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Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group new website

from Erie Sisters

Please note that the Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group has a new web site. At the end of 2010 it will be their primary site. The new site is <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>. You can also find them on Facebook.

Birthdays Listing

by Michael Mahler

For quite a few years, Erie Gay News has listed birthdays for our friends and supporters on the left sidebar at the Erie Gay News web site. We believe that it is important to recognize people on their special day as a way of emphasizing that we are a friendly and caring community. We have expanded this by also posting

birthdays for the current day to both our Twitter account (<http://www.twitter.com/ErieGayNews>) as well as the Erie Gay News group on Facebook. Please feel free to add your birthday at the EGN web site.

Mahoning Valley Pride Center Picnic August 28

from Mahoning Valley Pride Center

Youngstown, Ohio Pride Center's summer picnic is August 28, 2010 at Lake Milton in the Craig Beach area from noon till 6pm (?). We are asking picnickers to bring a covered dish or a dessert. Hotdogs and hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the Mahoning Valley Pride Center. Call for info Terry (330) 788 -1142 or email questions terrancesarco@yahoo.com

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Marchers from the GLBT contingent at the Millcreek 4th of July Parade. We had a record turnout for this, our fifth year of participating. Photo by Betheny of Erie Sisters More photos on our website.

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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 (GLBTs), 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. We will consider for publication any nonfiction article, blurb, or illustration graphic that upholds that spirit. Please include your contact information with any piece you submit.

We will not publish any material that promotes hatred or discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identification, race, religion, age, class, physical ability, or any other reason. We do not support the exploitation of minors.

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from Ashtabula GLBT Outreach Alliance

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The AGLBTOA Anthology Committee reserves the right to edit for spelling and grammatical errors. We also reserve the right to withhold stories that we do not feel are fit for the audience of the anthology from the book.

Guidelines - Email submissions to anthology@ashtabulaglbtoa.org

1. We are open to submissions up to 5,000 words.
2. Please attach your submission as a .rtf, .wps, or .doc file. **NO .DOCX FILES!**
3. Include your real (legal) name, pen name, and address in the body of your email. Don't worry. We need these for our records, but they won't ever be shared.

Please be mindful of our audience. Coming out is a very serious issue in the gblt community, and we want an anthology that can be used to help people during a very difficult time as well as to educate the community. With that in mind, please keep your stories PG-13 - we will reject stories that have too much harsh/vulgar language or are too graphic or sexual.

Deadline for submission is November 15, 2010; Decisions will be made by January 1, 2011. For more information, contact anthology@ashtabulaglbtoa.org

Western PA Advocacy Initiative Announces New Name

from Delta Foundation

July 13, 2010—Pittsburgh, PA—The Western Pennsylvania Advocacy Initiative has announced that they have changed the name of the project to Equality Partners of Western Pennsylvania.

The name change was announced by the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh, which funds the project, and is headed by LGBT Field Organizer Jason Crighton.

The name change was made so that it became “immediately clear to legislators what we stand for, which is equality for all Western Pennsylvania residents,” said Thomas C. Waters, Board Member and Advocacy Chair of the Delta Foundation. “And more importantly, why non-discrimination protections, hate-crimes prevention, the anti-bullying measure, and other civil rights issues will improve the quality of life for all LGBT residents”

Incorporated in 1996, the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh is dedicated to improving the quality of life for and visibility of the members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in the Pittsburgh region. The organization's major initiatives are Pittsburgh Pride, (Pittsburgh) RED, which will take place on Wednesday, December 1, and Equality Partners of Western Pennsylvania. For details, visit pittsburghpride.org.

You Belong (in your legislator's office!): A Town Hall Forum and Training Session recap

from Western Pennsylvania Advocacy Initiative

On July 8th, the Delta Foundation of Pittsburgh visited Craze nightclub in Erie for a town hall and training session about working with elected officials on Pennsylvania LGBT rights issues.

Jason Crighton, LGBT Field Organizer, and Thomas C. Waters, Advocacy Chair, explained the work Equality Partners of Western Pennsylvania, a new program of the Delta Foundation empowering citizens in twenty-three counties across Western Pennsylvania to take action on LGBT rights issues.

