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Erie Gay News



## Erie GLBT Contingent in Edinboro Homecoming Parade Oct 8

by Michael Mahler

Erie's GLBT Community has been invited to participate in Edinboro University's annual homecoming parade on October 8, which draws thousands of spectators. The 2011 theme is Jungle Safari because GRRRREAT Things Happen Here! The parade will take place through the town and campus this year. Parade line-up is scheduled for 9 AM at the intersection of Heather and Darrow on the Edinboro University campus with the parade beginning at 11 AM. The thousands of Edinboro University alumni, faculty, staff, students and area residents who are present along the parade route look forward to our involvement. This is a great way to promote local GLBT visibility by participating in this cherished tradition at Edinboro University. You can RSVP at the Facebook page for Erie Gay News under Events. (It is helpful to RSVP, but not required!)

## Diversity Worship service on Oct 23 at Community United Church

Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie PA, will again hold a Diversity Service on Sunday, October 23, at 11:00 AM. In this annual celebration, we highlight what it means for a Christian community to be open and affirming, welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, racial/ethnic backgrounds, ability levels, ages, and so forth. Assistant Pastor Rich McCarty will be giving the sermon, and all are welcome to attend.

## LGBT Youth Town Hall in Erie

The Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition is holding a series of 9 LGBT Youth Town Halls throughout the commonwealth. As Erie Gay News was going to press, plans are being formed for a town hall here in Erie, possibly on September 24. For more details, contact Jason Goodman at 610-505-6790, info@pennsec.org or check their website at <http://www.pennsec.org>.



*The Dr. Who contingent, getting ready to step off at the Erie Pride Parade & Rally August 27. Photo by Deb Spilko*

We will also list the event on the Erie Gay News site. Erie Gay News is one of the sponsors of the event.

## “Respectful Relationships Coalition” Teen Video Contest

SafeNet, the Crime Victim Center and The Nonprofit Partnership collaborate in The Respectful Relationships Coalition Teen Video Contest. SafeNet, Crime Victim Center and The Nonprofit Partnership have joined together to help promote healthy relationship and interactions among teens by holding a video contest. Teens ages 13-18 are invited to create videos that focus on issues including bullying, cyber bullying, friendships and dating relationships.

Violence by and against school-aged youth is a significant problem in the United States .

Violence such as bullying, harassment and dating

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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

violence occurs on a daily basis in schools. The Teen Video Contest will bring awareness to students about these issues.

The contest will run September 15th 2011 until December 15th 2011, there is no entry fee. Entry forms can be picked up at the SafeNet Center, 1702 French Street or the Crime Victims Center, 125 West 18th Street by visiting to [www.safeneterie.org](http://www.safeneterie.org) or [www.cvcerie.org](http://www.cvcerie.org).

## Local Organization Adopts New Name

With a new vision and a new direction, Erie Gay Pride, Inc. now has a new name – Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE).

Originally incorporated in 2006 GEAE is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the region's LGBT community and its straight allies through education, open dialogue and public visibility. As the organization evolved, the Board of Directors realized that the group needed to broaden its mission

and its role in the community. To that end, this summer the Board voted to reincorporate Erie Gay Pride, Inc. under a new name – Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Inc.

GEAE held a highly successful fundraising reception in July. In conjunction with Equality PA, the statewide LGBT advocacy organization, GEAE sponsored “An Afternoon for Equality” at 21 la rue dix in Erie to enhance awareness of the missions and goals of both organizations. Ted Martin, Executive Director of Equality PA, and Brian Sims, LGBT Athletes and Allies, and then Board President, Equality PA, were in attendance, as were more than 100 guests including Erie County Executive Barry Grossman.

The organization has expanded its Board, and also has a new logo and a new website: [www.great-erieriealliance.com](http://www.great-erieriealliance.com). Additional programming is being planned for the fall and beyond, and information will be posted on the website. You may also contact GEAE at [GEAEinfo@gmail.com](mailto:GEAEinfo@gmail.com) or call its toll-free phone number, 1-866-229-1974.

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# “Donor Unknown” premieres on PBS October 20

“Nothing in the Hollywood imagination can compete with the plot of ‘Donor Unknown.’”  
— Kate Spicer, *The Sunday Times of London*

*from Independent Lens/PBS*

Like a real-life *The Kids Are All Right*, the documentary *Donor Unknown* profiles siblings in search of each other and their sperm donor father.

