May 2011



Have your group included on the 2011 Erie Pride Shirt

by Mike Mahler

The Pride Planning committee is working hard on events for this summer, including the Pride Picnic on June 11 and the March/Rally on August 27. We plan on selling T-shirts that will feature a new logo for Erie Pride, and a listing of area special events. We are looking at organizations and groups being able to have their names included as well on the T-shirt.

This is where you come in! Here is what your group can get. **All submissions are due by Sunday, May 15.** Checks payable to PFLAG-Erie.

A text listing includes the name of your group/ organization and optionally a short URL. If you don' thave a domain and are on Facebook, we will include [Facebook] after your organization's name. It is perfectly fine if you don't have an online presence.

\$25 - text listing on shirt + 1 shirt

\$50 text on shirt + 2 shirts + banner ad in rotation on Erie Gay News web site for 3 months. (Banner ad includes weekly report of impressions and clicks sent by the system to an email address.)

\$100 text on shirt + 3 shirts + banner ad for 6 months

\$150 and up = text listing + 4 shirts + certificate of appreciation + banner ad for 6 months + table at the rally. (Tables at the picnic in June are free, but you must pre-register. Tables at the rally in August will have a small charge to cover the rental cost.)

This year's Pride events are a cooperative effort between several groups and individuals. We will be wearing these T-shirts at several events over the summer. Please contact Michael Mahler at info@ eriegaynews.com or (814) 456-9833 for details.

Pot Luck Picnic with John Daly King

from Mark H.

Friends of John Daly King will get together with John for a Potluck Picnic at Pleasant Ridge West for Sunday, May 22 at 2PM. This will celebrate John



John Daly King at 2010 Pride Picnic. There will be a Pot Luck Picnic celebrating John on May 22 (see this page for details). Photo: Deb Spilko

Daly King—who is recuperating at Pleasant Ridge. 40 reservations available. Also, as requested by John, we will celebrate the Stonewall uprising. RSVP to davidreederie@hotmail.com.

Advocacy groups' "unprecedented" coalition to win marriage in NY state

By Michael Crawford, Freedom to Marry

Freedom to Marry has joined Empire State Pride Agenda, Human Rights Campaign, and Marriage Equality New York to formed New Yorkers United for Marriage, a coalition whose goal is to enact a bill before the end of the current legislative session. The move comes as a super-majority of New Yorkers expressed support for the freedom to marry in a recent Sienna poll.

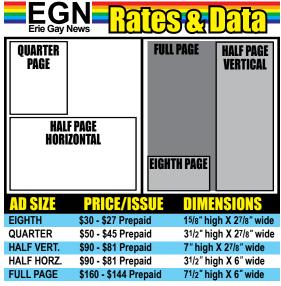
From The New York Times:

"Last time, there were lots of players, lots of

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Classified Ads are available! See web site for more info.



Camera ready art or manuscript and/or photos, illustrations and logos must be received by the 15th of the month. Photos and Illustrations should be PDF or TIFF and HIRES. All hardcopy ads submitted will be reproduced as close as possible.



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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; Alex Bolla, Amy Terrizzi, Andrea, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Jeff, Johauna, Kim & Paul Gee for folding; Andrea, Erin M. M., James von Loewe, Jeff, Jerry McCumber, Johauna & Kim 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

organizations, lots of good will, but not the truly united effort that has come together to work hand in glove with the governor and legislative leaders," said Evan Wolfson, the president of Freedom to Marry.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is making passage of a marriage bill a key priority for his administration. The governor has spoken publicly several times in recent months affirming his commitment to the passage of a bill.

Advocates are expressing growing optimism that Mr. Cuomo can steer a marriage bill through the Legislature. They point to his passage of an on-time budget that cut spending without provoking political warfare — a modern miracle, by Albany standards; the governor's historically high approval ratings; and polling that shows, for the first time, that a solid majority of New Yorkers support legalizing same-sex marriage.

Coalition efforts will include targeted television and radio ads, on-the-ground organizing in key districts, use of new media to mobilize supporters, and earned media focusing on the stories of real New York couples. For more information visit www.freedomtomarry.org

2011 Lake Erie Gala plans

from Erie Sisters

The 2011 Lake Erie Gala will be held at the Avalon Hotel the week of November 13, with registration and events beginning Wednesday November 16th. Events for the Gala are still in the planning stages, and will be announced at a later date. For more information, contact Melanie at shub1@suite224.net, or visit the Erie Sisters website at http://eriesisters.ning.com

Latonia Ballroom on Facebook

from The Latonia

The Latonia Ballroom is now on Facebook. "Like" the page to stay up to date on what is happening and future events at the ballroom! Also there will some future promotions available only to our Facebook friends. Hope to see you soon!

