

Erie Gay News web site revamped!

by Michael Mahler

Erie Gay News is proud to announce that as of the first of the year, our web site (www.eriegaynews.com) has been revamped. The new interface is cleaner and will display much better on smaller devices, such as smartphones! All of our great content, going back over 20 years, is still there, and you can still bring up PDFs of every issue that has ever been published.

Greg Rabb interviewed on WQLN-FM

Openly gay Jamestown City Council President Greg Rabb'was interviewed on "WeekendAll Things Erie" on WQLN FM, hosted by Kim Young. You can hear the interview on WQLN's website. The interview covers topics ranging from Greg's coming out to his campaigns for and service on Jamestown's City Council along with his lifelong fight for equal rights for GLBT people, as well as his work as a City Marriage Officer having now officiated at the weddings of same sex couples from eight states including Pennsylvania.

The interview aired on December 22, 2012 on WQLN's "Weekend All Things Erie." You can link to the interview from our website or visit www.wqln.org/main/Radio/WeekendAllThingErie

LGBT Float in Perry 200 Grand Patriotic (Memorial Day) Parade

by NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. will have an LGBT float in the Perry 200 Grand Patriotic (Memorial Day) Parade on Saturday, May 25. We are looking for other groups and individuals to help with building the float and also to be on it. If your group wants to display their banner, that's terrific! This Grand Patriotic Parade is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The parade route is 1.8 miles long - from W. 12th Street and Liberty to 3rd and State Street. The parade

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Meadville City Councilman attends Victory Celebration

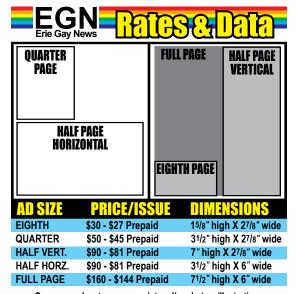
Meadville City Council member Bob Langley—the only openly-gay government official in northwestern Pennsylvania—attended the Victory Fund's Congressional Celebration on January 4, 2013.

The event celebrated the historic gains of the 2012 elections, which nearly doubled the GLBT representation in Congress. The event brought together members of the largest LGBT Equality Caucus in history. Special guest was newly-elected US Senator Tammy Baldwin.

More on the Victory Fund Celebration on our website. Contributed photo.

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before!

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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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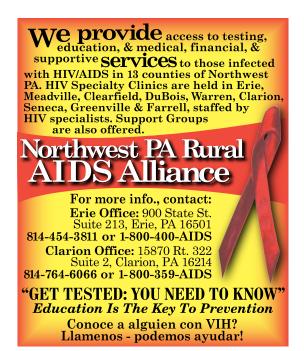
To Zone Dance Club for hosting! Airaday, Andrea, Caitlyn Strohmeyer, Ernie Staaf, Janice Hanusik, Joe Totleben, Johauna, Julie, Kim, Laurie Finch, Melanie Shubitowski, Sharon Dunfee, and Ted Hoover for folding; Airaday, Andrea, Caitlyn Strohmeyer, Jerry McCumber, Johauna, Julie, Kim, Melanie Shubitowski, Sharon Dunfee, and Ted Hoover for distribution; Mike Lipiec for ad layout & etc. If you're interested in helping out, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

Community News

will consist of civic dignitaries - including the Governor of Pennsylvania leading the parade, military and marching bands, veterans, floats of American wars - especially from the War of 1812, Erie history floats, special wave dancers, ethnic groups from the area, Erie organizational floats, large balloons of cartoon characters, clowns, antique cars, and much more! For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or mmahler@nwpapride.org.

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Erie youth group starting up

by Leann Rommitti of Persad Center

Do you consider yourself a leader in your community? Would you like to make an impact on the Erie Community? Would you like to impact LGBTQ youth in Erie?

Persad would like to invite you to be a part of our mission!

Starting on February 4th from 6 - 8 pm we will begin having an LGBTQ Youth and Allies Leadership drop in night at Community United Church (1011 W. 38th St Erie, Pa 16508). During this time you will have the opportunity to meet new folks, discuss LGBTQ issues, learn and apply leadership skills, and create a youth leadership project for the community. This is a great opportunity for resume building, gaining leadership experience, and helping out our community.

Come hang out with Persad and your peers bring your friends and allies! Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Community change begins with you. We hope you will join us on our mission!