Crighton and Waters primarily discussed two bills: H.B 300, which would extend employment discrimination to include sexual orientation and

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gender identity across Pennsylvania, and H.B 745, an LGBT-inclusive state level hate crimes bill. They provided training on how to communicate with elected officials and set up appointments with state representatives. Later they broke up into a small group discussion to address other specific issues.

4th of July Parade sets record

by Michael Mahler

Over 20 people marched as a part of the GLBT community in the Millcreek 4th of July Parade, which was held on Saturday, July 3. Although this was the fifth year that there was a GLBT presence, previously, we had marched as part of the peace and justice contingent. The organizers for the parade were unfailingly gracious and supportive. Quite a few groups were represented, including Erie Gay News, LBT Women of Erie, PFLAG - Erie and Crawford Counties, Erie Gay Pride, and members, friends and supporters of the community.

We will have photos from the march on the web

site. Kudos to everyone involved for making this such a success! Here's to hoping for an even better turnout next year!

GLBT table at Erie Blues and Jazz Festival August 7 & 8

by Michael Mahler

Last year, we had an info table at the Erie Jazz and Blues Festival, held in Frontier Park (by W 8th and Bayfront Parkway), Erie PA. The festival is held the first full weekend in August and this year that is August 7 and 8. You can see more about the Blues and Jazz Festival at http://www.erieartmuseum.org/performances/bj_fest/index.html

Like the other community groups and organizations, we have information on hand for people who may not be aware of resources in the area. We can use help staffing the table from about noon to 8 PM or so each day. All that you need to provide is a smiling face! You can volunteer for whatever block of time fits your schedule. If you are looking to promote your group or

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organization, we encourage you to provide volunteers to help staff the table. Although literature is great to give out, nothing beats face to face contact. If we have enough organizations and staff, we can look at having multiple tables.

If you are up for helping out, we'd love to have you! Please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com. On the weekend of the event, you can use the cell phone number of (814) 746-9281.

Summer Camp for Queer Youth and their Straight Allies

from Dreams of Hope

Dreams of Hope is hosting an overnight arts camp from August 17 - 20th for LGBTIA youth ages 13-17. The camp will be held at the Emma Kaufmann Camp on Cheat Lake near Morgantown, West Virginia. Cost is \$500 per camper, which includes: Three meals a day plus snacks, all camp activities (ropes course, swimming, water skiing, arts and crafts, special Dreams of Hope workshops and more!!!), round-trip transportation from Pittsburgh to camp and memories that will last a lifetime.

Need based scholarships available upon request. For more information or to register go to www.dreamsofhope.org (<http://dreamsofhope.org/camp.aspx>) Registration deadline Aug. 1, 2010.

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525,600 Reasons to See Rent at the Erie Playhouse

It's the "Season of Love" at the Erie Playhouse as they present the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical *Rent* August 5-28.

The musical follows a group of young artists who live in New York's East Village during the late 1980s. *Rent* is a passionate story of friendship and love that challenges many tough subjects like AIDS, poverty, homophobia and drug addiction.

Rent is a rock musical with music and lyrics by Jonathan Larson based on the opera "La bohème," which was written by Giacomo Puccini in 1896.

The show is the eighth-longest running on Broadway. Its success has been recognized multiple times, having received Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book, as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1996.

The show at the Erie Playhouse is under the direction of Richard Davis with Katrina Foltz-Miner handling music and vocal direction. Featured cast members include **Domenic Delgreco** (Mark, an aspiring filmmaker), **Eric Marshall** (Roger, an HIV+ songwriter off of heroin for six months), **Anthony Palermo** (Angel, a gay drag performer and street drummer with AIDS—and a real-life "angel"), **Doug Massey** (Tom, a gay anarchist professor and computer genius with AIDS), **Collin D. Pazik** (Benjamin, the landlord and former roommate), **Leah Johnson** (Maureen, bisexual performance artist and rock singer), **Sonia Rosales** (Joanne, attorney from an upper-class family, in love with Maureen) and **Marann Curtis** (Mimi, a stripper whose addiction to heroin led to HIV infection).

