



Youngstown Pride Festival 2011

from Youngstown Pride Festival

Pride Youngstown, in conjunction with the Mahoning Valley Pride Center, will be holding its third annual Pride Festival on August 26, 2011, at the B&O Banquet Center & Park, 530 Mahoning Ave., Youngstown Ohio.

The Youngstown Pride Festival will open at noon for food vendors and merchandise. The festival events will run from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM and will include live entertainment, dancing, food, fun, and activities for all ages.

The Youngstown Pride Festival is a celebration for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender communities and their allies. Pride Youngstown holds special events throughout the year to promote a sense of community and acceptance. The Mahoning Valley Pride Center offers resources and information for the GLBT Community, their family and allies, and provides a safe place to meet and feel acceptance.

Volunteers are needed to help out with all events throughout the day. Vendors and performers are also welcome to provide information, sell items, or perform. Contact the Mahoning Valley Pride Center at chairman@mvpridecenter.com, if you'd like to be a part of the festivities. Donations of Chinese Auction Items and Sponsor Money are also needed and welcomed.

For more information about the event, go to www.mvpridecenter.com or FB page "3rd Annual Youngstown Pride Festival & Picnic".

LBT Women 3rd Annual Potluck Picnic Aug 20

from Laurie

You're invited to the LBT Women Annual Potluck, 2 PM till ? on Aug. 20 at Kim and Andrea's (contact for location and directions).. Good food, good conversation, games and maybe even some water balloons! Family and friends are welcome.

Please bring a generous dish to share, and any-



Michelle Michaels is hosting a fundraising benefit at the Zone for the Pride March & Rally. The benefit takes place Aug. 14 (details p. 4!) Photo: Mike Mabler

thing you want to drink. There will be a fire later on, so make sure you bring long pants and a jacket if necessary. This is always a great time, and well attended! Hope to see you there!

Also, earlier that morning, you will find us at the East Canal Basin at 10 AM checking out the 2nd Annual Bayfront Maritime Center Cardboard Boat Regatta, hosted by the Bayfront Maritime Center. Regatta in the East Canal Basin behind ... 40 Holland Street | Erie, PA 16507 | (814) 456-4077. ... Races start at 1. We can take in a few then head to the picnic!

Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

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Rally on August 27!**



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



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Community News

Ashtabula Picnic Recap

from Mandi M. Lynch, Literary Director, PFLAG Ashtabula

PFLAG Ashtabula held their third annual family picnic on Saturday, July 16, at Geneva State Park.

The event was attended by people from three states, and was the group's most successful picnic yet. DJ Nrr Radio's Greg Mack was on hand, there were several raffle items, including baskets from The Coupon Queen of Unionville, PFLAG's Crisis Coordinator, Steven Stoltz, and several donated paintings from a local artist.

"This year's picnic was incredible," said PFLAG Ashtabula's director, Jayson Nadolny-Foster. "If you look around, you see the people who have supported us from the beginning. They understand the vision of who we are and why we're here." He then went on to confirm that this was their most successful picnic yet.

Another highlight of the picnic was a visit from Stoltz's parents. "I never thought they'd come," he said when they arrived. "I can't tell you what it means having them here to support us."

Other activities included Jasmine's Drag Race, where (mostly) willing contestants were grabbed from the audience and asked to sing for their lives. The winner, earning herself the title of Miss Gay PFLAG Ashtabula 2011, was EGN's own Michael Mahler.

For more information on other events or to see what you can do to help PFLAG Ashtabula as it enters its fourth year, please visit their website at <http://www.pflaga.org/>.

LGBT Table at Blues and Jazz Fest

by Michael Mahler

Once again, the LGBT community will have an info table at the Blues and Jazz Fest in Fronteir Park. The festival runs Saturday, August 6 and Sunday August 7. We generally staff the table from about noon on Saturday to 8 PM and then approximately the same time period on Sunday. This is a great way for groups to make contact with the community and find new members. We also welcome individual volunteers who just want to help the community expand visibility. There is no charge to participate but groups are not permitted to sell. To get involved, please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com

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Erie Pride Parade & Rally

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.

MARCH

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. If you want to have a float or march as a listed group, then please contact us by no later than August 15 so that we can add you to the roster. 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. We will also have fun games to play, and will be taking a Family Portrait around 3 PM.