*Donor Unknown* is the fascinating story of JoEllen Marsh and her search for the sperm donor father she knows only as Donor 150. Raised in Warren County Pennsylvania by her lesbian moms, JoEllen, 20, grew up with a burning curiosity to know more about her anonymous father. When she discovers an online registry that connects the children of donors, JoEllen manages to track down a half-sister in New York. And when *The New York Times* picks up the story, the circle widens, and 12 more half-siblings emerge over time. A discarded copy of the paper is also picked up in a Venice, California coffee shop by none other than Jeffrey Harrison — Donor 150 — who reads about the children he has fathered for the first time. Funny, moving and surprising, *Donor Unknown* raises intriguing questions about parenthood and the strange power of our genetic connections. Directed by Jerry Rothwell, the film will premiere on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series *Independent Lens*, on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 10 PM (check local listings). The film is produced by Al Morrow and Hilary Durman and is a Met Film/Redbird production.

*Donor Unknown* follows JoEllen’s journey from the discovery of her half-siblings to the moment Donor 150 steps forward to reveal himself and her decision to travel to meet him. Not quite the father she may have

expected, Jeffrey, 52, lives alone with four dogs and a pigeon in a broken-down RV in a Venice Beach parking lot. In the 1980s, Harrison supplemented his meager income by becoming a sperm donor at California Cryobank, never knowing what the outcome of those donations would be.

Through the course of the film we meet the other siblings, each with their own unique stories, each searching for answers as to how to forge relationships in uncharted territory.

At the center of it all is Jeffrey, who prepares himself to meet the children — “angels” he calls them — to whom he gave life. His decision to relinquish his donor anonymity is a step few donors have taken.

*Donor Unknown* is a unique snapshot of a group of random people who are all pioneers. The parents — heterosexual, gay, single and in couples — were determined to have children against the odds, and happened to choose the same sperm donor. Now they’re living with the unpredictable consequences of their choice. What impact will meeting this stranger — Donor 150 — have on their children? What kinds of relationships can the children build with their biological father? How will letting Donor 150 into their lives affect their relationships as a family? And how will meeting his biological children change Jeffrey’s life?

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*Donor Unknown* premieres on PBS on October 20, 2011 as part of the *Independent Lens* series. (Check local listings). **WQLN** creative services director Tom New apologized for inconvenient broadcast times of the episode in the Erie area, and promised it will be scheduled for a prime time slot in November or December. This month, for those wishing to record it, *Donor Unknown* is currently scheduled to air on **WQLN** channel 54.1 on October 21 at 2 am and also October 23 at 4 AM.

The documentary will also be shown in February at **Mercyhurst College**, where JoEllen is presently attending. Some of the film was actually shot at the college.

## The Donor Sibling Registry

The Donor Sibling Registry (DSR) was founded in 2000 to assist individuals conceived as a result of sperm, egg or embryo donation that are seeking to make mutually desired contact with others with whom they share genetic ties. Contact them at [www.donorsiblingregistry.com](http://www.donorsiblingregistry.com)



Left, JoEllen Marsh, of Russell PA, with her sperm donor father, Jeffrey Harrison.

Below, JoEllen and Mollie Marsh pose with mom Cindy Marsh (second row from top, at the left) for the “Family Portrait” in 1995, which was included in the Erie Bicentennial Time Capsule. (Link to original photo in the online version of this article at [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com))



# Edinboro University LGBTQIA Heritage Month 2011

## Open Identity (GSA) Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2011

Call 814-732-2647 for location and time

## Identity (GSA) Game Night

Monday, October 10, 2011

Call 814-732-2647 for location and time

## LGBTQI Athletes and Allies

Brian Sims, Esq.

Former Bloomsburg University Football Captain

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

7:00-9:00 p.m. Cole Auditorium

## Open Identity (GSA) Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2011

Call 814-732-2647 for location and time

## LGBTQIA Lecture Series

Latino/a Heritage ¿Hablamos LGBTQIA?

