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Bob Langley, John Despo and Preston Blood get ready to march down State Street and into Perry Square at the 2013 Pride Parade and Rally. Details on the event on page 5. Photo by Johauna.



Chautauqua County vet, who spoke out against "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," killed in crash

by Cyndi Moon (@cyndimoon_tg)

A former U.S. Army Sergeant, who actively fought against the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy was killed in a car crash.

Sheriff's deputies said Darren Manzella, 36, was killed August 29 along Interstate 490 in Pittsford, NY, just outside Rochester. Manzella side-swiped another car, and while pushing his car towards the side of the road, he was hit by an SUV.

Sergeant Manzella made national headlines for speaking out against DADT in a 2007 interview with "60 Minutes." He was discharged from the Army in 2008. Friends said Manzella had just married his partner in July.

"Don't Ask Don't Tell" was repealed in 2011.

About Darren Manzella:

-Native of Portland, NY (Chautauqua County -Enlisted in Army in 2002 (served as a medic) -Served with 1st Cavalry Div., Ft. Hood, TX -Came out to Military Supervisor in 2006

- -Awarded Combat Medical Badge for service in Iraq
- -Discharged in 2008 for "homosexual admission"

More about Darren Manzella on our website.

Meet the Candidates Night at Avalon on October 3

from NW PA Pride Alliance

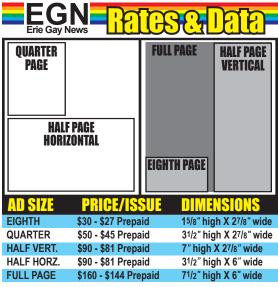
On Thursday, October 3 at 7 PM, NW PA Pride Alliance Inc will hold a Meet the Candidates night at the Avalon Hotel and Conference Center. The event is free! Light refreshments will be served and there will also be a cash bar. Please note that no candidates are being endorsed; this is simply a chance for the LGBTQIA community to become educated on where candidates stand on issues relevant to our community. Candidates must appear on ballot.

Co-sponsoring groups include NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc.; Drenched Fur; Equality PA; Erie Gay (continued on page 3)

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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

News; Erie Sisters; LBT Women; LGBT Erie; Marriage Equality for Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition; Persad - Erie; Persad Center; PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties; TransFamily of Erie Support Group and Trigon.

Lake Erie Counseling starts support group for gay men who have lost a partner

from Lake Erie Counseling, Inc.

Lake Erie Counseling, Inc is proud to offer an eight week support group for Gay men who have suffered the loss of a partner. "After a Partner Dies" will be offered for eight weekly meetings starting November 4, 2013.

When a gay man loses a partner to death, his gief and trauma is often compounded by the lack of mainstream culture's recognition of his relationship, his loss and his beiung a widower. These factors can

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compromise the available support the grieving partner needs during this very trying time.

If you've lost a partner, please come and share your story, your grief and sadness and find support in knowing the other men in the group have gone through what you are experiencing.

For more information about "After a Partner Dies." please contact Dale Allgeier, LCSW at Lake Erie Counseling, Inc. at (8140 455-4009. Lake Erie Counseling is a private psychotherpay practive which has proudly served the LGBT community for over 20 years.

LGBT History Month 2013

Equality Forum presents LGBT History Month 2013 - online at www.lgbtHistoryMonth.com.

"In its 8th year, there are 248 Icons with resources archived on the site, making LGBT History Month the free go-to site for LGBT role models, civil rights history, and our national and international impact," stated Malcolm Lazin, Executive Director, Equality Forum and founder of LGBT History Month.

Each day in October, an Icon is featured with a free video, biography, bibliography, downloadable images and other educational resources.

The 248 Icons from inception in 2006 to 2013 are archived on the site and accessed under "Icon Search" on the top navigation bar. Users, educators and journalists can find Icons in a cloud of more than 150 descriptors/tags.

In 2012, the LA Unified, Broward County (FL), and Palm Beach County (FL) school districts became the first districts to collaborate in LGBT History Month. In 2013, at least three more major school districts will be collaborating: Baltimore County (MD), Fresno Unified (CA), and Charlotte-Mecklenberg County (NC).

Equality Forum (www.equalityforum.com), a national and international LGBT civil rights organization with an educational focus, coordinates LGBT History Month worldwide, produces documentary films, undertakes high-impact initiatives and presents annually the largest national and international LGBT civil rights summit.

More at www.lgbtHistoryMonth.com

300+ enjoy Pride Parade and Rally

from NW PA Pride Alliance

On Saturday, August 24, about 300 people attended the Pride Parade and Rally put on by NW PA Pride Alliance.