VENDORS AND INFO TABLES

Groups or businesses may have info tables or vend. You may either bring your own table, or rent one for \$10. Groups that have sponsored Pride events this year at the \$150 or more level are entitled to a table at no charge. However, because we need to plan the layout in Perry Square, all tables need to be confirmed by the Monday, August 15 deadline, whether they are rented or brought.

For questions about vending, please contact Erin at Vending@eriegaynews.com.

VOLUNTEERS

To get involved with Pride events, please contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com. You can also sign up for the Pride Planning list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>

COLLECTING FOOD

As for 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 feel free to contact me at (814) 456-9833 if you need any additional information about either marching in the Parade or the rally. Thank you very much for your consideration. Again, please remember that the deadline to confirm for participation in both the parade and the rally is Monday, August 15. Thanks so much, and looking forward to hearing from you soon!

## Glass Growers Gallery fundraiser for Erie Pride 2011

Glass Growers Gallery, 10 E 5th St, Erie PA is featuring Erie Pride 2011 presented by PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties in conjunction with Erie Gay News as their non-profit organization for July 2011. Glass Growers is donating three gift certificates with a total value of \$200.00. One \$100.00 and two \$50.00 certificates which we will be raffling throughout July and August with the drawing occurring during the Erie Pride 2011 Rally on August 27th at Perry Square. In addition, Glass Growers will donate 5% of all store-owned merchandise sold to customers who mention our organization. A cash donation vessel will be placed on the counter so customers can make donations at their discretion. This is a wonderful way to show support for the community and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. Glass Growers Gallery is online at <http://glassgrowersgallery.com/>. Their phone is (814) 453-3758 and they are open Monday through Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

## Benefit Show at Zone for Pride on Aug 14

by Michelle Michaels

On Sunday Aug 4, there will be a special Sunday FACE at the Zone, 133 W 18th St, to benefit pride. Show time is 10:30. Come out and show support as our favorite Erie girls perform their classic hits. Hosting this great event will be Erie's own and FACE show host, Michelle Michael, long with all your favorite local talent...so come early and show support for your girls and your pride.

**Saturday, August 27**

**Erie Pride Parade  
& Rally**

**12:30**

**Assemble at  
Zone Dance Club  
133 W 18<sup>th</sup>**

**1:30**

**Step off  
for Parade**

**2:00**

**Rally in  
Perry  
Square**

**3:00**

**Family Portrait**



**Organized by Pride Planning Committee  
Assisted by PFLAG of Erie.**

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Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA.**

**For more info, contact Michael  
at 814-456-9833,  
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# Help us speak “Out in the Silence” in Pennsylvania’s most conservative communities

by Joe Wilson

On May 2, State Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, the Pennsylvania General Assembly’s “No. 1 Conservative,” introduced House Bill 1434, a Constitutional Amendment to Protect Marriage Between ‘One Man and One Woman’ in the state.

Not only would such a measure NOT ‘protect’ marriage, it would cause real harm to real people by denying fundamental rights and protections to families comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people -- excluding them from the institutions of marriage, civil unions and domestic partnerships.

Such mean-spirited, politically-motivated attacks also stir up irrational fears and hatred of their targets, putting LGBT people at-risk of losing jobs, housing, access to higher education, personal safety, and sometimes their very lives.

We believe that a vast majority of Pennsylvanians have a more welcoming and inclusive view of their LGBT families, friends, and neighbors, even in the conservative districts of the Marriage ‘Protection’ Amendment’s 37 co-sponsors.

That’s why we want to hold very public OUT IN THE SILENCE town-hall screening events in these co-sponsors’ very communities, helping to bring people of good will there together to effectively express their support.

Please check out the list of target legislative districts below and be in touch with us to get involved: [Qwavesjoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Qwavesjoe@yahoo.com) [Editors note: those listed here are western PA districts].

## Penna. Marriage Protection Amendment (HB 1434) Co-Sponsors:

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More information at [outinthesilence.com](http://outinthesilence.com)

## Rex Young, Tim Dahle Wed



**Rex Young** and **Timothy Dahle** were married on May 16, 2011 in White River Junction, Vermont.. The couple lives in Edinboro PA. More photos on our website.

# IMPORTANT: MARRIAGE ISSUES FOR NON- NEW YORK RESIDENTS

*This has been excerpted from the Lambda Legal paper "Marriage Equality for Same-Sex Couples in New York: Frequently Asked Questions." The entire document is linked from the Empire Pride Agenda website.*

## Do I have to be a New York resident to get a marriage license and marry here?

No. You do not have to be a resident of New York or a citizen of the United States to receive a marriage license and solemnize your marriage in New York.