Dr. Elizabeth Iglesias, Academic Support Services

5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Butterfield Hall, Room 101

## LGBTQIA FACULTY/STAFF GROUP:

**Come Out, Come Out Wherever You Are – Part Deux! The Boro Goes to OZ!**

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 4:00pm – 6:00pm - Van Houten South

## HalloQueen Dance and Party

Thursday, October 27, 2011, 7:00-11:00 p.m., Location TBD

## LGBTQIA Film Series

*All movies shown in the Pogue Student Center Theatre*

*Free to EUP Students; \$1 General Admission*

**I Shot Andy Warhol** October 3 @ 7pm, October 4 @ 6pm, October 10 @ 7pm

**Saved!** October 16 @ 6pm, October 17 @ 7pm, October 23 @ 6pm

**Girls Will be Girls** October 25 @ 6pm, October 30 @ 6pm, October 31 @ 7pm

**To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar** November 1 @ 6pm, November 6 @ 6pm, November 7 @ 7pm.



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# A tip about “Prevention Tips”

by Martine Barclay Holquist of Crime Victim Center of Erie

October is National Crime Prevention Month, and this usually means a flood of helpful tips. Sexual Violence seems to have the biggest list, which is understandable: every 2 minutes, someone in the US is sexually assaulted. We are told, “Don’t walk alone, don’t burden yourself with too many packages, don’t let yourself become isolated with someone you don’t know/trust, etc.” This isn’t bad advice, and there are things you can do to reduce your risk of being assaulted. It’s flawed thinking, though, on multiple levels.

We stress to people that victimization is not their fault, yet hold it against them if they didn’t follow every safety rule ever heard. Be realistic: have you ever gotten into an elevator with a stranger?

According to the US Department of Justice, 73% of rapes were committed by someone known to the victim (38% friend or acquaintance, 28% intimate partner, and 7% relative). Yet, most of these tips focus on the 27% of stranger rapes. You’re statistically just as likely to be assaulted by your partner.

Prevention tips are also flawed because a person can do all the right things and still become a victim. This is the crux of the argument. By teaching people how to avoid being victimized, in essence, we are putting the responsibility to prevent crime on potential victims. Crime isn’t a choice made by the victim; it’s made by the offender.

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) recently posted a tongue-in-cheek poster of 10 sexual assault prevention tips, which CVC reposted on Facebook. It’s worth sharing a few of them.

#3. If you pull over to help someone having car problems, remember not to assault them!

#6. USE THE BUDDY SYSTEM. If you are unable to stop yourself from assaulting people, ask a friend to stay with you in public.

#7. Always be honest with people! Don’t pretend to be a caring friend on order to gain the trust of someone you want to assault. Consider telling them you plan to assault them. If you don’t communicate your intentions, the other person may take that as a sign that you do not plan to rape them.

This lighthearted treatment of safety does not detract from the seriousness of the issue, but hopefully brings a bit of perspective. You will continue to see prevention tips, and they may even come from CVC. But please keep in mind, such practices can only reduce your risk and make you a less likely target. The only way to truly prevent crime is to change the decisions and behavior of the criminal.

To see the poster in its entirety, become a fan of PCAR on Facebook and look on their wall photos. (While you’re there, “like” Crime Victim Center, too!)



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# Review: *I Am* by Sonali Gulati

By Kevin Schultz

In *I Am*, Indian independent filmmaker Sonali Gulati shares her unresolved pain of never having the right opportunity to come out to her mother prior to her death. Sonali's means of coping led her to research and record the testimonials of many families of her socially-stricken and old-fashioned homestate, Delhi, where laws like Section 377 scare the pants off Prop 8 by simply criminalizing homosexuality altogether, let alone fight for basic human rights such as marriage.

Through the community's interwoven stories of love, heartache and downright denial, an emotional healing tapestry is draped over Sonali's pain as she learns that her mother's reaction to her coming out could have taken any road; parents who relied on the ancient traditional (or "natural") ways of their shunning society to parents who wept with happiness that their child spoke with an independent level of honesty. ("Who decides what's normal..?")

Many of the stories brought me to tears as I recollected my own coming out, wondering how much different it all could have been. Equally emotional, (if not, more heartrending) was the fact that the contrived citizens of Delhi appeared to be set back in the gay rights movement about 10 to 15 years, forcing me to look back on the years of trials and tribulations homosexuals in America have overcome, from AIDS to Stonewall to Melissa Etheridge to Matthew Shepard to Kathy Griffin - all the way to New York's legalization of gay marriage, a landmark in history to all gays, despite being the 6th United State (so far) to do so.