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Apr 29 - Jones Pond opens Angelica NY. www.jone-spond.com

Apr 29-May 21 - "Fit to be Tied" at Buffalo United Artists www.buffalobua.org

Apr 30 - Camp Davis opens Boyers PA http://campdaviscampground.com/

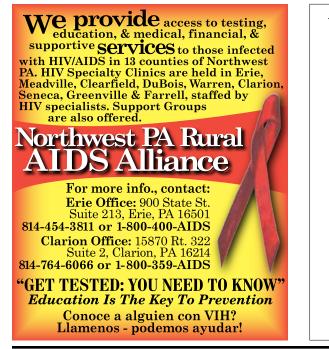
Apr 30 Michelle Michaels at Sky Bar 108 Fairmount Ave Jamestown NY

May 1 (Sun) - March for Babies with the LBT Women of Erie (Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 1 PM. Every day, thousands of babies are born too soon, too small and often very sick. The money we raise will support March of Dimes research and programs that help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. And it will be used to bring comfort and information to families with a baby in newborn intensive care. Visit our team site to join the team or make a donation. If you would like to learn more about March for Babies, visit the web site at marchforbabies.org. SContact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http:// womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. RSVP/Sign up at www. marchforbabies.org/ (click "Join a Team" then enter "LBT Women of Erie")

May 1 (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.

May 2 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. www.facebook.com/crazenightclub

May 5 (Thu) - Zone's Cinco de Mayo Party! 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Get into your Latin groove as we play a little hot salsa, drink a few cold Coronas, and fiesta the night away! Try a margarita or strawberry daiquiri from our frozen drink machine! Phone: (814)



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452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

May 6 (Fri) - Nocturnal Asylum (Vortex) 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

May 6 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Rum Runners Cove, 2 State St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. Here's hoping spring will be in full bloom by our May Happy Hour. We hope you will join us for our next get together. 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.

May 6 - 1st Annual Johnstown Pride Fest Free and open to the public. Contact John DeBartola at (814) 421-8000. Find on Facebook. Pennsylvania Highlands Community College. http://gaylifenewsletter.com

May 6 - 8 (Fri - Sun) - Disco Fever Weekend at Jones Pond Jones Pond Campground & RV Park, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Dress as fab as you are! (585) 567-8100. info@jonespond.com www. jonespond.com. May 7 (Sat) - PFLAG Ashtabula Fundraising Yard Sale Unionville Flea Market, Countyline Rd & Southern St, Unionville, OH 44048. 9AM - 4PM. Held during the Annual Unionville Flea Market. 50% - 100% of net sales benefit the Ashtabula Chapter of PFLAG and assists the organization with funding for materials, programs and events. The Flea Market is rain or shine. Our sale will be set up by the corner of Countyline Rd & Southern Street. Watch for our PFLAG Fundraiser sign! Contact: Steven Stoltz. Phone: (440) 969-0212. Email: StevenStoltz@pflaga. org. Browse to www.pflaga.org/.

May 7 (Sat) - McPherson Fields Work Weekend (McPherson Fields Folklore Center, 1591 Jackson Center Polk Rd, Stoneboro, PA 16153) Contact: Raven McClain. Phone: (814) 432-8038. Email: raven_mcclain@yahoo.com.

May 7 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Erie Illusions Football Game Erie Veterans Memorial Stadium, W 26th & State St, Erie, PA. 4PM. Help us cheer on our friend and member Jen, and the Erie Illusion Woman's



Football tem as they play their hearts out! \$6 tickets at the gate. General seating you'll always find us on the west side of the stadium near the 50 yard line. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

May 7 (Sat) - Zone's Spring Break Fiesta! (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Get into your Latin groove as we play a little hot salsa, drink a few cold coronas, and fiesta the night away! Try a margarita or strawberry daiquiri from our frozen drink machine! Vamos en el Zone! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

May 7 (Sat) - Long Johns / Flannels Weekend at Camp Davis Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

May 8 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA every Sunday with \$2.25 Long Island Ice Teas!Phone: (814) 456-3027. Find on Facebook.

May 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.

May 9 (Mon) - Persad Center Annual Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art Auction (August Wilson Center for African American Culture, 980 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh, PA..) 6-11 PM. The event will feature both verbal and silent auctions for 200+ pieces of art from local and national artists and art galleries. Phone: (412) 441-9786. Browse to www.persadcenter.org/.

May 10 (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.

