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Erie Gay News



Drag Queen Bingo on November 9

from NW PA Pride Alliance

NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc. will present Drag Queen Bingo on Saturday, November 9 at Erie Clown Hall, 512 Kelso Drive, Erie PA 16505. (Kelso Drive is just west of Waldameer Park Road on West Lake Rd.). Doors open at 4:30 PM and Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. Kitchen will be open and serving delicious food. Admission is \$20. Performers include Michelle Michaels, Velvet Lace, Cammy Seoul, and Misty Kall.

The event is a fundraiser for Pride. Please help support Pride events while having fun with friends old and new. For more info, contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or email president@nwpapride.org or browse to www.nwpapride.org

Lake Erie Gala 2013

from Erie Sisters

The Erie Sisters will sponsor the 14th annual Lake Erie Gala, November 20th through the 24th at the Avalon Hotel in downtown Erie. The event features bus tours of local attractions, fine dining and entertainment, contests and a host of vendors. The Lake Erie Gala attracts transgenders and their spouses/SO's from all over North America and beyond, and is capped off on Saturday night the 23rd with our annual Glitter Ball. Note that there will be no regular monthly meeting of the Erie Sisters for the month of November. For more information and registration forms, browse to <http://erisesisters.ning.com> or contact Erie Sisters president, Melanie Shubitowski at (440) 265-8191.

Intersections of Equality Symposium

from Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE)

On Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE) is sponsoring "Intersections of Equality: An Educational Symposium" at the Black Conference Center on the campus of Penn State Behrend. The symposium will take place from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. The symposium is co-sponsored



Damone performing at the The 8th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend, which was held October 4-6 at the Zone Dance Club. The event raised \$2,008 for this year's charity, StringsforaCURE™

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by Penn State Behrend and the D&I Department of Erie Insurance.

Our keynote presentations will include:

Session 1: "Lives of LGBT People in PA" a panel presentation on the successes and trials of LGBT life in PA.

Session 2: "Bullying and Anti-Bullying," by Dr. Charisse Nixon (Penn State Behrend) and The Crime Victim Center of Erie County.

Session 3: "Intersections of Race, Gender, and Sexuality," by Dr. Theresa Vescio (Penn State Univer-

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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

sity, State College)

Session 4: "Equality Legislation in PA," by The Honorable Brian Sims, PA House Representative (Pennsylvania's first openly gay state representative).

Registration is online at: <http://greatererieliance.com/purchase-event-tickets-2/> . For a \$25 donation, you receive one seat at the event, access to a continental breakfast, and lunch. Each keynote presentation includes Q&A with the speakers. The symposium will provide a table fair for area organizations who work at the intersections of sexuality, gender, race, education, and/or social services. If you would like to have a table, please register for the symposium.

We are limited to 200 seats in the venue, so please secure your registration today! (Continuing education credit is available through Penn State for an additional \$35 at the door.)

Questions? Please reach GEAE at geaeinfo@gmail.com or call 866-229-1974



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Butler: “Community Conversations: Let’s Talk About the LGBT and Spirituality”

from Persad Center, Inc.

Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network and Persad Center’s Community Safe Zone Project announce “Community Conversations: Let’s Talk About the LGBT and Spirituality”

Recent surveys reveal that seven out of 10 people say that know someone who is lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The national group Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) reports that one out of four families has an LGBT member. And now, at more than any time in our nation’s history, LGBT issues are consistently in the news.

There has been a lot of debate on these issues, but maybe not a lot of conversation. We know there’s been plenty of shouting, but little useful information ... especially on the subject of LGBT and spirituality.

What happens when an LGBT individual seeks a place to worship and is rejected by the congregation? Should family and friends be forced to choose between their church and a loved one? How welcoming have Butler area churches been to LGBT congregants?

The Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network and Persad Center’s Community Safe Zone Project have put together a discussion program for Butler residents to ask questions, share stories and get information. “Community Conversations: Let’s Talk About the LGBT and Spirituality” is a safe, informal opportunity to lower the volume, defuse the anger and begin a dialogue.