Sonali's message is to show that there should be no fear in one's coming out, but a complete familial embracing of new era; and also to highlight that other countries around the world suffer the same stuffy traditions that make a society so dangerously repressed to the point of incarceration, or even death.

The film speaks as a documentary of sorts - a PSA to parents worldwide - with Sonali narrating between interviews and candid clips between mother or father and gay son or lesbian daughter. However, its powerful message to parents all over the world (cuz, ya know, this ain't just a local issue) demands that they support the ones they've borne, regardless of who steals their beloved offspring's heart during coming-of-age, the tenderest time of any adolescent's life.

*Editor's Note: This film will be part of the GLBT block shown at the 2011 Great Lakes Film Fest. Showcasing the best films of the 2011 season, the Great Lakes International Film Festival will be held LIVE in the great city of Erie Pennsylvania on September 23rd thru September 24th 2011, with the online festival taking place September 22nd thru October 1st, 2011. For more info ,brouse to <http://www.greatlakesfilmfest.com/>*

## Dreams of Hope at UU in Youngstown

*from Dreams of Hope*

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown (UUYO) has received a matching grant of \$1,563 from the Raymond John Wean Foundation. This grant will support the Cocoa Mocha LGBTQ youth group.

Dreams of Hope a Pittsburgh based youth theater for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth and allies, will present "Bully Me" on Saturday, October 22, 8pm @ the UUYO. Admission is free to those 21 and younger. \$5 donation requested for all others.

The UUYO is located at 1105 Elm Street, across from Wick Park in Youngstown. Refreshments will be served. Free. For more information contact Diana @ 330-788-3650. <http://uuyo.org/>  
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Neighborhood SUCCESS, a program of The Raymond John Wean Foundation, was created to support grass roots groups in small community development projects that improve the quality of life in those neighborhoods at risk of destabilization.

The Raymond John Wean Foundation annually grants approximately \$4 million. Those funds are earmarked for nonprofits in Mahoning and Trumbull counties. Through these efforts, The Foundation continues to enhance the community's well being and vitality through grant making, convening, advocating and providing leadership with a focus on economically disadvantaged people and neighborhoods.



# Calendar

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

**Sep 21 - "Don't Ask Don't Tell" officially repealed**

**Sep 21 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke** (1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

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

**Sep 23 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights Woman's Volley Ball** (Gannon University, Hammermill Center, Peach Street and South Park Row, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Gannon Lady Knights Woman's Volley Ball is Back! Free. [www.gannonsports.com](http://www.gannonsports.com). The Lady Knights will be playing against Clarion. I talked to one of the coaches and she assured me that they have a great team this year with 5 new great freshmen! Meet us at the Hammermill Center to enjoy the game! Contact: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Sep 23 - 25 (Fri - Sun) - Harvest Moon at Jones Pond** Jones Pond Campground & RV Park 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. Ponder This - Brain Bowl Trivia Contest. Camp YETI (Yearly Euchre Tournament Invitational.) Wine Tasting Party. Bring some wine to share. Appetizers provided. Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

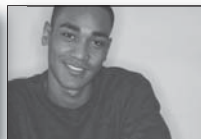
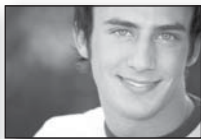
**Sep 23 (Fri) - M & J's Lounge Disco Night** M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [mandjsslounge@yahoo.com](mailto:mandjsslounge@yahoo.com). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJslounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJslounge).

**Sep 23 - Oct 23 "Bent" at Buffalo United Artists** 18+ Critically-acclaimed 1979 play about the persecution of homosexuals in Nazi Germany. <http://buffalobua.org>

**Sep 24 (Sat) - LBT Women go to North East Wine Fest** (Gibson Park, North East, PA) 6 PM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Meet at 6PM near the fountain in Gibson Park, North East Pa. Rts. 20 and 89. [http://www.nechamber.org/events/wine\\_fest/events/events.htm](http://www.nechamber.org/events/wine_fest/events/events.htm) Tickets at the

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**Sep 24 (Sat) - Come as You Are 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).

**Sep 24 (Sat) - M & J's Lounge Drag Show** M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [mandjsslounge@yahoo.com](mailto:mandjsslounge@yahoo.com). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Sep 29 (Thu) - Craze Night Club starts Fall hours** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Closed THURSDAYS... Phone: (814) 456-3027. [www.facebook.com/craze-nightclub](http://www.facebook.com/craze-nightclub).