May 13 (Fri) - Craze Retro Fridays 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) We're playing all your favorites! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook. com/crazenightclub.

May 13 - 15 (Fri - Sun) - Athletic Theme Weekend at Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Be an Athletic Supporter! Show us which team you play for...or cheer for, by wearing their uniform! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

May 14 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Erie Illusions Football Game (Erie Veterans Memorial Stadium, W 26th and State St, Erie, PA) 4 PM. Help us cheer



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on our friend and member Jen, and the Erie Illusion Woman's Football tem as they play their hearts out! \$6 tickets at the gate. General seating...you will always find us on the west side of the stadium near the 50 yard line. Sign up for email list at http://lists.eriegaynews.com/ Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

May 13 (Fri) - Craze Turns 3 Years Old 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Wow! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

May 14 (Sat) - McPherson Fields Bonfire (McPherson Fields Folklore Center, 1591 Jackson Center Polk Rd, Stoneboro, PA 16153) Contact: Raven McClain. Phone: (814) 432-8038. Email: raven_mcclain@yahoo.com.

May 14 (Sat) - Vertigo's Gay Prom (Vertigo, 564 W Cunningham St, Butler, PA 16001) Did you miss your prom or just would love to relive the night with your partner? Vertigo is giving you that chance. The theme is "A Starry Night" Appetizers, Gift Bag, Memory Picture, Tickets on Sale April 1st. Email: vertigov@ aol.com. Browse to http://vertigobutler.weebly.com/ index.html.

May 15 (Sun) - Pajama Party Weekend at Camp Davis 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

May 15 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meets (Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Drv, Erie,. Date change due to Mother's Day. Sign up for email list at lists.eriegaynews.com/ Email: LFinch003@neo. rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

May 15 (Sun) - Deadline for EGN June 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 May 26. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews. com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php.

May 15 (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

May 15 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. 9 PM. Long Island Ice Tea Special2. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Find on Facebook.

May 16 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Find Craze on Facebook.

May 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.

May 19 (Thu) - Support group for those dealing with loss (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

May 19 (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.

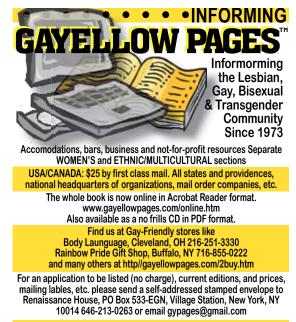
May 19-29 - Toronto Inside Out LGBT Film and

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Video Festival www.insideout.ca *Passport now required* for travel between countries.

May 20 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Edinboro Art and Music Festival (Downtown Edinboro, Edinboro, PA) 6 PM. Meet at 6PM for Bluegrass Grassroots Music, Art show and food—admission! detailed info at www. edinboroartandmusic.com. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http:// womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

May 20 - 22 (Fri - Sun) - Cowboy Weekend at Jones Pond 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY Boots, Buckles & Bandanas; Line Dance and 2 Step Workshop; Chuck Wagon Potluck; Saturday Night Barn Dance Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse to www.jonespond.com.

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

May 21 (Sun) - Imperial Court Coronation 21 Adam's Mark Buffalo NY. www.imperialcourtofbuffalo.com

May 22 (Sun) - Pot Luck Picnic with John Daly King See front page of this issue for details.

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, PA 16501) 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 29 (Sun) - LBT Women go to Troika Russian Festival (Old Orthodox Church of the Nativity, 251 East Front Street,, Erie, PA 16507) 12 PM. Russian music, dance and food. Free admission!Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 459-8515. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

May 30 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. 11:30 PM. Red, White and Blue Style! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.face-



book.com/crazenightclub.

UPCOMING...

Jun 1 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Wild Rib Cook Off (Perry Square, W 6th and State Streets, Erie, PA 16501) 6 PM. Browse to http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. 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 a;;! 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



"We should be inspired by people... who show that human beings can be kind, brave, generous, beautiful, strong-even in the most difficult circumstances." ~Rachel Corrie

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May 12 7:30PM Taylor Little Theatre at Mercyhurst College

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Win Prizes from Erie Gay News

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

Contest	Starts
<i>Pick Your Battles</i> by Steve Hofstetter	April 29
Music on Film books	May 6
Blessed CD by Lucinda Williams	May 13
Hollywood Stories	May 20
Deep Dark Robot: 8 Songs About a Girl	May 25
Female Force: Kathy Griffin	May 27
Two Spirits DVD	May 31
Hot Lava by Rob Rosen	June 3
The New Dance Mix USA: In The Club	June 10
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Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Teens	May 3
Over the Mountain of the Moon	May 6
Never Be Lonely Again	May 11
<i>Fairy Tales</i> by Nomi Madness?	May 13
<i>Unnatural</i> by Michael Griffo	May 18

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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Having Faith

By Rick Moyer

Pastor, Community United Church

I was talking to one of my parishioners recently who, in our conversation, exclaimed, "There's a lot of fear in our world today." He was referring to current natural disasters, high gas prices and the uncertain economy. His comments caused me to wonder if the world is really worse off today than it has been in the past.