The program will feature stories from the LGBT and their families who have struggled with this issue in the past; we’ll hear from Butler residents and what challenges they’re facing and talk about ways of moving forward.

“Community Conversations” is not a scriptural debate or a “recruitment” forum – we are seeking reasoned, considerate and sincere discussion on a subject which has, unfortunately, brought much hurt to many Butler citizens.

The event is free and reservations are requested but not required. Light snacks will be served and child care is provided. We ask that you come with an open mind ... and an open heart.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

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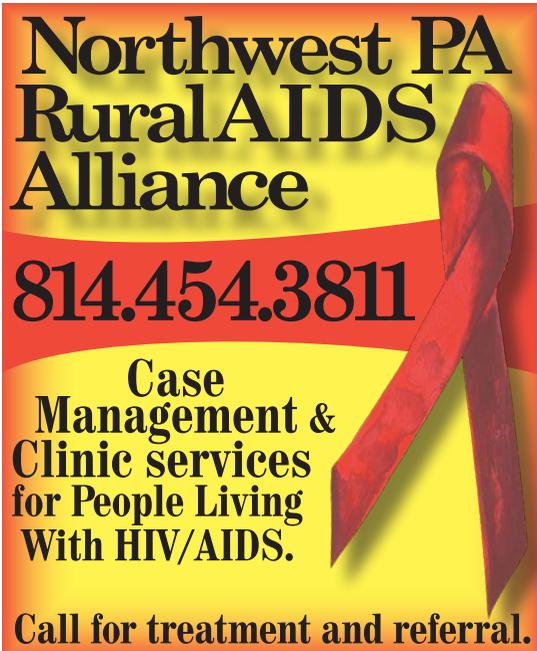
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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

The Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network is an association of clergy and lay leaders who have come together to minister to the LGBTQ community in a way that lifts up rather than tears down. We offer pastoral care, support and education and wish to be a resource for you to better meet the needs of your congregation.

Persad Center, Inc. is a 40 year old behavioral health clinic working with the LGBT and their families. Persad offers services in Pittsburgh with satellites in Washington and Erie Counties. Community Safe Zone is a project created for the rural and outlying regions of Western Pennsylvania, work to make all community a safe and welcoming place.



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Update for “Meet the Candidates Night”

from NW PA Pride Alliance

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Attendees at the “Meet the Candidates Night” event put on by NW PA Pride

of Erie Support Group and Trigon. WICU TV 12/ WJET TV 24 covered the story for the evening news. NW PA Pride Alliance wants to thank the wonderful volunteers who made this possible and the people who turned out to support this event.

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World AIDS Day Events

from Erie Awareness Outreach

These are the events that, Erie Awareness Outreach Has planned to provide education and information to World AIDS Day 20113. The universal theme is, "Getting To Zero" Zero New HIV Infections. Zero Discrimination and Zero AIDS-Related Deaths.

Sunday December 1, @ 6:00pm

"An Evening Of Praise Gospel Concert"

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Blasco Library 106 East Front Street Erie, PA

Sunday December 1, @ 10:00pm

"This Joy" In The House

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Special Mix Performance of : "This Joy"

Zone Dance Club 133 West 18th Street Erie, PA

Monday December 9, @ 9pm

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I am very honored that I got a promotion with Marriage Equality for Pennsylvania today. David Moore and Joshua Adam Szczesny has promoted me to the position of Regional Co -Director of the Erie ME4PA chapter with Hayley Borgia. I am so honored and touched to given this platform to make Erie County and the City of Erie a no hate zone and equality for all! Like I committed before, I am on a quest to make Erie shine and to make E the in Erie also mean Equality! Please go to the *new* facebook page Erie County ME4PA and follows us along our journey! We have events and gatherings coming up! Stay tuned!

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~ Jason Brendel

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Detailed calendar listings in our online calendar
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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 24 (Thu) - M&J’s Halloween Party & Contest
(M & J’s Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5.00 Cover Charge BYOB Please no outside mixers, soda, or food. (724) 602-8447. JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

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/.

Oct 26 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Stroh-

meyer. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie>

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) 8 PM. \$5. BYOB snacks provided, prizes for best costume. Contact: Roxanne. Phone: (814) 673-8400. Email: latoniaballroom@gmail.com.