In addition to the dynamic cast on stage, the production will feature an original artwork from Erie artist **Evan Everhart**, who specializes in metal fabrication. The original sculpture is the centerpiece of the set design by **Joe Hassler**. **Julian Decker** will design the lighting. Everhart's sculpture was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for

the Arts. Additionally, **Richard Davis** will also handle costume design, evoking the mood and era of the East Village in the 1990's.

Following the closing performance of *Rent*, the sculpture will be installed in one of Erie's parks for the entire community to enjoy.

Please note that Erie Gay News will be giving away 4 pairs of tickets via an online contest.

SHOW DATES & TIMES

August 5-8, 11-15, 19-22, 26-28

Wednesday – Saturday 7:30pm; Sunday 2:00pm

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This calendar is also online at www.eriegaynews.com/news/calendar.php

Jul 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Bears In the Woods 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Under BEAR Party at the Barn. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Jul 24 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Christmas in July 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA Gift Exchange at 8 PM. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdavicampground.com>.

Jul 24 (Sat) - All Families Matter (Youngstown) meets Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 2 PM. Open to all natural, foster, adoptive and prospective LGBTQ and Ally families. Email: allfamiliesmatter@sbcglobal.net. Browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/allfamiliesmatter/>.

Jul 24 (Sat) - Joan Armatrading in Cleveland (216) 523 2583

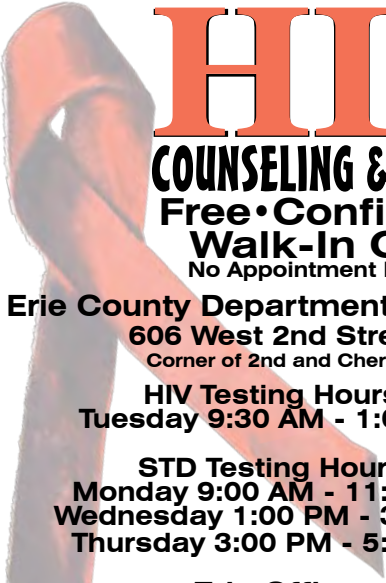
Jul 26 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. Show starts at 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Jul 27 (Tue)- Lilith Fair in Cuyahoga Falls OH Cleveland line-up: Court Yard Hounds, Mary J. Blige, Sarah McLachlan, Nikki Jean, Sara Bareilles & more! Clarkson, Lights, Serena Ryder, Winning Our Stage Artist, Zee Avi, Anjulie www.lilithfair.com

Jul 27 (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.

Jul 28 - Pride Center's first ever Transgender Support and Awareness Meeting. The meeting will be start at 6:30pm and will just be a general meet and greet and planning session. We have had a lot of requests for this at the Pride Center and we are very proud that a couple people have stepped up to making this a reality. 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH www.mypridecenter.com

Jul 28 (Wed) - "The Odd Couple" (Female Version) by Neil Simon (Buffalo United Artists, 119 Chippewa, Buffalo, NY 13205) 7 PM. With Jimmy Jaowski and Lauren Fox. One night only for July 28 at 7 PM. Directed by: Anthony Chase. Also starring Kerrykate Abel, Wendy Hall, Darryl Hart, Mary Loftus, Lisa Ludwig and Adam Rath. TICKETS: \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door. To reserve tickets, call (716)886-9239. Phone: (716) 886-9239. Browse to <http://www.buffalobua.org>.



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Jul 29 (Thu) - Two Girls Alone performs (La bella, 802 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16502) 6 PM - 10:30 PM. From Shari: Haven't played out in a while, should be fun! I hear the food and ambience at La Bella is great! Venue Phone: (814) 456-2244. RSVP/Register/Tickets at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=134718406560978>.

Jul 30 - Aug 1 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Beach Party Weekend, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Beach Party Sponsored by the 600 Block of Seasonal Campers; Food, Drink, raffles & Games; Kamani Wanalaya Party. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

Jul 31 (Sat) - Camp Davis: 20th Anniversary Weekend 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA Share your memories. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdavis-campground.com.