While I was thinking about all the serious problems we face today, I found a reference to a magazine article. The opening paragraph of the article stated some of the fearful events that cause anxiety and fear in our world. The editorial put it this way: "Not in the lifetime of any person who reads this paper has there ever been so much grave and deep apprehension. Never has the future seemed so dark and incalculable." The editorial appeared in "Harper's Magazine." It was written in 1847!

I suppose every generation find reason to sug-

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William D. Stanley LCSW, LISW, SAP Dale Allgeier, LCSW, ACSW Susan McNeish, MA Most insurances accepted including medicare and medicaid. gest that they are living in the worst of times. The world can be a fearful, terrifying and uncomfortable place. Just when we think things are getting better, something happens that can cause us to be less than hopeful about the future.

This is especially true when it come to prejudice, discrimination and anger directed toward the LGBT community. For me, it is especially frustrating when the discrimination against gay persons comes from within the Christian church. The church is the one place where all people should be enthusiastically welcomed to find sanctuary and peace.

How can anyone read the Gospels without understanding that Jesus, himself, embraced all people? And, yet, Jesus' love for all humanity didn't exactly cause him to win friends. The opposite was true. The religious elite and the clergy of his day played a significant role in his crucifixion.

Thankfully, the Christian story doesn't end at the cross. There is still hope because there is the positive, victorious message of Easter. No matter how bad things seem, God has the power to give new life.

With all my frustration about the pride and prejudice that plague so many churches, I still live in the hope that, in the end, God wins!

The president of Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County recently wrote an excellent article for the Lenten Season. She wrote, "These holy days are more than a religious ritual. They are sacred realities with the power to change lives. We can experience healing and transformation ...joy and hopeful expectation."

It is true that we live in a world plagued by uncertainty, prejudice and fear. But I also believe that faith is greater than any fear. To have faith is to reach out to a higher power beyond ourselves. It is to believe beyond the shadow of any doubt, that nothing, in life or in death, will ever be able to separate us from the love of God.

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

Voters Guide

Candidates for Erie County Council and Erie City Council were asked about their positions on GLBT issues. Their responses appear on the next few pages.

Erie County Council

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Do you support legislation, such as the previous PA HB 300, which would amend the Pennsylvania Human Relations statute to include as protected categories real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity/ expression? If you do support HB 300, what would you be willing to do as an office-holder to promote its passage?

OTHER

What else would you like to let gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered (GLBT) voters, and their families, friends and supporter concerned about GLBT issues know about you?

County Council District 1

Not Responding: Gil Rocco (R), Rebecca Styn (R)

Anti Discimination

Phil Fatica (D-Incumbent)

I have always and will always continue to support anti-discriminatory policies. As a public servant and a private citizen, I strongly believe and support equality and fairness in the work place, in the community and in our hearts.

Other

Phil Fatica (D-Incumbent)

You have an advocate in me.

County Council District 3

Not Responding: Fiore Leone (D-Incumbent)

Anti Discimination

Darlene Kenney (D) Yes. I back this legislation with my support.

Other

Darlene Kenney (D)

No one should be discriminated because of their sexual orientation or gender identity! I feel very strongly about this.

County Council District 5

Not Responding: Kyle W Foust (D-Incumbent), Randy Brewer (R)

County Council District 7

Not Responding: Dan Galena (R), Patrick J Gehrlein (R), Clayton Schulze (R)

Anti Discimination Carol Loll (R-Incumbent)

Yes. This is a state level legislature issue. We in Erie County already have legislation that it is improper, immoral and illegal to discriminate for sexual orientation.

Other

Carol Loll (R-Incumbent)

It is too bad that treating people with respect has to be legislated.

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Not Responding: Mark Alexandrowicz (D-Incumbent), David Brennan (D), Bob-Merski (D), Mel Witherspoon (D)

Anti Discimination

Julia Calipo (D)

I am candidate Julia Calipo for Erie City Council 4 year term Democratic party. I have an assortment of letters from various groups which want my opinion on their issues. Erie Gays are one of the most important for me personally as my campaign is primarily to bring attention to the Civil rights violations and Discrimination here in Erie. There is no justice for wronged people here in Erie as the courts always side with governmental agencies and are biased. Most Erie Politicians only care about you or your issue when the camera is ON.