Oct 26 (Sat) - The Undead Ball (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Pkwy, Jamestown, NY) 11 PM. Hosted by Liza Summers and Anita Waistline featuring the cast of STARZ and big name special guest performers. If you wear a costume you will automatically be entered into our “most hideous costume” and “sexiest costume” contests. Photo opportunities before and after the show with the STARZ cast!!! 5 cover. (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.

Oct 30 (Wed) - Lunafest at Venango College (Robert W. Rhoades Center/Clarion University-Venango Campus, 1801 W First St, Oil City, PA) 7 PM. Short films by, for, and about women -- benefitting PCC



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Nov 1 (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>.

Nov 1 (Fri) - Pajama Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Nov 2 (Sat) - Masquerade Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 Cover. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

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Penn State-Erie (Behrend Campus), Erie, PA) 8 AM - 4:30 PM. GEAE is sponsoring the event, and we are co-sponsored by Penn State Bherend. Phone: (866) 229-1974. Email: GEAEinfo@gmail.com. Browse to <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Nov 2 (Sat) - Miss Gay Chautauqua County Pageant (Skybar, 108 Fairmount Parkway, Jamestown, NY) 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.

Nov 4 (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



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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.

Nov 7 - "Community Conversations" 7-9pm Christ Community United Methodist Church, 205 Duffy Road Butler, PA 16001 (412)518-1515. Details on page 4 of this issue.

Nov 8 (Fri) - Sports Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA) \$5 cover. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Nov 9 (Sat) - Drag Queen Bingo (Erie Clown Hall, 512 Kelso Drv, Erie, PA) 6 PM - 9 PM. Doors open at 4:30. \$20 admission, Help NW PA Pride Alliance

put on Pride events in Erie while having a great time! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: president@nwpapride.org. Browse to www.nwpapride.org.

Nov 10 (Sun) - LBT Women meets (Zodiac Dinor, 2516 State, Erie.) 12 noon. LFinch003@neo.rr.com.

Nov 10 (Sun) - 21th Annual Miss Tri-State All-Star Pageant & 9th Annual Mr. Tri-State All-Star Contest (Cabaret at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave. Pittsburgh, PA) 7:30 PM. Cash Bar & Food Menu. Pageant tickets: \$25 adv/\$30 door. Reserved tables (4 seats) \$100. Contact: Kierra Darshell. Email: info@kierradarshall.com. Browse to www.kierradarshell.com/pageantinfo1.htm.

Nov 11 (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 transgendered 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.

Nov 12 (Tue) - Bears Do Dinner (Casablanca Grill, 2174 W 8th St, 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. Phone: (814) 446-2327. Venue Phone: (814) 452-4544. Email: info@drenchedfur.com. Browse to drenchedfur.com.

Nov 14 (Thu) - 7th Annual Trigon Drag Show (McGarvey Commons, Penn State-Erie (Behrend Campus), Erie, PA) 7:30 PM. Admission: Free. Black and White Affair is the theme. There will be an amateur drag contest so dress up and show us your sass. As Ru Paul says, get ready to lip sync for your life! First and second place will receive prizes. This will be



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Nov 15 (Fri) - Deadline for Erie Gay News December 2013 print edition Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA. Issue released evening of Nov 26. (814) 456-9833. info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 15 (Fri) - Disco Party (M & J's Lounge, 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA 16001) Come and check out our new dance floor lights. \$5.00 Cover Charge BYOB Please NO outside Mixers, Soda, or Food. Must be a member or you can purchase a membership. Open Fri. & Sat. 9:30-2:00. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Nov 16 (Sat) - Scavenger Hunt (M & J's Lounge, 124

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Nov 17 (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/.

Nov 18 (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. 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.

Nov 19 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discus-

sion 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.

Nov 20 (Wed) - GEAE 3rd Wednesday Happy Hour (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry, Erie) 5-8PM. (866) 229-1974. info@gmail.com. <http://greaterericealliance.com/>.