Aug 2 (Mon) - Jones Pond: Vacation Week (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Plan your vacation at The

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Aug 5-28 - "Rent" at Erie Playhouse The groundbreaking rock musical and winner of 4 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for drama, has its Erie Playhouse premiere. Adult Situations/Language. 13 W. 10th St, Box office 814-454-2852 ext 0 www.erieplayhouse.org

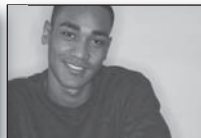
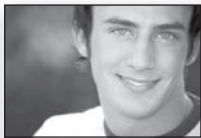
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Aug 5 (Thu) - Nocturnal Asylum at Craze 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Aug 6 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Matthew's Trattoria, 153 E 13th St, Erie PA 16503) 6-8

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PM. Weather permitting, we will be out on the patio. 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.

Aug 6 - 8 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Red Hot Leather Weekend 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Red Hot Horny Devil Party; Red Hat Society BINGO; Mr Jones Pond Leather Contest; Motorcycle Rally. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

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Aug 7 - 8 (Sat - Sun) - Erie Blues and Jazz Fest - LGBT table (Frontier Park, 1501 W 6th St, Erie, PA 16502) Once again, we will have a table for the LGBT community at the Blues and Jazz Fest. Groups are invited to help staff the table and bring their materials. A great way to reach out to the community! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Aug 9 (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.



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Aug 10 (Tue) - Adam Lambert in concert in Erie At the Warner Theatre Visit www.warnertheatre.com

Aug 13 (Fri) - Watchfire Alliance meets (Contact for location, Jamestown, NY 14701) 7 PM. Social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) people in Chautauqua County. Contact: Bethany Robson. Phone: (716)499-4817. Venue Phone: (814) 864-9300. Email: brobson515@msn.com. Browse to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/watchfirealliance/>.

Aug 10 (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.

Aug 10 (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.

Aug 13 - 15 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Mardi Gras (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Golf Cart Parade; Prizes for Best Golf Cart; Mardi Gras Festival sponsored by the 100 Block; Mardi Gras Show & Ball. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

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Aug 14 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Bears in the Woods II (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA 16020-1219) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to <http://www.campdavis-campground.com>.

Aug 15 (Sun) - Deadline for EGN September 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 August 26. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Aug 15 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels' FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Drag show held the 3rd Sunday of the month. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com.

Aug 15 (Sun) - Youngstown Area PFLAG meets Mahoning Valley Pride Center, 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 3 PM - 5 PM. Phone: (330) 747-

Calendar

2696. Email: YoungstownPFLAG@aol.com. Browse to www.angelfire.com/oh4/pflag/. Browse to venue web site www.mypridecenter.com.

Aug 17 (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.

Aug 18 (Wed) - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Movie Night 1523 Poland Avenue, Youngstown, OH. 7 PM. Email: mahoningvalleypridecenter@yahoo.com.

Aug 19 (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.

Aug 20 - 22 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond: Hollywood Weekend (Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY 14709-8729) Classic Car Show; Dress as your favorite Star; Black & White Silver Screen Ball. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to <http://www.jonespond.com>.

Aug 21 (Sat) - Camp Davis: Leather Weekend II 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

Aug 23 (Mon) - College Night Entertainment Series at Craze 1607 Raspberry St. Show starts at 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.crazeerie.com.

Aug 26 (Thu) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St, Erie PA. 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of *Erie Gay News*. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All ages 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.

Aug 28 - Mahoning Valley Pride Center Picnic Lake Milton in the Craig Beach area from noon till 6pm (?). We are asking picnickers to bring a covered dish or a dessert. Hotdogs and hamburgers and soft drinks will be provided by the Mahoning Valley Pride Center. Call for info Terry (330) 788 -142 or email questions terranceesarco@yahoo.com

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Federal Judge Rules Federal Law Against Same-Sex Couples Is Unconstitutional

from the American Civil Liberties Union

BOSTON – In two related cases, a federal district court in Massachusetts has ruled that critical portions of the discriminatory Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) violate the federal Constitution. In striking down the section of the statute that bars federal legal protections to legally married same-sex couples, Judge Joseph Tauro found that the law violates states' rights to define marriage and violates the Constitution's equal protection clause by treating married same-sex couples differently from married different-sex couples. Prior to the passage of DOMA, the federal government always recognized the states' right to define marriage. The cases were brought by the Massachusetts attorney general and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD).

