated with the church. Consumers will be able to receive individual, couples, group, and family counseling.

To schedule an appointment for services in Erie, call 814-388-0195.

For information on Persad's new office and other Persad services, contact Betty Hill at 412-441-9786 ext. 212 or [bhill@persadcenter.org](mailto:bhill@persadcenter.org)



*Members of the the Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition, during their constitutional convention August 5-7.— Pittsburgh and Erie Coordinating Committee Members Dj, Chuck, and Ara- and State Committee member Ellie! About 30 student leaders from around the state attended the event, which was held in Harrisburg. More about PSEC at [www.pennsec.org](http://www.pennsec.org)*

## Great time at Butler Rainbow Community Picnic

*by Mitchell*

The Butler Rainbow Picnic, hosted by PFLAG Butler County and Persad Center's Community Safe Zone project, was held on July 24, 2011. The picnic lasted from 2pm to 6pm and hosted over 60 people.

The picnic had typical cookout food such as hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, etc. The grill was manned by Ted Hoover from Persad Center, who did a fabulous job. The picnic had an overall friendly, warm,

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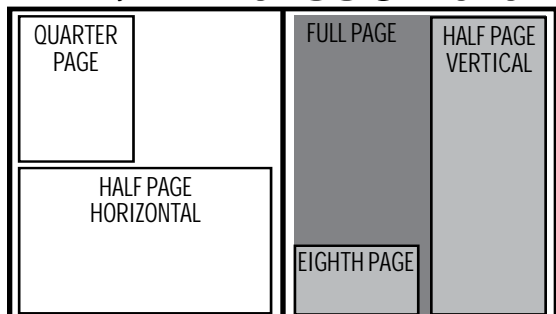
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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people (GLBT's), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

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.

**Join us for the Pride March/  
 Rally on August 27!**

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# Community News

and inviting atmosphere. There were many new faces to meet and old friends to greet. This year's picnic attracted people from as north as Erie and as far east as State College.

Several people from the Erie County PFLAG were in attendance, including Mark Hoovler. Also, Jason Goodman of The Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition (PSEC) was at the picnic. He shared about the newly formed student lead organization and their goals. PSEC is the first ever state-wide LGBTQ organization run by students for students. Goodman is president of the coalition.

The picnic had a time period where PFLAG Butler County president, Joe Tomlinson, shared PFLAG updates. He announced details about the upcoming National Coming Out Day celebration that will be hosted at Butler County Community College on October 8th. For more details, please see [www.pflagbutler.com](http://www.pflagbutler.com). He also talked about the work being done for a Non-discrimination Ordinance in Butler, and introduced the officers and board members.

Ted Hoover briefly told the audience about Community Safe Zone and their recent projects with the community in the five counties that surround Allegheny County. He also talked about the newly formed Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network. The Network is a group of pastors and lay persons who support LGBTQ persons. The group will be hosting a movie series this coming fall. More Details are to come.

Many people felt the day went by quickly and are looking forward to next year's. Many thanks to Persad Center, Community Safe Zone, PFLAG Butler County, and all of those who attended!

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~Comedian **Kathy Griffin**, in conversation with **Michele Bachmann**

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# Erie Pride Parade & Rally

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by Michael Mahler

On Saturday, August 27, Erie will once again have a Pride Parade & Rally. This year's Pride events are being organized by the Pride Planning committee, which is an informal coalition of groups and individuals.

## Parade

We will assemble at 12:30 at The Zone Dance Club, 133 W. 18th St for the Pride March. We will step off at 1:30 PM and proceed down State Street to Perry Square

Parade units include:

Community United Church

Erie Gay News

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Lake Erie Derby Dames

LBT Women

OUT (Pittsburgh newspaper)

PFLAG Butler

PFLAG Erie/Crawford County.

People marching unaffiliated with any particular group are also very much welcome! If you want to march, but aren't up for marching the entire route, join us anywhere along the State Street route.

## Rally

The rally in Perry Square begins at 2 PM and will include speakers and performers. Please check in at the registration table when you arrive in Perry Square. The rally will include a variety of vendors and information booths.