Who: Erie youth and young adults ages 14-24 yrs. When: February 4, 2013, 6:30-8:00pm Location: Community United Church- Multipurpose

Location: Community United Church- Multipurpose Room. 1011 W. 38th St, Erie, Pa 16508

To find out more about the Persad Center, visit www.persad-center.org

DEADLINE for next issue: FEB 15



Drenched Fur 9 April 4-6

by Gary Snyder

Wish you were bumping and grinding to the beat in a crowd of furry faces? Ever wanted to enjoy a private event evening at Splash Lagoon?

Well, here is your chance! The bears, cubs, and admirers of Drenched Fur 9 invite you to join them in April for fun and good times.

On Friday, April 5th, The Zone Dance Club will be hosting a Military Theme Bar Night Outing. Join us for hours of fun dance music starting at 11 PM with just a \$5 cover charge at the door. But the fun doesn't end there! The following night, on Saturday, April 6th, Drenched Fur 9 is also welcoming locals to join us for our M*A*S*H 4077 Themed Buffet Dinner and Comedy Game Show Combo. Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM with dinner service at 7 for just \$30 per person. And of course, that night we're once again hosting our exclusive event at the Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort. The event is from 10 PM until 2 AM and the admission is \$30. If local guys wish to participate in the private event at Splash Lagoon, please visit the DF9

website at www.drenchedfur.com and click on Registration. (Advance signup and payment is required for the Saturday Dinner/Show Combo as well as the Splash Lagoon Event, pricing increases March 1st)

The Splash Lagoon Event is sponsored by Drenched Fur 9 and is part of Erie's Bear Run Weekend. Approximately 200 visitors are expected from around the USA. The full listing of events for the weekend can be found at the Drenched Fur website and include a winery tour, charity auction, vendor mall, and more!

Commemorative DF9 beach towels are also available to order via our website.

There is a 21 and over age limit because of the presence of alcohol for events at the Avalon Hotel.

If you have questions, please contact the DF9 Run Coordinator, Gary at gnsnyder@drenchedfur.com or leave a message at 814-446-2327.

For more about Drenched Fur 9 visit www.drenchedfur.com



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Jan 27 (Sun) - Crime Victim Center 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament (Maennerchor Club, 1607 State St, Erie, PA 1) 64 teams will compete to win prizes and raise money for CVC. \$50 per team gets you food and play. Info at 814-455-9414 www. cvcerie.org.

Feb 1 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) 6-8 PM. Provides GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. Sign up for the email list at http://lists.eriegaynews.com.

Feb 1 (Fri) - VortexX - Kristin's Epix Birthday (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 9 PM. Kristin (aka DJ Lily Rex) is celebrating another *epix* birthday with all of you! Come chill out with Kristin or dance to the goth/industrial music of DJ Lunchbox! No cover. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Feb 2 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights Basketball VS Lockhaven (Gannon's Hammermill Ctr, 109 University Sq, Erie, PA) 5:30 PM. May be a \$5 fee. LFinch003@neo.rr.com.



Feb 2 (Sat) - Red Party presented by Starz -10 PM at Sky Bar 108 Fairmount Ave, Jamestown, NY. (716) 661-3212 Hosted by Liza Summers and Anita Waistline featuring Anna Lee, Tasha Brooks, Matthew Kayden, Jaala, Vanessa Valentine, Adam Babcock and our special guest all the way from Club Marcella in Buffalo \$5 cover. Wear red—prizes for the most creative red attire, the sexiest red attire and a sexy underwear contest!

Feb 6 (Wed) - Piano Bar Wednesdays at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Join us as we kick-off our brand-new Wednesday program: Piano Bar Wednesdays—the Martini Bar will be in full-force operation for this new event! Come sit back, relax to the beautiful sounds of our piano or take a look through our song books and sing a song! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook. com/crazenightclub.

Feb 9 (Sat) - Pride Planning meeting (Panera's - Yorktown, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA) 2:30 PM. NW PA Pride Alliance meets to plan our events for this year!



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Feb 9 (Sat) - ACLU NW PA Chapter meets (Erie, PA) Contact for meeting details. Email: northwest-chapter@aclupa.org. Browse to www.aclupa.org/chapters/northwestpa/.