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**Sep 30 - Oct 2 (Fri - Sun) - Closing Weekend at Jones Pond** 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY. "Until Next Year Potluck." Last Chance to Dance! Phone: (585) 567-8100. Email: [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). Browse to [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Sep 30 - Oct 2 (Fri - Sun) - Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend at the Zone** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Join Michelle Michaels and all our Divas for our 3rd annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend! *Friday* will be Pink Ribbons Sale. *Saturday* will be Pink Ribbons and Pink Bake Sale and also the Chinese auction. *Sunday* will be the special Pink FACE Drag Show! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).


**Oct 1 - 31 (Sat - Mon) - Zone" Dr. Lobotomy's Experimental Laboratory!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Put on your lab coat and follow us into the rat maze if you dare... We're looking for a few test subjects to join us all month long at the Zone Dance Club for Erie's only Haunted Bar! Test tube shots, prize for Best Costume. Try a few experimental cocktails from the Mad Scientists' at the bar- dance to your favorite hits on the mind numbing Dance Video Laboratory...or explore the Doctor's scary experimental labs, greenhouse, or operating room...but *beware...*you may become one of his test subjects! ! (814) 452-0125.

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**Oct 1 (Sat) - Masquerade Party at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. : (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Oct 2 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Join us every Sunday! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Oct 7 (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).

**Oct 7 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Brewerie at Union Station, 123 W 14th St, Erie, PA 16501-1717) 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. You can also sign up for the email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com>. Venue Phone: (814) 454-2200. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=54742829807>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.brewerie.com/>.



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**Oct 7 (Fri) - "One Year One World One Night" at Erie Art Museum 8PM to midnight.** The expansion is complete. The galleries are open. ONE year has flown by since the inaugural celebration. But we like to throw parties...Join us to celebrate ONE exciting year in the Museum's history at our Anniversary Gala: One Year. One World. One Night. Art from America and Around the World. Authentic Fare Interwoven Throughout the Galleries. Live Entertainment by One World Tribe. Benefits the ONE and only Erie Art Museum. \$65/one. \$120/two. (\$75 at the door). 814.459.5477 for tickets.Black-Tie Optional (International Attire Encouraged). Info <http://ericartmuseum.org>

**Oct 7 - 8 (Fri - Sat) - Murder Mystery** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Oct 8 (Sat) - Erie GLBT Contingent in Edinboro Homecoming Parade** (Edinboro University, Heather and Darrow Intersection, Edinboro, PA 16444) 11 AM. Erie's GLBT Community has been invited to participate in Edinboro University's annual homecoming parade, which draws thousands of spectators. The 2011 theme will be Jungle Safari because GRRRREAT Things Happen Here! The parade will take place through the town and campus this year. Parade line-up is scheduled for 9 AM with the parade beginning at 11 AM. The thousands of Edinboro University alumni, faculty, staff, students and area residents who are present along the parade route look forward to our involvement. This is a great way to promote local GLBT visibility by participating in this cherished tradition at Edinboro University. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

**Oct 8 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Peek'n Peak Fall Fest** (Peek 'n Peak, 1405 Old Road, Clymer, NY 14724) 11 AM. Meet the Beans at 11 AM at Peak n Peek near the Petting Zoo. We will check out all the crafts and other vendors and probably grab lunch there. Laurie's cell is 814-450-8804. Venue Phone: (716) 355-4141. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.pknpk.com/>.

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**Oct 8 (Sat) - PFLAG Butler Coming Out Day events** Variety of LGBT-friendly vendors as well as panel discussions for the film "Gender Redesigner", which film tells the true story of Butler native Fae Gibson. Although shown throughout the world, the film has not yet been screened in Fae's home town of Butler. The day's festivities will also include an opportunity for participants to literally, "come out of the closet" and have their picture taken to mark the occasion. <http://butlerpflag.weebly.com/> You can find "Gender Redesigner" on Facebook.

**Oct 8 (Sat) - Closing Weekend at Camp Davis** 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA. No Dance – Dinner for Seasonals 5 PM on Saturday. Camp Closes 3 PM on Sunday. (724) 637-2402. Email: [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). Browse to [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Oct 9 (Sun) - LBT Women meets** Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA. 1 PM. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Oct 10 (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).