Speakers and performers currently expected include:

Greg Rabb, Openly gay Jamestown City Council President and Councilman at Large

Misty Kall, Miss Erie 2011

Brittany Morton, Erie Idol winner 2011

Rich McCarty of Mercyhurst College, Equality PA, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and Community United Church

Celine DaShawn, Miss Gay New York State 2012

Chris Wolfe, Erie Idol finalist 2011

Tammie Johnson, President of ACLU-NWPA

Brian Tee, singer, also with Pittsburgh Out TV

Jason Landau Goodman, founding Executive

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Michelle Michaels, Former Miss Erie and Coordinator for FACE Show at ZoneWe will also have fun games to play, and will be taking a Family Portrait around 3 PM.

Sylvana, student from the Strong Vincent Gay Straight Alliance

Diva D'Vyne

## Info Tables & Vendors

Currently info tables expected include:

Adagio Health

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), NWPA

Community United Church

Crime Victim Center of Erie County

Erie County Democratic Party

Erie County Human Relations Commission

Erie Gay News

Erie Sisters

Lake Erie Derby Dames

LBT Women

Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition

PFLAG Erie/Crawford County

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Vendors include

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## Collecting Food

As we have done at other Pride events, we will be collecting non-perishable items for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. You may either bring your items with you to the Zone and drop them off before you march, or bring them directly to Perry Square for the rally.

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Please contact Michael Mahler at [info@erie-gaynews.com](mailto:info@erie-gaynews.com) or (814) 456-9833 if you need any additional information.

# “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Repealed Sept 21, 2011

*Information from Servicemembers Legal Defense Network*

Under a law passed by Congress and signed by President Obama in December, the 18-year-old “don’t-ask, don’t-tell” ban on openly gay servicemembers will be no more on September 21, 2011.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) has called for “Repeal Day” to be celebrated across the country.

For information and updates, visit SLDN’s website at [www.sldn.org](http://www.sldn.org)

At this point SLDN is offering the following advisories:

- It is NOT necessarily safe to come out.
- “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” remains the law until repeal takes effect September 20, 2011.
- Transgender service members remain at risk.
- Continue to check with SLDN to learn about how the latest legal and political developments impact your ability to serve openly. If you have questions about how the latest legal or political developments may impact you, or about “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” in general, contact our legal hotline (202-328-3244 x100 or [legal@sldn.org](mailto:legal@sldn.org)) to schedule an appointment with an SLDN attorney.

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## NY Updates

### NY Attorney General joins suit challenging DOMA

*[Editors note: Under this federal law, no state may be required to recognize as a marriage a same-sex relationship considered a marriage in another state.]*

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has filed briefs in the Edie Windsor lawsuit challenging the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). Writes the AG's office in a press release:

Schneiderman filed the papers in federal court in support of the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment in the case of Windsor v. United States. The plaintiff, Edie Windsor, was married in Canada in 2007 to her partner, Thea Spyer, who died two years later.

Following Spyer's death, the federal government refused to acknowledge the couple's marriage under DOMA and taxed the resulting inheritance accordingly. Windsor then filed suit, challenging the constitutionality of DOMA and seeking a refund of the estate taxes she was forced to pay as a result of the federal government's refusal to recognize her marriage.

In the amicus curiae brief, Schneiderman argues that in redefining the term marriage, Section 3 of DOMA violates the equal protection component of the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause, and must therefore be invalidated. He goes on to argue that the statute is an improper intrusion on the traditional role of states in defining marriage; that it discriminates based on sex and sexual orientation and therefore must be subjected to heightened scrutiny; and that DOMA fails any level of scrutiny because it does not advance any legitimate federal interest.

### Guide Getting Married in NY State

*from Empire Pride Agenda*

All loving, committed same-sex couples can finally marry in New York State. Our friends at Lambda Legal and NYCLU have put together responses to frequently asked questions for couples to consider. You can also find information on getting married in New York City and New York State online.

Non-New York State residents are strongly encouraged to check out the section that addresses non-residents wishing to marry in that state.