Nov 20 - 24 (Wed - Sun) - Lake Erie Gala (Avalon Hotel & Conference Center, 16 W 10th St, Erie, PA 16501) Annual event for Erie Sisters Transgender Support Group. Phone: (440) 265-8191. Email: shub1@suite224.net. Browse to <http://eriesisters.ning.com/>.

Nov 22 (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. 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.

Nov 23 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets 2 - 5pm at Mental Health Association of NW PA (1101 Peach St. Erie, PA) Contact: Caitlyn Strohmeier. (814) 823-1969. caitlyn_xpress@verizon.net. Browse to <https://www.facebook.com/TransfamilyOfErie>

Nov 24 (Sun) - Transgender Day of Remembrance (Erie County Courthouse, 140 W 6th St, Erie PA) Details being firmed up for event as Erie Gay News was going to press. Please check EGN web site for specifics.

Nov 26 (Tue) - Erie Gay News Folding/Distribution Work Party (Mental Health Association of Northwestern PA, 1011 Peach St, Erie, PA) Help us get out the print edition of EGN. All ages welcome! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. www.eriegaynews.com.

Dec 1 - World AIDS Day

Dec 1 (Sun) - An Evening Of Praise Gospel Concert (Erie County Public Library, 160 E Front St, Erie, PA 16507) 6 PM. Special Guest Vernessa Mitchell & The Windy City Spiritualaires

Dec 1 (Sun) - Erie Awareness Outreach Presents 'This Joy' In The House (Zone Dance Club, 133 W

On our Website

LOCAL PHOTOS & VIDEOS

- Shakira and Ebony discuss their engagement arrangements
- Breast Cancer Awareness Weekend Performances
- NWPACandidates Night
- Erie Pride Parade & Rally
- September Bear Bar Night

NEWS

- Equality Pennsylvania President Adrian Shanker Concludes his Service as President
- Equality Pennsylvania Endorses Equality Champions for November Election
- The Trevor Project, Campus Pride and Kognito Interactive Release Trio of Safety-Net Programs for Secondary and Higher Education
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Calendar

18th St, Erie, PA1) 10 PM. With Michelle Michaels and The Erie FACE Cast. Special Live Performance by: Vernessa Mitchell. Special Mix Performance of "This Joy" to venue web site www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Dec 9 (Mon) - Erie Awareness Outreach Presents Twerkland (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 9 PM. Featuring Special Guest DJ. 9p - 10p special electronic music set. 11:00pm Show: featuring some of Erie's Best Female & Male Illusionists. Cash Prizes: Best Chest & Best Twerker in the House. 18yr. to Party, 21yrs. to Drink (cover.) State ID Required for Admission. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 14 - Renaissance City Choirs: "Holiday Concert: Welcome Home", 7:30 pm East Liberty Presbyterian Church Sanctuary 116 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA <http://rcppittsburgh.com>

Dec 14-15 North Coast Men's Chorus "Keeping the Yuletide Gay" Hanna Theatre @ PlayhouseSquare 2067 E. 14th St. Cleveland, OH www.ncmchorus.org

"Joy"

a night of
Michelle Michael's
& The Face Show
@ THE ZONE DANCE CLUB 133 W.18TH ERIE, PA

SUNDAY DEC. 1
Special Guest Appearance
VERNESSA MITCHELL
Performing Live

Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Begins
<i>A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Film Noir</i>	October 25
<i>Margarita DVD</i>	October 29
<i>The Elusive Footprint</i>	November 1
<i>Growing Up Golem</i> by Donna Mikowitz	November 5
<i>But You Like Really Dated?</i> by Ryan Casey	November 8
Betty Who <i>The Movement</i> EP	November 12
<i>Kill Your Darlings</i> prize pack	November 15
<i>And While We Were Here</i> DVD	November 19
<i>Bad Idea</i> by Damon Suede	November 22
<i>Perfect Wedding</i> DVD	December 3

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
Michael Todd True Organics Skincare, Lorde - <i>Pure Heroine</i>	October 25
<i>Laurence Anyways</i> DVD, V V Brown <i>Samson & Delilah</i>	October 29
<i>We Own The Night</i> from The Wanted, <i>Machete Kills</i> Poster Prize Pack	November 1
<i>Live Once Very Equally</i>	November 5
Justin and DeMarco - <i>Safe</i> , Katy Perry <i>Roar</i> remix CD	November 8
<i>Horror Films FAQ</i>	November 12

More contests at eriegaynews.com! Sign up for the Erie GLBT News and Events email list at our web site, and you will get first notice on new contests PLUS news and upcoming events! Over 1,000 people have won a prize!