**Oct 10 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, P. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Oct 11 (Tue) - Support group for those dealing with loss** (Hospice of Metropolitan Erie, 202 E 10th St, Erie, PA 16503) 7 PM. Meets 2nd Tues of month 7 PM and also the 3rd Mon at 10 AM. Phone: (814) 456-6689. Email: [hospice@velocity.net](mailto:hospice@velocity.net).

Oct 11 - National Coming Out Day

**Oct 11 (Tue) - Coming Out Monologues** (Scots Cinema in Frank G. Pogue Student Center/EUP, 405 Scotland Rd, Edinboro, PA 16444) 7 PM - 10 PM. "The Coming Out Monologues" are a celebration of LGBTQIA life and experience. They were originally performed by students at UC Riverside. The Monologues have since been performed by various colleges all over the nation. This year it will be brought to Edinboro courtesy of Identity and will be performed by students of Edinboro University. The performance will be about an hour and a half long, Each monologue

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is written by the actor and is about their experience with coming out. Phone: (814) 732-2813. Browse to <http://www.edinboro.edu/departments/glbta/>.

**Oct 12 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Wednesday night! \$2 spiced rum special! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Oct 15 (Sat) - Deadline for EGN November 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 October 25. 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).

**Oct 15 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights Volleyball** (Gannon University - Hammermill Center, 620 Peach St, Erie, PA) Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Come check out the game. FREE! I talked to one of the coaches and she assured me that they will have a great team this year! Laurie's cell is 814-450-8804. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.gannon.edu>

**Oct 15 (Sat) - Rock N Roll Night** (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Oct 16 (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)

**Oct 19 (Wed) - LBT Women go to Dueling Pianos** (JR's Last Laugh, 1402 State St, Erie, PA) 6:45 PM. Meet us at 6:45 to Hang with the Beans at Jr's Dueling Piano event! This is a free event, but we usually buy our dinner there, as Jr's has pretty good food! You also will want to bring a few bucks to tip the piano players and get them to sing your song or have them make fun of one of your friends!! Its always a good time at Dueling Pianos!!! Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (814) 461-0911. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Browse to venue web site <http://www.jrslastlaugh.com/>.

**Oct 21 (Fri) - Country Night at M&J's** 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA. Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Oct 22 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Haunted Brig Niagara** (Dobbins Landing, Erie, PA) 5:45 PM. S"Ghosts Afloat". Meet at 5:45 with your ticket in hand to tour the Haunted Niagara with The Beans! You must get your tickets ahead of time as the Niagara League will only be selling so many tickets for each night. Tickets \$8 adults/\$5 for 12 & under - [www.ghostsafloat.org](http://www.ghostsafloat.org) Laurie's cell is 814-450-8804. Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: [LFinch003@neo.rr.com](mailto:LFinch003@neo.rr.com). Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

**Oct 22 (Sat) - David Sedaris at Mercyhurst** (Mercyhurst College, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. [www.mercyhurst.edu/](http://www.mercyhurst.edu/).

**Oct 22 (Sat) - Dreams of Hope concert: 'Bully Me' in Youngstown** (First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown Ohio, 1105 Elm St, Youngstown, OH) 8 PM. The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown (UUYO) has received a matching grant of \$1,563 from the Raymond John Wean Foundation. This grant will support the Cocoa Mocha LGBTQA youth group. Dreams of Hope a Pittsburgh based youth theater for LGBT youth and allies, will present "Bully Me" @ the UUYO. *Admission is free to those 21 and younger. \$5 donation requested for all others.* The UUYO is located across from Wick Park in Youngstown. Refreshments will be served. Free. For more information contact Diana @ 330-788-3650 Phone: (412) 361-2065. Venue Phone: (330) 746-3067. Email: [info@dreamsofhope.org](mailto:info@dreamsofhope.org). Browse to <http://www.dreamsofhope.org/>. Browse to venue web site <http://uuyo.org/>.

**Oct 23 (Sun) - Diversity Worship Service** (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA 16508-2540) 11 AM. Contact: Rev. Richard A Moyer. Phone: (814) 864-4429. Email: [communityunited-church@yahoo.com](mailto:communityunited-church@yahoo.com). Browse to [www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html](http://www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html).