# Calendar

This calendar is also online at [www.eriegaynews.com/news/calendar.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/news/calendar.php)

**Aug 26 - 28 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboys and Indians at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Wild West Rodeo Party. Sponsored by 400 Block of Seasonal Campers. Line Dance and 2-Step Workshop. Hoedown at Barn (585) 567-8100 [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 26 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Zabawa Polish Festival** At Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA.) 6PM. Check out the authentic Polish food and the Festival offerings. [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>

**Aug 26 (Fri) - Pride Work Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8:30 PM. We are getting ready for the big Pride Parade and Rally the next day, so volunteers to help with balloons and other Pride decorating are very much appreciated! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com).

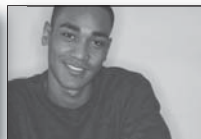
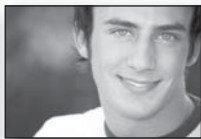
com. Browse to <http://www.eriegaynews.com>. RSVP/ Register/Tickets at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=260714883952202>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Aug 26 (Fri) - 3rd Annual Youngstown Pride Festival & Picnic** (B & O Station Banquet Hall, 530 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH) 4 PM - 11 PM. NOTE DATE CHANGE! Celebrating our Valley's GLBT Community for the 3rd consecutive year! Family friendly, picnic, games, retail vendors, information tables. 2 entertainment stages. Email: [Chairman@mvpridecenter.com](mailto:Chairman@mvpridecenter.com). Browse to [www.mvpridecenter.com/PrideFestival.html](http://www.mvpridecenter.com/PrideFestival.html).

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Erie Pride Parade** We will be assembling for the Erie Pride Parade at the Zone beginning at 12:30. Step off is 1:30 PM. We will march over 18th St, down State St. to Perry Square for rally. If you wish to have a float or march as a unit, please let us know by Aug. 15. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. . Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com). RSVP/Register/Tickets at

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**Aug 27 (Sat) - Erie Pride Rally** (Perry Square, W 6th and State Streets, Erie, PA. 2 PM - 4 PM. Speakers, performers, vendors and more! A Family Portrait around 3 PM. All welcome! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com). RSVP/Register/Tickets at [www.eriegaynews.com/pride/register.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/pride/register.php).

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Erie Pride After Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 8 PM - 2 AM. Dance the night away and show us your Pride! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Underwear Night II at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavisground.com](http://www.campdavisground.com).

**Aug 28 (Sun) - SafeNet's 5th Annual Poker Run** Ride to end domestic violence. Stops include The Frog Pond at Canadohta Lake, Lakeside Tavern in Water-

ford, Avonioa Tavern in Fairview and The Sandbar in Erie. Registration 10 AM to Noon at 1702 French St. Cost is \$15/person \$25/couple. Last bike in at 4 PM at Coconut Joe's - N. Park Row. Includes food, beverages, prizes and giveaways. Music provided by Chrome from 2 to 6 PM. Contact: Rick Liebel. Phone: (814) 454-8161 (24hr). Email: [rliebel@safeneterie.org](mailto:rliebel@safeneterie.org). Browse to [www.safeneterie.org](http://www.safeneterie.org).