☆☆☆ VOTERS GUIDE ☆☆☆

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

These were the questions for all races:

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

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

MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Would you support lobbying Erie's mayor to sign onto Freedom to Marry's Mayors for Equality (<http://www.freedomtomarry.org/pages/mayors-for-the-freedom-to-marry>), which currently has over 300 US mayors, including 7 from Pennsylvania.

ANTI-BULLYING

What is your position on comprehensive local legislation for students concerning bullying in schools? If other categories are enumerated, do you support also including sexual orientation and gender identity/expression?

LGBT SUPPORT

If elected, would you pledge to speak about LGBT equality issues to not only the LGBT community, but at public meetings that are not LGBT-specific audiences?

OTHER

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

ERIE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Not Responding: Don Tucci (R)

Anti-Discrimination

Kathleen Dahlkemper (D)

Yes, I have a proven public record of protecting citizen's rights when it comes to their real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. While serving in Congress, I proudly voted in favor of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which expanded existing federal hate crime law to include crimes provoked by someone's real or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity. When elected as Erie County Executive, I will ensure that our local government will not discriminate against any person based on their real or perceived sexual orientation. I will continue to support equality for every citizen of Erie County and will correspond with any level of government on the issue of equality.

Marriage Equality

Kathleen Dahlkemper (D)

Yes, I would support lobbying Erie's mayor to sign onto the Freedom to Marry Mayors for Equality.

Anti-Bullying

Kathleen Dahlkemper (D)

I would support comprehensive local legislation for bullying not only in schools but in business and our local government offices. I believe there should be a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying and the intimidation of others. I would support categories that included sexual orientation and gender identity/expression.

LGBT Support

Kathleen Dahlkemper (D)

As your County Executive I would represent all citizens of Erie County in public hearings including those in the LGBT community.

Other

Kathleen Dahlkemper (D)

I am the proud mother of a gay son and have a personal understanding of the issues that the LGBT community faces each day. As a legislator, I proudly cosponsored and voted in favor of legislation that repealed Don't Ask - Don't Tell, so that every person can serve our nation proudly and as your County Executive I will continue to push for equality for every citizen.

COUNTY COUNCIL District 2

Anti Discrimination

Andre Horton (D)

My whole life has been shaped, molded and centered on service. I learned at a very early age that all people are created and should be treated equal. I learned the Golden Rule. My parents were activist and Freedom Fighters. I've been discriminated against in ways one shouldn't have to be subjected to. I know the sting of being stereotyped solely on the color of my skin. Ouch, still to this day in 2013.

With all of those things in mind, I say not yes but HELL YEAH to the question on anti-discrimination.....

Ned Smith (R)

Yes. I would encourage our legislative delegation to introduce and/or support such legislation through resolution and other appropriate means.

Marriage Equality

Andre Horton (D)

I have no problem supporting Marriage Equality myself because that is what I believe, but I have to say NO; I would not try to legislate what the City of Erie's Mayor's position on signing his signature to such a document or not. I would share with the mayor

my personal thoughts and beliefs on the matter. I see nothing wrong with EGN asking the mayor to clarify his position.

Ned Smith (R)

No. I do not think it is Council's place to tell an elected official of a jurisdiction that has no influence on legislative outcomes what to do, think or say. This is the mayor's decision to make.

Anti-Bullying

Andre Horton (D)

At present I don't have a position on comprehensive local legislation. In fact I'm not even sure what the question is. (Too broad for interpretation. Willing to look at it though). My views on bullying and violence are widely known. My record and the work that I do in the community speaks for itself. One would be hardpressed to find any Public Servant (Elected Official) that is more hands on in that area. Of course I support this.