A bill is currently pending in the House of Representatives that would repeal DOMA and respect state marriages by providing federal protections for married same-sex couples. The Respect for Marriage Act would ensure that, once the federal government recognizes the marriage of a same-sex couple, it would continue to recognize that marriage even if the couple moved to another state that would not have allowed the couple to marry in the first place.

The following can be attributed to James Esseks, Director of the ACLU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Project:

"Today's decision is an important step forward for marriage for same-sex couples. There are thousands of same-sex couples lawfully married in the five states and Washington, DC that currently allow them the freedom to marry. Today's ruling recognizes that the federal government has literally no justification for refusing to respect those marriages.

"To finish the job, Congress should pass the Respect for Marriage Act, which is pending in Congress and would completely repeal DOMA. We applaud this decision and congratulate GLAD and the Massachusetts attorney general for their work in bringing the cases."

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St Marys

Saint Marys Public Library St. Marys, PA - July 26, 2010 6:30 PM—127 Center St.—Screening & Community Dialogue with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer.

Clearfield

Shaw Public Library Clearfield, PA - July 27, 2010 6:30 PM—1 South Front St.—Screening & Community Dialogue with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer.

Coudersport

Coudersport Public Library Coudersport, PA - July 28, 2010 6:30 PM—520 Park Ave—Screening & Community Dialogue with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer. More Details:

Smethport

Hamlin Memorial Library Smethport, PA - July 29, 2010 6:30 PM—Screening & Community Dialogue with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer.

Emporium

Barbara Moscato Brown Memorial Library Emporium, PA - July 30, 2010 6:00 PM—Screening and Community Dialogue with filmmakers Joe Wilson & Dean Hamer

Oil City Urged To Adopt Human Rights Policy, Embrace “Out in the Silence”

By Judith O. Etzel for *The Derrick*:

Oil City Council has been asked to embrace a film that explores tolerance in small American communities, specifically Oil City and Franklin, and recognize it as a major marketing tool for the community.

At the same time, local resident George Cooley urged the city to adopt a formal human rights policy and create a city events office to promote the arts and community activities.

Cooley, a West Second Street resident who operates an Internet business in his home and is an active member of the Oil City Arts Council, took the city to task for ignoring what he believes is a great opportunity to promote itself via the film “Out in the Silence.”

See link to full article on our website.

Sticks and Stones

from *Crime Victim Center*

Since 1894, the taunt “Sticks and stones may ‘break’ my bones but words will never hurt me,” has resounded across playgrounds and school hallways. Time has taught us bones will heal but emotional wounds not so easily.

The phrases, “that’s so gay” or “you’re so gay” have been gaining popularity since the 1990’s. Used as they are, the phrases have a negative connotation – they infer a negative judgment of something or someone being stupid or undesirable.

In October 2005, the **Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network** (GLSEN) released their findings from a national survey of 3,400 high school students, “*From Teasing to Torment: A Profile of School Climate in America*”. The results from Pennsylvania revealed that biased language such as “that’s so gay” or “you’re so gay” was heard by 93% of students and that 83.1% of the LGBT students were emotionally distressed leading to missed school days. The survey was repeated in 2007 with 6,291 middle and high school students participating. Those results indicated that 9 out of 10 LGBT students experienced verbal harassment that lead to about one-third of them skipping school at least one day a month.

These phrases are not only used by students but adults as well. Regardless of how the phrase is intended, even if not intended to be disrespectful, using “gay” to describe something negative is demeaning. Crimes such as assaults, murder, property damage, etc., have resulted from anger expressed either by the victims or perpetrators - often spurred on by such prejudicial words.

The Crime Victim Center is working with others in the community to promote civility and social responsibility while encouraging a commitment to nonviolence.