Delta Foundation sent up a bus from Pittsburgh with about 40 people, who marched as a parade unit. Parade units included Erie Gay News, NW PA Pride Alliance, Erie Sisters, Community United Church, Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition, Amisha Tribal Belly Dance, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Delta Foundation, Marriage Equality for Pennsylvania, PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties, Persad Center and LBT Women. There were about 170 people in the parade.

The rally was emceed by Mark Tanenbaum of PACA. Speakers and performers at the rally included Michael Mahler for NW PA Pride Alliance, drag performers Lovin' Heart and Eva Destruction, Ted Martin of Equality PA, singer/guitarist Bob Bearfield, Caitlyn Strohmeyer of TransFamily of Erie Support Group and GEAE, drag performer Velvet Lace, PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties President Jayne May, Amisha Tribal Dance. Leann Romitti of Persad Center's REAL TIME LGBTQ youth suicide's prevention program, drag perfomer Cammy Seoul, Kim Conti of LBT Women of Erie and drag performer Misty Kall.

Info tables and vendors included American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), NWPA Chapter, Cocktails and Cream Puffs, Community Health Net, Community United Church, Equality PA, Erie County Human Relations Commission, Erie County Suicide Prevention Task Force, Erie Sisters, Erie Summer Festival of the Arts, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), Keystone Progress, Lake Erie Counseling Associates,



Marriage Equality for Pennsylvania, National Organization for Women, NWPA Chapter (NWPANOW), Northstar Equine Foundation, Northwestern Mutual, Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition, Persad Center, PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties, Safe Harbor Behavioral Health, SafeNet Center, Steadman Law Office, TransFamily of Erie Support Group; Just Pride, Lion's Den Adult Super Store, and Rainbow Creations

NW PA Pride Alliance also gave away goodie bags to registrants. We collected 30 pounds of food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA.

The weekend also included a kick-off drag show at PACA the night before the parade, lesbian comedian Kristen Becker from Buffalo NY at PACA the night of the rally (presented by Equality PA) and the Lake Erie States Progressive Summit the following day (organized by Keystone Progress, with participation from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio.)

Photos of the event are online.

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Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar www.eriegaynews.com

Sep 27 - 29 (Fri - Sun) - I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together (Jones Pond, 9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) (585)-567-8100 www.jonespond.com. Sep 27 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Join the Bears as we return to the Zone for our monthly Bear Bar Night. Please note that we are having both Bears Do Dinner *and* Bear Bar Night! Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com..

Sep 27 (Fri) - Formal Dress (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) (724) 602-8447. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 28 (Sat) - Masquerade Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) Contact: Jim. Phone: (724) 637-2402. Email: campd@aol.com. Browse to www.campdaviscampground.com.

Sep 28 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group



meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net.

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Sep 28 (Sat) - Drag Show (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) (724) 602-8447 JoshuaSean9@AOL. COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Sep 29 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler Friendship Outings (Butler Memorial Park, 416 Mercer St, Butler, PA) 3 PM. Contact: Joshua Crawford. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: president@pflagbutler.com. Browse to www.pflagbutler.com.

Sep 30 (Mon) - College Night Show (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub. Oct 3 (Thu) - Candidate Forum (Avalon Hotel, 16 W 10th St, Erie PA) Free admission, hear where candidates stand on issues, light refreshments, cash bar. www.nwpapride.org

Oct 4 (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. Sign up for the email list at http://lists.eriegaynews.com.

Oct 5 (Sat) - Equality Picnic (Mercer County Courthouse, 100 N Diamond St., Mercer, PA) 11 AM - 1 PM. Guest speakers, live music, family fun! Bring a bagged lunch, a blanket, and join us on the lawn behind the Mercer County Courthouse. Sponsored by: Central West ME4PA - Serving Mercer, Lawrence, Butler, and Beaver counties Email: me4pa2@gmail.com. Browse to www.me4pa.org.

Oct 5-7 (Fri - Sun) - Michelle Michaels 8th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend at Zone Friday Oct 5 Bake Sale and Ribbon Sale,....Sat Oct 6 night Bake Sale, Ribbon Sale, Chinese Action....Sunday night Oct 7 Bake Sale, Ribbon Sale, Drag Show

Oct 5 - 6 (Sat - Sun) - Camp Davis Closing Weekend (Camp Davis, 311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. www.campdaviscampground.com.