**Oct 23 Kathy Griffin in Cleveland** \$10-\$65, 7:30PM-

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State Theater, Playhouse Square, 1501 Euclid Ave, Cleveland; (216)241-6000, [www.playhousesquare.org](http://www.playhousesquare.org)

**Oct 24 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series** (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Oct 25 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. 21 and over, please. It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! . Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). Browse to venue web site [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

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

**Oct 28 (Fri) - Zone: Attack of the 50 foot Diva!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. A night of Wicked and Weird Science! Join the sexy ladies of the Zone as they present this years Halloween show! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Oct 28 (Fri) - Halloween Party at M&J's Lounge** 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA. Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge>.

**Oct 29 Rocky Horror Picture Show** at Academy Theater Meadville PA \$15 choose your seat, ticket price includes prop bag. Starts 10PM. The Academy Theatre, 275 Chestnut Street, Meadville, PA 16335

**Oct 29 (Sat) - Halloween Party at M&J's Lounge** 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA : (724) 602-8447. Email: [JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM](mailto:JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM). Browse to [www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge](http://www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge).

**Oct 29 (Sat) - Halloween at the Latonia** 1 East First Street, Oil City, PA. 8 PM. \$5. BYOB. Sponsored by the LGBT Alliance of Oil City – everyone is welcome! Music, Dancing, Costumes & Prizes! Contact: Roxanne. Phone: (814) 673-8400. Email: [latoniaballroom@gmail.com](mailto:latoniaballroom@gmail.com).

**Oct 29 (Sat) - Craze Halloween Party** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. All the ghouls will be out. Come join us! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to [www.facebook.com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

[com/crazenightclub](http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub).

**Oct 29 (Sat) - Dr. Lobotomy's Halloween Party in the Zone's Experimental Laboratory!** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Put on your lab coat and follow us into the rat maze if you dare... join us for Erie's biggest gay Halloween Party at the Zone Dance Club- Erie's only Haunted Bar! Try a few experimental cocktails from the Mad Scientist's at the bar- dance to your favorite hits on the mind numbing dance video Laboratory- or explore the Doctor's scary experimental labs, greenhouse, or operating room - but beware...you may become one of his test subjects! Test tube shots, prize for Best Costume! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Oct 31 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series Halloween Show** 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to <http://www.facebook.com/crazenightclub>.

**Oct 31 (Mon) - Halloween Night at the Zone** 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to <http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/>.

**Nov 5 - Miss Gay Jamestown Newcomer Pageant 2011-2012** 9PM. Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount Ave, Jamestown, NY

**Nov 8 (Tues) - General Election** 7 AM to 8 PM. Be sure to check out our Voters Guide!

**Nov 16-20 - Lake Erie Gala** Annual social weekend hosted by Erie Sisters. <http://eriesisters.ning.com>

## UPCOMING...

**March - Comedian Suzanne Westenhoefer at Clarion Venango Campus, Oil City**

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# Erie Pride Parade & Rally a Great Time!

by Michael Mahler

On Saturday, August 27, about 230 people participated in the Erie Pride Parade & Rally. This year's Pride events were organized by the Pride Planning committee, which is an informal coalition of groups and individuals.

## Parade

About 100 people marched in the parade from the Zone Dance Club to Perry Square. John Daly King was the Grand Marshal for the parade, in a convertible driven by Caitlyn. Also in the parade were beloved local gay icons Jesse and Ricardo, who rode their tandem bike.

Parade units included Lake Erie Belly Dance, Doctor Who contingent, PFLAG Erie/Crawford County, Erie Gay News, Lake Erie Derby Dames, LBT Women, Latonia Theatre, PFLAG Butler, Erie Sisters, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, Community United Church, and OUT (Pittsburgh newspaper)

There were also many people marching as individuals, as well as a float carrying current and former Miss Eries.

## Rally

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

### Speakers and performers included:

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

Misty Kall, Miss Erie 2011

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

Chris Wolfe, Erie Idol finalist 2011

Tammie Johnson, 2 term resident of ACLU-NWPA

Brian T, singer, also with Pittsburgh Out TV

Jason Landau Goodman, founding Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition. The first and only youth-led statewide LGBTQ organization in the nation

Michelle Michaels, Former Miss Erie and Coordinator for FACE Show at Zone

Fiona Hensley, Chair of the Student Network Across Pennsylvania, SNAP, Regional Chair of the Erie-West

region for SNAP and President of Queers and Allies at Allegheny College in Meadville, PA.