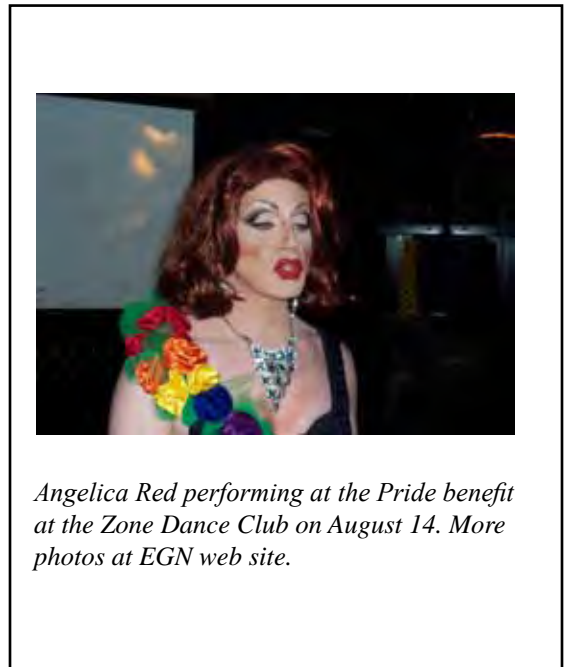
**Aug 28 (Sun) - LBT Women go to Lighthouse Tour** (Presque Isle State Park, 301 Peninsula Drv #1, Erie, PA. Meet at the Erie Land Lighthouse at 1 PM. There will be a rare opportunity to go up inside the lighthouse for \$5. This is a fundraiser for the Erie Playhouse Theatre. The tours will be conducted by costumed Erie Playhouse actors. There will also be reenactments and other stuff going on. You need to be 42 inches to go up in the lighthouse. Bring your camera! [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Aug 31 - Olean's First Pride Picnic** 5:00-9:30PM. War Veterans' Park Pavilion, across from Bradner's

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**Sep 2 - 5 (Fri - Mon) - Labor Day Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. End of Summer Night's Dream! *Saturday* - Variety Show. and Pan's Fantasy Fest Ball. *Sunday* - Bed Party, wear what you wear to bed! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Sep 2 (Fri) - Vortex (Nocturnal Asylum) at Craze Night Club** 1607 Raspberry St. 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Sep 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Alto Cucina, 3531 West Lake Road, Erie, PA 16505) 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month



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**Sep 24th**  
Dance to the 80's

**Oct 1st**  
Masquerade



# Calendar

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. We once again return to Alto Cucina. This has been our best attended event the last two times we have met there. We will be on the patio weather permitting. Hope to see everyone there for a great start to the Labor Day weekend. You can also sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Venue Phone: (814) 835-3900. Browse to [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54742829807](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54742829807). RSVP/ Register/Tickets at [www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=232469480130984](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=232469480130984). Browse to venue web site [www.altocucina.com/](http://www.altocucina.com/).

**Sep 3 (Sat) - Holiday Weekend at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Dance Sat.and Sun. Night (724) 637-2402. [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). [www.campdavis-campground.com/](http://www.campdavis-campground.com/).

**Sep 3 (Sat) - Back to School Dance Party at Zone** Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Dress up as the naughty school girl or boy. Come as a cheerleader

or jock! Or come as the school principal! You won't be ageek or nerd as we celebrate Back to School with a few lessons of our own as we dance the night away with some great fun! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Sep 3 - Starz Black Party Glow Show** 10PM at Sky Bar 106 Fairmount, Jamestown NY. "Glowsoercess" Buffy Lynn Hayes, Liza Summers, Melody Michaels, Anita Waistline, Miss Jamestown Tasha Brooks, and other special guests, plus DJ Quake. (716)661.3212 [sky14701@yahoo.com](mailto:sky14701@yahoo.com)

**Sep 4 (Sun) - LBT Women go to Pig Roast** (Caitlyn's Family Home, Springboro, PA) 1 PM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Caitlyn's family is having a PIG ROAST and we are invited! - The PIG Roast will include pig, (of course) and turkey. Please bring a tureen dish, your own refreshments, beer, pop, etc. and a lawn chair. There will be lots of music, a tattoo artist, a 50/50 raffle, games, wagon rides and horseshoes. Kids are welcome, but no pets. Rain or shine. 1 PM till ? Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Sep 4 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Join us every Sunday... for a refreshing Ice Tea Special! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Sep 5 (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/crazyenightclub>.