## Should out-of-state same-sex couples get married in New York?

As with residents of New York, such an important and personal life decision is ultimately up to you and your partner. If you live outside the state but either of you work, spend considerable time or own property in New York, you may want to consult with an attorney to learn about legal protections that might apply to you under New York law if you marry in New York.

Out-of-state couples need to take important additional considerations into account as well. For example:

- Most home states will not respect your marriage, so you should be prepared for the hassles of consistently acknowledging that you are married, such as on your state's tax forms, while at the same time getting none of the benefits in your home state from doing so. And, as discussed above, running into court to challenge your state's disrespect for your marriage may well be unwise and could lead to losses in court that might be very difficult to reverse later.
- Also, you should take very seriously the fact that New York does have a residency requirement to commence a divorce or marriage dissolution

proceeding. New York requires that at least one spouse must have lived in the state for at least one year before commencing a proceeding to end a marriage. If the unexpected should happen and you someday want to terminate the marriage, you may be unable to obtain a divorce or dissolution in your home state, and if neither you nor your spouse has moved to New York, you would be unable to end your marriage here as well. You may be locked into a marriage you cannot dissolve.

- Your marriage also could result in serious negative consequences if, for example, you have a vulnerable immigration status or are in the process of adopting a child from a jurisdiction that does not permit placements with same-sex couples.
- If you already have obtained or could obtain formal legal recognition of your relationship in your home state through, for example, civil union or domestic partnership, you should consult with counsel on potential legal consequences in your situation from marrying in New York.

*Lambda Legal is the leading national legal organization dedicated to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender people and those with HIV through impact litigation, education and public policy work. [www.lambdalegal.org](http://www.lambdalegal.org)*

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# United We Stand... but for what?

By Will Koehler

Member, Community United Church

Community United Church, our name says quite a bit. To some it may seem a bit confrontational, perhaps they wonder what we are united against. To others it may be a name that creates a sense of openness; a church that is a unified group, a community. Our church sponsors a counseling center; Family United Counseling. There is that word again; "United?". Sometimes I wonder if our name is one that invites others to come, or evokes feelings of political or social agenda where only like-minded members are welcome.

When we are out in the community representing the church, we tend to get a lot of questions: Are you a "gay" church? What denomination are you? Do Family United counselors only use Christian counseling? Most are simply curious, some are looking for a healthy debate and a few are maliciously looking for a fight.

Simply stated, we are not a "gay" church, rather we are an open and affirming Christian church affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Open and

Affirming" is the way many in the United Church of Christ (UCC) declare their welcome and inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons into the full life of the church. The message of love and compassion, justice and peace are at the very core of the life and ministry of Jesus. Open and Affirming (ONA) ministries and resources are rooted in that Gospel message. The testimonies of these ministries proclaim the truth of God's power to transform cultures of hate and violence into communities of healing and reconciliation. They give witness to the ways in which the gifts of God are being liberated for service in the world (taken from UCC website: [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)).

Family United Counseling, the counseling service sponsored by Community United is a more individual and family perspective on this same message. The therapist here start from the perspective of working with each individual, couple and family within their own unique spiritual or ideological framework rather than attempting to fit them into a predetermined view of the world.

*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. . 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](http://www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html)*



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*from Human Rights Campaign*

WASHINGTON – Today+++ the decision of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to remove all barriers to the ordination of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people as ministers and lay leaders, which was voted on and passed in May, goes into effect.

Thank More Light Presbyterians, Covenant Network of Presbyterians, That All May Freely Serve, Presbyterian Welcome, and Presbyterian Voices for Justice for their hard work and dedication in removing discrimination from the Presbyterian Church.



# Calendar

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

## Jul 29 - 31 - Beach Party Weekend at Jones Pond

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**Jul 29-31 - Synergyfest** Annual sport and cultural festival presented by the Cleveland Synergy Foundation; [www.synergyfest.org](http://www.synergyfest.org), 216-664-9551.

**Jul 30 (Sat) - 70's Disco / Village People Weekend at Camp Davis**, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavisground.com](http://www.campdavisground.com).