This is my new mission in life, politics, and I will be outspoken and never back down from battle. Wars were fought and lives lost for every right we have as a United States. It is a dishonor to our ancestors and a travesty to sit and let our life and civil dignities be trampled. Let me make this clear I support all rights, Gay, Black, Women, Marriage, Surrogacy, and especially parent rights. I am open minded and believe America is the land of the free, to practice whatever your desire need be in your life.

Patrick Cappabianca (D-Incumbent)

I would support this and do what I can. I have checked with state legislators about previous bill and found that it had been stalled by Republicans.

Bob Merski (D)

I have to look more at the specific language in the bill. As a matter of principle, I am for protecting people from discrimination in all forms. As a state bill, it would fall upon our State legislators to work on that. I would be willing to talk to them on behalf of my constituents.

Richard Wagner (D)

PA House Bill 300, which would amend the PA Human Relations Statute, is long overdue. Certainly a bill that has been existence since 1955 needs some updating. It has not kept up with America's openness and sensitivity in issues concerning sexual orientation or gender identity.

As an office holder I would support any activity by the state to change this outdated law, and would support a resolution to our state legislature stating that Erie City Council is in full support of updating the PA Human Relations Statute.

Jessica Horan-Kunco (D-Incumbent)

Yes. I would be willing to send letters of support to our State Representatives.

Other

Julia Calipo (D)

I would do anything to preserve rights of citizens, picket, flyers, rallys, and marching to Washington if need be. We are on a precarious perch, the Republican party is taking over and actively denying rights and changing laws in their religious favor, terminating same sex marriage, insurance rights, and abortion rights, to name a few. If we listen we can hear the sound of our equalities slipping away with each law changed in republican favor. We the Democratic people must agressively fight this by rising up ie, rally, blogging, bumper stickers, letters to the Editor, Senators, President, and most important GO VOTE.

I compare myself to Play-doh, ready to conform, and shape into the representative YOU want for Erie. Malleable and ready for new ideas for a better tomorrow. I do not have special training, and that my dear is the wonder, I offer the willingness to learn, perseverance, dedication, and ruthless pursuit of justice. Most important shhhh, I have not been corrupted by politics, I am not prejudiced or biased in favor of any company or organization, I have no financial backers and my vote has not been bought.

I beg you for a better Erie as there is beauty and endless possibility in industry and tourism. Lets not bulldoze but repair and restore our city. I see a better future without gouging taxes and fines out of citizens. I actively need backers to get the word out about my can-

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didacy, so please raise your voice and let freedom ring! Jessica Horan-Kunco (D-Incumbent)

I will continue to ensure that no matter the budget constraints the city maintains its funding to the Erie County Human Relations Commission.

Bob Merski (D)

I believe in Erie. I want to make Erie a better place. Your experience of Erie is as good as the neighborhood you live in, so we need to strengthen our neighborhoods. I have a track record of doing that as a neighborhood watch leader. You can learn more about my vision for Erie by visiting my website - www. bobmerski.com

Richard Wagner (D)

I was born and raised in Erie, PA. I graduated from Penn State with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology in 1972. From 1965 through 1998 I had the privilege of being employed at Kaiser Aluminum where I worked my way up from a laborer to the manager of purchasing. Also during this time I owned and operated a 16 unit apartment building on West 9th Street in Erie. My experience in the private sector and my personal business experience has more than prepared me for the challenges that lie before me if I am elected to City Council. For the last three years I have served on the Zoning Hearing Board and am presently Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board. This entry level position into government workings has made my desire to become part of the solution greater than it used to be.

Job growth in our city is nonexistent, and in my estimation is the biggest contributor to the poverty issue in our city. I will dedicate myself to organizing



the fractured economic development groups into one cohesive unit with a mutual goal in mind instead of the helter skelter nature of the way they do business now.

Infrastructure -- It's a shame that our roads are in the condition they are. Something has to be done to bring the roads in our town back up to a comfortable level. Dodging potholes shouldn't be some kind of a sport.

Finances -- We need to admit that we have a budget problem and we have to be more creative than floating bonds to cure our fiscal problems.

Taxes -- Our most valuable property is owned by our authorities and non-profits. 55% of the property in Erie pays for 100% of its operations. That has to change.

I will bring to government an openness and transparency that I believe is lacking. Decisions are being made outside of the council chambers. The caucus room is a place where administration officials lobby city council. That should have to be done in the light of day.



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