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**Sep 9-11 - Ohio Lesbian Festival** Frontier Ranch, Pataskala, OH 43062. Live music, camping, dance parties, poetry, football, vendors, more. On Facebook and <http://ohiolba.org/>

**Sep 9 - 11 (Fri - Sun) - Friend and Family Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. NO nudity. Potluck on Saturday night. (Karaoke TBD). Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

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**Sep 10 (Sat) - Cowboys & Indians Party at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Sep 10 (Sat) - CRAZE Night Club Customer Appreciation Night** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 9 PM - 11 PM. All wells and domestic beers \$2.00 9-11 pm. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Sep 10 (Sat) - Zone Back to School Party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Dress up as the naughty school girl or boy. Come as a cheerleader or jock! Or even the school principal! You won't be a nerd or a geek at this party as we celebrate "Back To School" with a few lessons of our own on the dance floor! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Sep 11 (Sun) - LBT Women meets** Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA. 1 PM. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Sep 11 (Sun) - M & J's First Picnic** (Alameda Park, 184 Alameda Road, Butler, PA 16001) All are welcome. Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Venue Phone: (724) 284-5383 . Email: [mandjsslounge@](mailto:mandjsslounge@)

## Win Prizes from Erie Gay News

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

| Contest                                                            | Starts       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Morning Funeral</i> DVD by local filmmakers A.J. & Nick Detisch | August 26    |
| \$25 gift certificate from The Man Underneath                      | September 2  |
| 2CELLOS CD& Poster                                                 | September 6  |
| <i>Queering the Tranny</i>                                         | September 9  |
| <i>Mirrors: Portrait of a Lesbian Transsexual Autographed Book</i> | September 13 |
| <i>La Petite Mort</i>                                              | September 16 |
| ZAZ                                                                | September 23 |
| <i>Ariel Aparicio - Aerials</i> CD                                 | September 30 |
| <i>Evolution of Ethan Poe</i> from Kensington Books                | October 7    |

Here are contests which are currently active...

| Contest                                            | Ends         |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <i>Horse Meat Disco III</i>                        | August 26    |
| <i>DJ Greg Mack Summer Mix CD</i>                  | September 2  |
| <i>Sparkle: The Queerest Book You'll Ever Love</i> | September 9  |
| Party Groove: Pride 11 CD                          | September 12 |

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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yahoo.com. Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJs-Lounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJs-Lounge).

**Sep 11 - "Anchors Away" LGBT DV Cruise** Buffalo NY, leaving from Erie Basin Marina. 2-hour cruise and fundraising event on the Miss Buffalo Charter. Support LGBT victims of partner violence while putting some wind in your sails with hors d'oeuvres, raffles, cash bar and entertainment. \$25, Chris Black at 716.645.2013 or [cmbblack@buffalo.edu](mailto:cmbblack@buffalo.edu). Info [www.pridecenterwny.org](http://www.pridecenterwny.org)

**Sep 12 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets** Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy Erie. 7 - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Contact: Mark H. Phone: (814) 456-0901. Email: [pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com).

**Sep 12 (Mon) - Deadline for EGN October 2011 print edition** 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of Septmeber 20. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

[www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php).

**Sep 13 (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 Mon at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: [hospice@velocity.net](mailto:hospice@velocity.net).

**Sep 16 - 18 (Fri - Sun) - Halloween Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Horror in the Woods - New Moon. Vamps, Vampires and Werewolves....Oh My!!! Costume Party & Contest. Categories for Weekend Guests and Seasonal Campers. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Sep 17 (Sat) - LBT Women go to the Zoo** (Erie Zoo, 423 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. MMeet at the Erie Zoo at 11 am to check out the Erie Zoo with the Beans! \$8 for adults 13 & over, \$6 for senior citizens ages 62 & over and \$5 for children ages 2-12. Carousel \$2 and Train \$2. Janice and I do have some free admittance passes left on our membership cards, so If you would like to use one, let me know via e-mail. Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 864-4091.



Accomodations, bars, business and not-for-profit resources Separate WOMEN'S and ETHNIC/MULTICULTURAL sections

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*Erin and Mike staffing the LGBT table at the Blues and Jazz Fesitval in Frontier Park. More photos at EGN web site.*

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**Sep 18 (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](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com)

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**Sep 20 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets** Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA. 7 PM. Every 3rd Tues. of 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).