Diva D'Vyne

## Games

The Dunk a Drag Queen game was very popular! We look forward to making this an annual tradition

## Donors

Many businesses and organizations gave generously to help support Pride this year. These included Allegheny College Bookstore, BeautiControl, Blue Heron Inn, Body Language, Chicory Hill Herbs, Coca-Cola/Erie, Country Fair, Craze Night Club, Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Douglas Kolcun, Drenched Fur, Earthshine Company, Erie Horror Film Festival, emma's revolution, Erie Book Store, Erie County Democratic Party, Erie County Department of Health, Erie Playhouse, Erie Seawolves, Erie Sisters, Erie Spine and Wellness, Family United Counseling, Gaudenzia / SHOUT Outreach, Giant Eagle - Buffalo Road, Glass Growers, Good Health Rejuvenation, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Inc., Hal Leonard Performing Arts Publishing Group, Hollywood Stories, Horomanski's DJ'ing Services, JR's Last Laugh, Kensington Books, La bella, Larese Floral Design, LBT Women, Lion's Den Adult Super Store, MLR Books, Pennsylvania Coalition to End Homelessness, Pie in the Sky Cafe, Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, Sam's Club, Shakira Nakelle's Mementos Gifts & More, Silk Screen Unlimited, Smith's Hot Dogs, State Farm Insurance Agent Natalie Braddock, Tanglez Hair and Nail Studio, The Ringbearer, Tops Friendly Markets - W 38th St, Wegman's- Peach St, Wendy's of Erie and Zone Dance Club

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For details contact Mike Mahler at (814)456-9833



# Erie Pride

## Committee Members & Volunteers

Many people from the committee worked hard to make the day enjoyable for everyone! Committee members included Season, Chris, Preston, Mark H, Erin Moll, Amy, Sue McCabe, Alex, Jeff H, John Daly King, Kerry. In addition to the committee members, volunteers included Kevin Schultz, Dok, Johauna, Wanda, Bob H., Eric Rogers, Maria S., Deb Spilko, Brian

## Info Tables & Vendors

### Info tables included:

Adagio Health; American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), NWPA; Community United Church; Crime Victim Center of Erie County; Erie County Democratic Party; Erie County Human Relations Commission; Erie Gay News; Erie Sisters; Equality PA; Lake Erie Derby Dames; LBT Women; Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition; PFLAG Erie/Crawford County; SafeNet Center; United Way of Erie County; Voices for Independence

### Vendors included

BeautiControl; Book Merchant; Christopher's Novelty Gifts; Shakira Nakelle's Mementos, Gifts & More

## Collecting Food

We collected 23 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA.

## Pride 2011 videos

*In our video gallery:*

- Feast of Fun has respectful fun with "The World's Smallest Gay Pride Parade - Erie Pride 2011"
- Pittsburgh OUT's DJ Wolf with Erie Pride 1/3 (not sure if there will be a 2/3 and 3/3, but this has some good footage.)
- Footage of the parade as it goes down State Street.

## Win Prizes from Erie Gay News

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

Contest	Starts
ZAZ	September 23
<i>Ariel Aparicio - Aerials</i> CD	September 30
<i>Evolution of Ethan Poe</i> from Kensington Books	October 7
<i>Jenny O. - Home</i>	October 14
<i>Keesha &amp; Her Two Moms Go Swimming</i>	October 21
<i>The Gay Marriage Thing</i> DVD	October 28
<i>Unwelcome</i> by Michael Griffio by Kensington Books	November 4
Facelube for Men Ger-many Skin Care Set	November 11

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
\$25 gift certificate from The Man Underneath	September 23
2CELLOS CD& Poster	September 27
<i>Queering the Tranny</i>	September 30
<i>Mirrors: Portrait of a Lesbian Transsexual Autographed Book</i>	October 4
<i>La Petite Mort</i>	October 7

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!

# Erie Pride 2011 Parade & Rally photos

*Just a few of the photos from Erie Pride Parade and Rally held on August 27, 2011. Complete photos and gallery should be on our website by the end of the month. Check video gallery for some of the video that is already up.*

*Photos by Laurie Finch and Deb Spilko*



# Erie Pride 2011 Parade & Rally photos



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