For more information about GLSEN go to their website www.glsen.org or call the Crime Victim Center at (814) 455-9414.

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Photos

- Millcreek July 4 Parade
- Ashtabula GLBT Outreach Picnic
- Butler PFLAG Picnic
- FACE First Anniversary Show

Videos

- Miss Erie Pageant at the Zone - Buffy Lynn Hayes wins Crown and tells story at Club Craze in
- *Las Aparacio's* Julia and Mariana (Liz Gallardo and Eréndira Ibarra) cause a sensation at Mexico City Pride 2010 (2 videos)
- Interview with country singer Chely Wright, about coming out.
- Chely Wright sings "Like Me" from her new album, "It's clear in this song that it's about me in a relationship with a woman," she told Ellen DeGeneres. She calls it "the musical centerpiece of all these songs we've been working on."
- Series of videos on Marriage Equality

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Homosexual Exorcism

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

I attended a church-related college which required every student to take a freshman course in introduction to Christianity. It was called something like Religion 101. The professor was an older man who was strict and dogmatic in his religious beliefs.

It wasn't long before I concluded that the professor interpreted the Bible and Christian doctrine according to his own presuppositions and previously held ideas. It seemed to me that he wasn't willing to let the Bible speak for itself. He came to his conclusions about God and Christianity and then went to the Bible to try to prove them and to justify his beliefs.

I thought back to that early experience in Christian education when I read an article in the current edition of "Details" magazine. The article, written by Matt McAllester, is called "Deliverance."

The first sentence says "many Pentecostal Christians believe the deliverance rite can exorcise the demons that cause homosexuality." McAllester goes on to describe an exorcism that actually takes place at the Holy Ghost Temple Church.

On a February Sunday, in the presence of 100 worshippers, a 20 year old man named Kevin stands before a minister who suggest that Kevin is demon-possessed because he is gay. The preacher (called a prophet) places her hands on Kevin and prays over him. "Come out, come out," she shouts, "In the name of Jesus, I command you to come out! You gonna free him right now?"

The words and actions of this "prophet" at Holy Ghost Temple are so much like the biblical accounts of Jesus calling demons out of possessed individuals

that it isn't funny.

As I am writing this, the lectionary reading for the following Sunday was the account from Luke's Gospel, where Jesus calls many demons out of a man who is living in a grave yard. According to Luke, Jesus then deposits the demons into pigs that wildly run into a lake and drown!

There's no question about it. The Bible does describe something called demon possession, but it is no clear as to what that actually is. To be sure, the Bible never says that it is homosexuality.

There is not one place in the Bible where demon possession is ever equated with homosexuality. And there is nothing in the Bible where it even implies that a person with homosexual tendencies is in some way demon possessed.

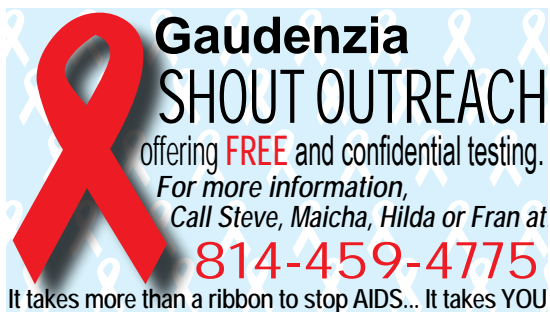
Even if one were to conclude that homosexuality is a sin according to the Bible, that is far different than suggesting that a homosexual person is possessed by the devil. This kind of reasoning is an example of gross biblical misinterpretation due to someone's prejudices and presuppositions.

The Bible does, for instance, conclude that gluttony and gossip and sinful. But who would ever say that one who gossips or eats too much needs to come forward in a public church services and undergo an exorcism?

One exorcist, according to McAllester, stated that she has the ability to "cleanse and bind demonic powers...out of genitals, out of anal canals, out of intestines, out of throats and mouths if there's been ungodly deposits of semen in those area." Just when I thought I'd heard everything...!

The problem for fundamentalist Christians who attempt to exorcise demons from gay people is that none of this is found in the Bible. They are just making it up as they go. Gays have no demons to exorcise.