**Sep 21 - "Don't Ask Don't Tell" officially repealed**  
**Sep 21 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke** (1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Sep 22 (Thu) - The CRAZE Knock-out Summer Party** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. \$4 Knock-outs! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

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**Erie Office:** 900 State St.  
Suite 213, Erie, PA 16501

814-454-3811 or 1-800-400-AIDS

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Suite 2, Clarion, PA 16214

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Oct 11 - National Coming Out Day

**Oct 22 - David Sedaris at Mercyhurst** [://pac.mercyhurst.edu/events/](http://pac.mercyhurst.edu/events/)

**Oct 23 Kathy Griffin in Cleveland** \$10-\$65, 7:30PM- State Theater, Playhouse Square, 1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland; (216)241-6000, [www.playhousesquare.org](http://www.playhousesquare.org).

**Oct 26 - Namoli Brennet & Eric Himan in Oil City** Clarion University Venango Campus, Oil City, PA [www.namolibrennet.com](http://www.namolibrennet.com)

**Oct 29 Rocky Horror Picture Show** at Academy Theater Meadville PA Details soon.

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*Preston, Mark H and John Daley King of PFLAG Erie, & Joe Tomlinson of PFLAG Butler at Rainbow Community Picnic in Butler on July 24. More photos at EGN web site.*

# Help us with NY wedding resources

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A New Jersey bridal shop recently refused to sell a wedding dress to a lesbian bride-to-be, calling the couple's pending nuptials an "illegal action."

We want to make sure that people don't have the planning for that special day spoiled by running into bigots. We are putting together a guide for weddings, and are especially interested in New York's southern tier.

And we want to let people know about the individuals, businesses and so on that honor your relationship and welcome your business.

Let us know about welcoming congregations and officiants, receptive reception halls, and hospitable bed and breakfasts. Friendly businesses, including tuxedo rental, bridal shops, florists, photographer/videographers, caterers, and so on. If there are unfriendly wedding resources, it would be good to be aware of that as well.

If you are or know of wedding resources worth knowing about, please let us know. You needn't get all the details, as we will contact and do follow-up with them ourselves anyway.

Contact Mike at (814)456-9833 or [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com)

## On Our Website

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### Some recent additions on our website

#### PHOTO

- FACE Show - recent
- LBT Women - various events, as always!
- Butler Community Picnic

#### VIDEO

- "Marcus And Michele Bachmann Explain Marriage" Great humor from Second City Network
- "Inside the Bachmann Clinic" Hidden camera records the reality of Marcus Bachmann's "pray away the gay" practice.

# Before you enlist...

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by *Deb Spilko*

Does the repeal of the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" ban have you considering enlisting in the military?

If so, you'd be well-advised to go beyond the recruiters' well-rehearsed appeals and cool video games in making your decision. Here are a couple online resources to give you a different and important look at what it means to enlist and serve in the military at the present time:

**Do You Know Enough to Enlist?** This site helps you to get clear about some things in your own in your own mind, like: *Will enlistment help me achieve my goals? Am I trying to escape my own problems? Am I willing to give up control? Am I willing to kill... and be killed? Do I have other options?* And they offer this advice: If you talk with a recruiter, don't rely only on the recruiter to give you the information you need to make an informed decision. Take along a relative or friend. There is also advice on what to do if you do decide to enlist.

**Before You Enlist!** This is a video that offers straight talk from veterans and their family members and a former recruiter, telling what is missing from the sales pitches presented by recruiters and the military's marketing efforts. The message is not "don't enlist" but rather to provide young people and their families a more complete picture of the life-altering consequences of joining the military – especially in wartime. Latest version: 2011, in English and Spanish. Length: 14:20. Developed with: The American Friends Service Committee, Veterans For Peace (VFP), Iraq Veterans Against the War, Gold Star Families for Peace, Military Families Speak Out, the Coalition for Peace Action and other groups worked with the producers to develop the program and are helping to distribute it. Link to it from [Erie Gay News](http://ErieGayNews.com). More info at [BeforeYouEnlist.org](http://BeforeYouEnlist.org)

### Already enlisted?

If you are active duty having problems or are having second thoughts about enlisting, call the GI Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487 or visit [www.girightshotline.org](http://www.girightshotline.org) The call and the service are free and confidential. This is a nongovernment organization.

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