**Jul 29-31 - Pittsburgh Black Pride** [www.pittsburgh-blackpride.org/](http://www.pittsburgh-blackpride.org/)

**Jul 30 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Discover Presque Isle** 9 AM. Meet us at Water Works Park on Presque Isle, pancake breakfast in the pavilion, check out

vendors and artwork and everything! Free event, but donations accepted, and it is a huge fundraiser for the park itself. [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Jul 31 -Dancin' in the Streets** 27th party to benefit the AIDS Taskforce of Cleveland, 3-11 pm, Clifton Blvd. between West 116th and 117th Streets, Cleveland. [www.dancininthestreets.us](http://www.dancininthestreets.us) (216)221-2333.

**Jul 31 (Sun) - LBT Women Breakfast and Golf** (Edinboro, PA) 12 PM. Meet at Noon at the Edinboro Perkins, at 2 PM we head to Sunnyview Golf on Edinboro Road - Mini Golf, Batting Cages, Bumper Boats & Driving Range. Something for everyone to enjoy. Friends and family event. You always have the option of doing just the breakfast or meeting us just for fun and games at Sunnyview. [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Aug 1 - 4 (Mon - Thu) - Vacation Week at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Plan your vacation at The Pond. Activities every day and evening. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com).

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**Aug 4 - Joan Rivers at Lucy Fest** [www.lucy-desi.com/center-for-comedy](http://www.lucy-desi.com/center-for-comedy)

**Aug 5 (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).

**Aug 5 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Erie Seawolves Game** Jerry Uht Park, 110 E 10th St, Erie. 7:05 PM. We have tickets to sit in section 114, row G seats 1-4. You can purchase tickets to sit with/near us. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Aug 5 - 7 (Fri - Sun) - Red Hot Leather Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Red Hat Society Bingo. Devil's Lair Underworld Party. Mr Jones Pond Leather Contest. Motorcycle Rally. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 6 (Sat) - Jocks & Socks Weekend 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.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Aug 5 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Location TBA) 6 PM - 8 PM. G2H2/Erie takes place every month in a new location around town, providing GLBT professionals, and our colleagues and friends, the opportunity to meet, network or just hang out once a month. "G2H2/Erie" on Facebook.

**Aug 6 - Paula Poundstone at Lucy Fest** [www.lucy-desi.com/center-for-comedy](http://www.lucy-desi.com/center-for-comedy)

**Aug 6 - 7 (Sat - Sun) - LGBT Table at Blues and Jazz Fest** W. 8th & Bayfront Pkwy. For the 3rd year, there will be an LGBT table at the Blues and Jazz Fest. Event starts noon on Saturday, August 6. Volunteers are very much appreciated, and this is a great way to interact with the community. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

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**Aug 6 - Mr. and Miss Gay Jamestown 2011 at Sky Bar, POSTPONED**

**Aug 7 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Sunday refreshing Ice Tea Special! (814) 456-3027. [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Aug 8 (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).

**Aug 8 (Mon) - Craze Night Club Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

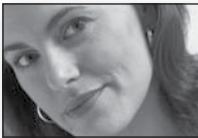
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**Aug 9 (Tue) - Support group for those dealing with loss** (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Meets 2nd Tues of month 7 PM and also the 3rd Mon at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: hospice@velocity.net.

**Aug 10 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Wednesday! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Aug 12 (Fri) - LBT Women go to St. Paul's Italian Festival** St. Paul's R.C. Church, 1617 Walnut St, Erie. Meet in the food line in front of the church at 5:30 sharp for best homemade Pasta e Fagioli dinner in town! Afterwards we will browse through the festival grounds. Please try to let me know if you are coming so we can find you there. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

**Aug 12 - 14 (Fri - Sun) - Mardi Gras Beads and Boys at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY.. Sponsored by the 100 Block of Seasonal Campers. Golf Cart Parade. Prizes for Best Golf Cart. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: info@jonespond.com. Browse

to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 13 (Sat) - Bears in the Woods Weekend at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to [www.campdaviscampground.com](http://www.campdaviscampground.com).

**Aug 14 (Sun) - LBT Women meets** Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA. 1 PM. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Aug 14 (Sun) - LBT Women check out Beavers** (Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 2 PM. After meeting we head to TREC Center for lunch at Sunrise Cafe, then browse the exhibits and gift shop. 4 PM we attend movie "Beavers - The biggest dam movie you ever saw" on the Big Green Screen Theater! Tickets for "Beavers" are \$5. I've been told by the Park Naturalist that this movie is awesome, and even shows the inside of an active beaver lodge. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Aug 15 (Mon) - Deadline for EGN September 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 August 23. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at [www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php).