Feb 9 (Sat) - PFLAG Butler Valentine Social (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) 7 PM - 9 PM. Musical performance, party snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks served. (no alcohol until after the Lounge opens for normal hours). Phone: (724) 290-9674. Venue Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: info@pflagbutler.com. Browse to www.pflagbutler.com. Browse to venue web site www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

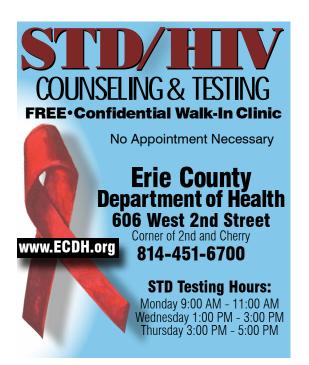
Feb 9 (Sat) - Destiny Divine Presents Saturday With The Stars - Cammy-s 'Shanghai Nights' Birthday (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) 9 PM. Come help us celebrate the birthday of Cammy Seoul's birthday! Stick around after the show to dance with DJ Tony G-Spot! No cover. (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

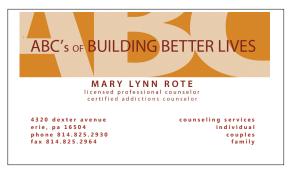
Feb 9 (Sat) - Cupid's Shuffle Valentine's Red Party at the Zone (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Share your love and dance the night away —great music and fun will have Cupid's Arrows soaring through the dance floor all night long! (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Feb 10 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Presque Isle Gal-

lery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie, PA) 12 PM. Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Feb 11 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Meets 2nd Monday of each month Contact: Jayne May. Phone: (814) 314-9259. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com. Browse to www.facebook.com/pages/

Feb 11 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series







- Gaysian's Birthday (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Our Monday Night front and fill-in bartender is celebrating another birthday! Come play with Diva and our house cast to help celebrate Gaysian still being older than Tony G-Spot! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub. Feb 14 (Thu) - Cupid Affair VII Raunchy Red with Ladies Lingerie event at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) 9 PM. Hosted by Erie Awareness Outreach (find them on Facebook). With two guest DJs and cash prizes for the Best Dressed (Lingerie & G-String.) In keeping with our message for 2013: Take Control.. Take The Test Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub. Feb 15 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night at Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. 11 PM. Join the Bears for a night of fun! Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@

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February 26. For complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check print edition schedule at www. eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Feb 16 (Sat) - The Beans go to Gannon Lady Knights Basketball - The PINK game (Gannon University, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Free. There will be t-shirt sales and 50/50 and auctions to help raise money to fight breast cancer. Gannon girls will wear pink uniforms. LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Feb 16 (Sat) - Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus: "Hooray for Love...Cabaret" (Hamlin House, 432 Franklin, Buffalo, NY) 7 PM - 10 PM. Open bar, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, dessert tables. www.buffalogaymenschorus.com/.

Feb 17 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the third Sunday of the month at 11 PM.

(814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com

Feb 19 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Every 3rd Tues. (Sept. - May), the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). This group provides LGBTQA people the confidential opportunity to share questions, stories, and experiences about what it means to be both a sexual and spiritual person. Contact: Rich McCarty. 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). richmccarty@msn.com.

Feb 23 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of Northwest PA (MHA - 1101 Peach St. Erie, PA,) Group discussion around some topic of interest, followed by time for social interaction. Please bring snack to share. Free parking in MHA parking lot. Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. Phone: (814) 823-1969. Email: caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

Feb 23 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Univer-



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salist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Local transgender support group that provides support and encouragement for both MTF and FTM transgender individuals. Followed by dinner at a local restaurant and dancing at The Zone Dance Club. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to http://eriesisters.ning.com/.

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Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Starts
The Lucky Ones by Kerli	January 25
Sentimental Journey by Emmy Rossum	January 29
Triple Threat Beauty Pack	February 1
Best Lesbian Romance 2013	February 5
Best Gay Romance 2013	February 8
Luna Park	February 12
The Big Gay Musical	February 15
Ethan Farmer Wine & Strings EP	February 19
Roxanna - Unforgotten (Single)	February 22
Best Lesbian Erotica 2013	February 26
Best Gay Erotica 2013	March 1

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
Remixxer: John LePage download; Gayby DVD	January 25
Coming Out In New York; Sarah Brightman One Day Like This	January 29
The Raid by Lee Lynch	February 1
Company in Concert DVD	February 5
Last To Die prize pack	February 8
Getting Everything Backwards by Ken Willidau	February 12

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