Oct 5 (Sat) - Miss Crayola Pageant (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Parkway, Jamestown, NY) Bring donations of art supplies and receive \$1 off the door, cash dona-

tions also accepted. Phone: (716) 661-3214.

Oct 6 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler Monthly Meeting (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 5 PM. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Phone: (724) 287-7731. Email: president@pflagbutler.com. Browse to www.pflagbutler.com.

Oct 6 - Langer Film Series: "Behind the Candelabra" Mercyhurst University, Taylor Little Theatre 2 p.m. \$6 /adults, \$5 students/seniors \$1 for Mercyhurst students (w/ID) Behind-the-scenes look at the tempestuous relationship between flamboyant Las Vegas showman Liberace and his boy toy Scott Thorson.

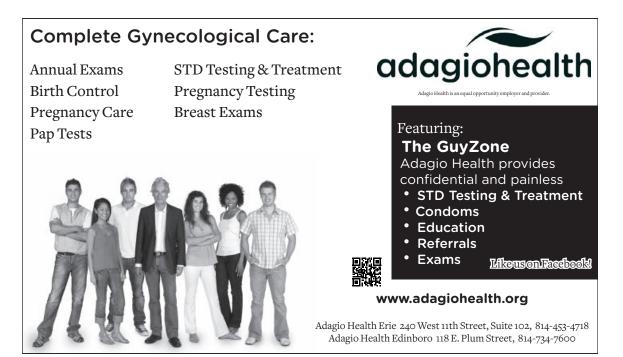
Oct 7 (Mon) - Real Time (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. *Real Time is for LGBTQ friends and allies (ages 14-21)* who reject negative labels and want to overcome difficulties in a positive way. Everyone faces tough situations at home, at school and around town. But no one should ever be bullied or harassed for who they are. Real Time is about finding ways to deal with tough times. Real Time is about taking care of yourself and standing up for others. Fun, food, friends, *free!* Check it out at Persad-Erie, 1st and 3rd Mon. each month. Contact: Leann Romitti. (412) 538-7862. lromitti@persadcenter.org.

Oct 11 (Fri) - The Beans go to Gannon Lady Knights Volleyball vs. Indiana (Hammermill Center, Gannon University, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Free. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Oct 11 (Fri) - Wanda Sykes Ohio Theatre Cleveland. Oct 13 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Zodiac Dinor, 2516 State, Erie.) 12 noon. LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Oct 13 (Sun) - The Beans go to Peek N Peak Fest (Peek 'n Peak, 1405 Old Road, Clymer, NY) 1 PM. Following the meeting: Crafts, food, pumpkin cannon, lift rides. Join us! Contact: Laurie Finch. Venue Phone: (716) 355-4141. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http://womynoferie.wikifoundry.com/. Browse to venue web site http://www.pknpk.com/.

Oct 14 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Highway, Erie, PA) Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and trans-



gendered people. Meets 2nd Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Jayne May. Phone: (814) 367-3311. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Oct 14 (Sun) - Deadline for Erie Gay News November 2013 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of October 22. Contact: Michael Mahler. (814) 456-9833. info@ eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

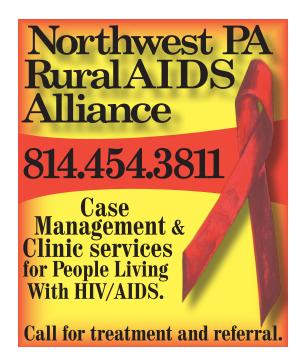
Oct 14 (Mon) - The Undead Ball (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Oct 15 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner (Peninsula Grille, 2767 W. 12th Street, Erie, PA 16505) 7 PM. We invite you to join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com.

Oct 15 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Every 3rd Tues. (Sept. - May), the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

Oct 16 (Wed) - GEAE 3rd Wednesday Happy Hour (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry, Erie) 5-8PM. (866) 229-1974. info@gmail.com. http://greatereriealliance. com/.

- Oct 18 (Fri) Bear Bar Night (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Join the Bears at the Zone for our monthly Bear Bar Night. Contact: Gary Snyder. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Email: info@ drenchedfur.com. Browse to www.drenchedfur.com.
- Oct 19 (Sat) Veronyca's Showgirls 'Grease' Themed Show (Rockin' Ricks, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY) 10 PM. \$6 door cover. Costume Contest for best *Grease* attire. Phone: (702) 505-4771. Browse to www.myspace.com/rockinricks.
- Oct 20 (Sun) The Beans go to Flying Monsters at the TREC Big Screen (Tom Ridge Environmental Center, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA) 4 PM. \$5. Check out the latest movie about the flying dinosaurs!