**Aug 15 (Mon) - Support group for those dealing with loss** (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA) (814) 456-6689. hospice@velocity.net.

**Aug 16 (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

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United Church. Meetings are confidential. Come join the discussion! Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: (319) 270-5140. Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

**Aug 16 - Aug 20 (Tue - Fri) - Dreams of Hope Summer Camp** QAMP! for LGBT people and allies ages 13-18. Held at the Jewish Community Center of Pittsburgh's Emma Kaufmann Camp in Cheat Lake, WV, \$500; Scholarships available, Please request Information! Watch our website for information and registration forms. Phone: (412) 361-2065. Venue Phone: (304) 599-4435. Email: info@dreamsofhope.org. Browse to [www.dreamsofhope.org/](http://www.dreamsofhope.org/).

**Aug 18 & 19 - Joe Wilson will screen "Out in the Silence" at the Boonies International Film Festival** Aug 18 7:00 PM, Struthers Library Theatre, Aug 19 - Warren, PA 12:30 PM—Warren Public Library 12:30PM The BIFF is a festival in the wilderness of northwestern Penna., rural and rustic, yet global in its ambitions. Info about this and other films and events here: <http://thebooniesinternational.com>

**Aug 19 - Cooking with the Calamari Sisters Mangia Italiano!** 1891 Fredonia Opera House, Fredonia NY. 8 p.m. Hilarity, failed dishes and food fights ensue during



**Drenched Fur 7! Pics and recap from Drenched Fur 7 are now online at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)**

## Dean Hamer examines "Is it a Choice?"

Dean Hamer is best known in the Erie area as co-director of the very important documentary *Out in the Silence*. But Dr. Hamer is a molecular biologist who works on human genetics and HIV prevention and is the author of several scientific books including *The Science of Desire*.

He recently wrote a fascinating Op-Ed piece for *Advocate.com* called "Is It A Choice? A Scientist's View." (*Advocate.com*, July 14, 2011). In it, he examines the scientific evidence regarding the role genes play in human sexual orientation. You can link to the article from our website.



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**Aug 19 - 21 (Fri - Sun) - St. Patrick’s Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Win a Pot-of-Gold—Wear black or green at the Kick-Up-Your-Kilts Party. (585) 567-8100. [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Aug 20 (Sat) - Leather / Hanky Weekend 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).



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**Aug 20 (Sat) - LBT Women 3rd Annual Potluck Picnic** (Kim and Andrea’s, Erie, PA) 2 PM. Details on front page! Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com>

**Aug 21 (Sun) - Craze Night Club Karaoke Night** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. (814) 456-3027. [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Aug 21 (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)

**Aug 22 (Mon) - Craze Night Club Entertainment Series** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 11:30 PM. (814) 456-3027. [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**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** (Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, 2220 Reed Street, Erie, PA.) 6 PM. Check out the authentic Polish food and the Festival offerings. [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). B <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.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 [www.eriegaynews.com/pride/register.php](http://www.eriegaynews.com/pride/register.php). (DETAILS PAGE 4 & 5)

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Erie Pride Rally** (Perry Square, W 6th

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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. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com. RSVP/Register/Tickets at www.eriegaynews.com/pride/register.php.

**Aug 27 (Sat) - Underwear Night II at Camp Davis**  
311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to 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 Waterford, Avonia 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. Browse to www.safeneterie.org.

**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. Browse to www.jonespond.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. www.campdavis-ground.com.\

**Sep 9-11 - Ohio Lesbian Festival**  
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Here are contests that will be premiering this month...

| Contest                                                            | Starts      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <i>Games Frat Boys Play</i>                                        | July 29     |
| <i>Horse Meat Disco III</i>                                        | August 5    |
| <i>DJ Greg Mack Summer Mix: CD</i>                                 | August 12   |
| <i>Sparkle: The Queerest Book You'll Ever Love</i>                 | August 19   |
| <i>Morning Funeral</i> DVD by local filmmakers A.J. & Nick Detisch | August 26   |
| \$25 gift certificate from The Man Underneath                      | September 2 |

Here are contests which are currently active...

| Contest                                                          | Ends      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <i>Good &amp; Hot</i> by Rob Rosen                               | July 29   |
| <i>A Time Before Us</i>                                          | August 5  |
| <i>Cooking with the Calamari Sisters</i> at Fredonia Opera House | August 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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- VIDEO: First NY wedding Buffalo couple weds at Niagara Falls.
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