The Community United Church is an open and affirming congregation and is a member of United Church of Christ and Church of the Brethren denomination. . It is located at 1011 W 38th St. in Erie. Services are Sunday at 11am. (814) 864-4429. The pastor is Richard A. Moyer and his assistant is Dr. Richard McCarty. Website is www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html



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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. Phone: (814) 452-6645, cell 450-8804). Email: lbtwomen-owner@eriegaynews.com. For details on these events, visit <http://womynoferie.net/paint.com/>

from Laurie Finch

July 24 - Edinboro University Campus "Highland Games" 9 AM Free. Afterwards, we will all meet at Kim and Andrea's home for the LBT Women's 2nd Annual Potluck Picnic! Noon till 2 AM For directions call Kim at 490-3994.

July 25 - Discover Presque Isle We will meet at 10 AM at Waterworks park for Pancake breakfast at the pavilion there, and then we will check out the craft vendors on besides of the road. If you are going to attend this event, please e-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com so we will be looking for you. Cell is s 450-8804 but reception at park can be bad.

July 27 -8 - Great Tuesday Concert: Abbey Road and then The Night Cruisers at Liberty Park on the Bayfront. Concerts start at 6:30. You can bring snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, do bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. Watch for large rainbow umbrella

July 27 - Erie Seawolves Jerry Uht Park, 110 E. 10th, in downtown Erie. 7:05 PM We always have the same seats, Section 202, row HH seats 16-19 so you can ask for seats closest to us.

Aug 7-8 - Blues and Jazz Fest At Frontier Park. We can't say where we will be claiming our chunk of land to park on and enjoy the concert, but again, you can call 450-8804 or stop at the EGN info table and we will be sure to let them know where we have set up.

Aug 13 - St Paul's Italian Fest Dinner, games (Jan & Laurie) 5:30PM. Laurie's cell is 450-8804, but if you let us know you are coming we can wait for you to get in the dinner line.

Aug 14 - Seawolves game Jerry Uht Park, 10th & Holland, Section 202, row HH seats 16-19. 7:05PM

Aug 15 - LBT Women's Meeting at the Presque Isle Gallery and Coffeeshop, 35 Peninsula Drive in Erie 1:00PM

August 20- Seawolves game - Jerry Uht Park, 10th & Holland, Section 202, row HH seats 16-19

August 22 is our Fireworks Cruise on the Victorian Princess. Celebrate Erie Week always closes via large fireworks display. For \$15.00 you can get a ticket to

board the Victorian princess at 8:45 PM to sail at 9 PM. We will go into the bay and anchor for a spectacular view of the fireworks. Tickets a - Go to the Victorian Princess Cruise Lines at 1030 West Bayfront Parkway Erie, PA 16507-2332 or call (814) 459-9696

Aug 26 - Erie Gay News Folding Party. 7PM It is a great way to meet a lot of people, Mike Koehler's home at 614 Cherry Street.

August 27 - Pontoon Boat Ride. Leaves Lagoons at 7, back at 8:30. Free but you must register the Monday morning before the ride. Only 20 seats, first come, first served. If you want to go call Jan or Laurie at 456-6645 or e-mail me at LFinch003@neo.rr.com by no later that Friday the 20th. Jan will call and make the reservations on Monday Morning. When you e-mail me (Laurie), leave your e-mail address so I can get back to you and confirm that we did indeed get the reservations. If you'd leave a message, leave your name, phone number and how many seats you would like.

Aug 28 -Polish Festival in Erie. Meet 5:30 for food, then festival, games, and stuff. (Jan, Laurie 450-8804).

Study: Kids of lesbian parents more well-adjusted

from ACLU Blog of Rights

Pediatrics, the official peer-reviewed journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, has published online a groundbreaking study from a research project that has measured the psychological health from conception to adolescence of children raised in a cohort of lesbian families. It is the largest and longest running longitudinal study of the children of lesbian parents, and will continue until the children reach adulthood. In U.S. National Longitudinal Lesbian Family Study: Psychological Adjustment of 17-year-old Adolescents, lead author Nanette Gartrell and coauthor Henny Bos report that the children in the study were rated significantly higher (using a standardized survey instrument) than an age-matched national sample on the following measures: social, school/academic and total competence. In addition, they were rated significantly lower in social problems, rule-breaking, and aggressive and externalizing problem behavior.