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Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to http://womynoferie.wikifoundry.com/. Oct 20 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the third Sunday (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Oct 20 (Sun) - Jason & deMarco in Buffalo "Joy in the Journey - Celebrating Diversity" tour St. Stephens-Bethlehem United Church of Christ 750 Wehrle Drv, Buffalo, NY www.jasonanddemarco.com Oct 21 (Mon) - Real Time (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 6-8 PM. *Real Time is for LGBTQ friends and allies (ages 14-21)* who reject negative labels and want to overcome difficulties in a positive way. Everyone faces tough situations at home, at school and around town. But no one should ever be bullied or harassed for who they are. Real Time is about finding ways to deal with tough times. Real Time is about taking care of yourself and standing up for

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Oct-24 (Thu) - Jason & deMarco in Cleveland "Joy in the Journey - Celebrating Diversity" tour Franklin Circle Church 1688 Fulton Road, Cleveland, OH 44113 216.781.8232 www.jasonanddemarco.com Oct 25 (Fri) - Queen of the Night Curse of the Mummy Halloween Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.



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Oct 26 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Phone: (440) 265-8191. shub1@suite224. net. Browse to http://eriesisters.ning.com/.

Oct 26 (Sat) - Halloween Party at the Latonia (The Latonia Ballroom & Event Center, 1 East First Street, Oil City, PA 16301) 8 PM. \$5. BYOB snacks provided, prizes for best costume. Contact: Roxanne. Phone: (814) 673-8400. Email: latoniaballroom@gmail.com. Oct 26 (Sat) - STARZ Spooktacular Halloween Show (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Parkway, Jamestown, NY) Phone: (716) 661-3214.

Oct 26 (Sat) - Curse of the Mummy Halloween Party (Zone, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) Prizes for the top three best costumes! Phone: (814) 452-0125. www. thezonedanceclub.com/.

Oct 27 (Sun) - Diversity Sunday (Community United Church, 1011 W 38th St, Erie, PA) 11 AM. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty. Phone: (814) 864-4429. Browse to www.uccwebsites.net/commuceriepa.html. Oct 27 (Sun) - Samhain Ritual - Whispering Lake Grove (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Doors open 5:00pm - Ritual to begin at 6:00pm with potluck to follow. Whispering Lake Grove, A.D.F. exists as a chartered subsidiary, branch and/or division of Ar nDraioct Fein, A Druid Fellowship, Inc. Info: Rev. Carrion Mann at carrionmann@gmail.com or Rev. Christopher Temple at grollwynn72@hotmail.com. Browse to www.whisperinglakegrove.org/.

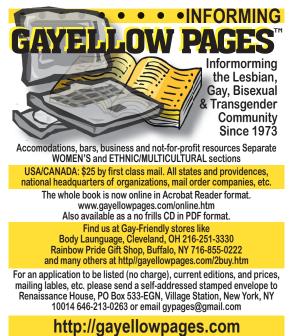


Oct 28 (Mon) - Dark Circus Halloween Show (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook. com/crazenightclub.

Nov 2 (Sat) - Miss Gay Chautauqua County Pageant (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Parkway, Jamestown, NY 14701) 10 PM. Liza Summers and STARZ present the first annual Miss Gay Chautauqua County Pageant. Four categories of competition including: On Stage Interview, Chautauqua Presentation, Evening Gown and Talent! Performers from all over the tri-state area will be entertaining you throughout the evening. Cover \$5, event begins 10pm. Contact: Liza Summers

Nov 5 (Tue) - General Election 7 AM - 8 PM. Please remember to vote!

Nov 5 (Tue) - The Beans go to Gannon Lady Knights Volleyball vs. Mercyhurst (Hammermill Center, Gannon University, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Free.-Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com.



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| Here are new contests for this month | | |
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| Cloudburst DVD | October 1 | |
| Michael Todd True Or- ganics Skincare, Lorde - Pure Heroine | October 4 | |
| Laurence Anyways DVD | October 8 | |
| We Own The Night from The Wanted | October 11 | |
| Live Once Very Equally | October 15 | |
| Justin and DeMarco - Safe | October 18 | |
| Horror Films FAQ | October 22 | |
| Here are contests which are currently active | | |
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| Contest | Ends | |
| Contest R U Looking? ,Slow Down Selena Gomez | Ends September 27 | |
| R U Looking? ,Slow Down | | |
| R U Looking? ,Slow Down Selena Gomez Irina One Last Kiss Single, Goldfrapp Tales of Us CD, Madonna's MDNA World | September 27 | |
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