Link to study from our website.

Screen

Compiled by Deb Spilko

Starting in August, Telemundo will make available to US viewers the hit Mexican drama **Las Aparicio**. The series—which will have English subtitles—will first be available on Telemundo’s website, and then available for broadcast.

The series already has a following among English-speaking lesbians in the US. That’s because of a strong and well-written storyline about the relationship between Julia and Mariana (Liz Gallardo and Eréndira Ibarra)—best friends who fall in love. Fans of Julia and Mariana have been posting subtitled clips of their storyline, so that English viewers can follow along. The story line holds up by itself.

Produced by Argos Comunicación, “Las Aparicio” follows the lives three generations of women from the same family - all have widowed under extraordinary circumstances and each has given birth exclusively to girls. All decided to abandon the safety provided by a Prince Charming and face the challenges of modern life. The telenovela tells their story with a modern per-



Liz Gallardo and Eréndira Ibarra portray women with a complicated relationship in Las Aparicio.

spective, wit and a good dose of dark humor.

Go to our website for links to Telemundo, subtitled clips with the Julia and Marian storyline: (love2angel12 on You Tube), and an interview with Eréndira Ibarra, who plays Mariana.

Thanks to Lois P. for the tip about this series!

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This announcement is from GLSEN:

GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, will honor the hit ABC show **Modern Family** at the Respect Awards – Los Angeles,

Presented by Centropolis Entertainment, on Oct. 8 at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Also being honored are Out & Equal Workplace Advocates and the GLSEN Educator of the Year, presented by Sodexo.

“Modern Family,” which recently received 14 Emmy nominations, portrays positive images and story lines that reflect a diverse America, including the depiction of a family headed by a gay couple.


“GLSEN is honored to be the first national LGBT organization to recognize ABC’s ‘Modern Family,’ at our Respect Awards – Los Angeles,” GLSEN Executive Director Eliza Byard said. “As a lesbian mother of two, I am grateful to see a show like ‘Modern Family’ offer an honest and often hilarious look at family experiences frequently overlooked or ignored in Primetime. From its positive portrayal of gay parents to its handling of school bullying, ‘Modern Family’ provides an invaluable window into what family life is like for millions of American youth.”

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“Modern Family” stars Ed O’Neill as Jay, Julie Bowen as Claire, Ty Burrell as Phil,

Sofía Vergara as Gloria, Jesse Tyler Ferguson as Mitchell, Eric Stonestreet as Cameron, Sarah Hyland as Haley, Nolan Gould as Luke, Ariel Winter as Alex and Rico Rodriguez as Manny.

The series is produced by Twentieth Century Fox Television in association with evitan Lloyd Productions. Steven Levitan and Christopher Lloyd are executive producers/creators.

The Respect Awards, held annually in Los Angeles and New York, recognize individual and corporate leaders who have helped propel GLSEN’s efforts to ensure safe schools for all of America’s students, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.

Episodes of “Modern Family” can also be watched on Hulu and <http://abc.go.com/shows/modern-family>



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| <i>Jazz Idiom: Blueprints, Stills and Frames</i> | August 3  |
| <i>Born to Be Blue</i> CD by Solitaire Miles     | August 5  |
| Erika Jayne <i>Pretty Mess</i> Prize Pack        | August 6  |
| <i>Hard at Work</i> by Brad Saunders             | August 13 |
| <i>FAME: Taylor Lautner</i> Comic Book           | August 20 |
| <i>In The Therapist’s Chair</i>                  | August 27 |

Here are contests which are currently active...

| Contest                                         | Ends     |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------|
| <i>Between Boyfriends</i>                       | July 30  |
| <i>Hit Parade</i> DVD, also <i>Rent</i> tickets | August 3 |
| <i>The Road Home</i>                            | August 6 |

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