Ned Smith (R)

Since 2008, Pennsylvania law mandates that all school districts have an anti-bullying policy and program in place, and that policy be updated every three years. Many of the school districts include sexual orientation as one category of bullying; by all means, those that do not include such wording should do so. I support House Bill 156, recently introduced and referred to committee, as an improved anti-bullying bill.

LGBT Support

Andre Horton (D)

No I will not make this Pledge. Not necessary that I do so. I just resigned from the Presidency of the Local NAACP Branch. I vow to always speak out against any form of discrimination, Regardless of one's race, ethnicity, creed, religion, disability, sexual identity, whatever. and not because you're asking because I want to serve. That's not what I do, that's who I am.

Ned Smith (R)

Yes.

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Other

Andre Horton (D)

Thank you again for this opportunity to engage on such very important matters. Keep up the good work and I look forward to serving as your Representative in the 2nd Legislative District of County Council.

Ned Smith (R)

I am a lifelong Erie resident and have lived on the west bayfront for the last 26 years, My career has been spent in educational technology, I have served on the Erie School Board (2003-2007) and am a Commissioner of the Housing Authority of the City of Erie, appointed by the mayor. I am honest, fair and dedicated to efficient and effective government on all levels.

COUNTY COUNCIL District 4

Anti Discrimination

Jay Breneman (D)

Yes I do support anti-discrimination legislation at all levels of government. I will do my part to build the groundswell of support within the Erie Region, demonstrating to the Commonwealth that equality and fairness cannot wait, and that inaction or failure to act justly is not acceptable.

Marriage Equality

Jay Breneman (D)

I believe all public servants have an obligation to actively work for equality. I will call on all public servants to be accountable to justice and the greater good of all our citizens.

Anti-Bullying

Jay Breneman (D)

I have actively worked on localized anti-bullying,

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safe-zone, and GSA recognition campaigns across the country, and on larger equality campaigns across the world. Lives are truly at risk until we afford the protections that all people--particularly our children--deserve. All levels of our community (public and private) must work proactively on this matter, and I will continue to pursue this by every means possible.

LGBT Support

Jay Breneman (D)

Absolutely. I will continue to serve as a true ally by pursuing and achieving victories for justice and equality through true and earnest action, because equality has been--and will continue to be--a top priority for my life's work.

Other

Jay Breneman (D)

I believe Erie County should follow the example set by Pittsburgh and Philadelphia by providing a Domestic Partner Registry and extending health care benefits to the partners of Erie County employees.

Furthermore, as a member of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, Erie County must push for equality to be included in their organizational platform.

But this is not enough. Erie can no longer stay idle on the matter of equality. We must break our self-imposed shackles and make our Erie Region a true leader for justice and equality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our great nation.

COUNTY COUNCIL District 6

Not Responding: Edward DiMattio (R-Incumbent),.



ERIE CITY MAYOR

Anti Discrimination

Joe Sinnott (D - Incumbent)

I do not object to legislation amending the PA Human Relations statute to protect from discrimination against those with real sexual orientation or gender identity/expression. I do not support a category for perceived sexual orientation or gender identity/expression because the definition of perception has been problematic in other discrimination areas such as Title VII and the American with Disabilities Act. This is to say that I am against according a right to an individual who in fact does not have a disability or a sexual orientation, but seeks protected class status by charging organizations like the City with an ill motive because of an alleged "perception" of an individual. The intention of such legislation is noble but its practice has been imperfect.

I will make my position known to our local state government delegation.

Marriage Equality

Joe Sinnott (D - Incumbent)

At this time, I am not intending to sign onto the Freedom to Marry's Mayors for Equality.

Anti-Bullying

Joe Sinnott (D - Incumbent)

I am against bullying of any kind. With that said, I do not favor local legislation to address bullying in schools. I do not believe such local legislation will have a deterrent effect. At present, local municipalities have the limited authority to enact penal statutes for summary offenses only. Any greater penalty must be enacted by the State Assembly. Further, our public schools employ their own security force which is better suited to enforce school rules forbidding bullying.

LGBT Support

Joe Sinnott (D - Incumbent)

It has not been my practice nor do I feel it comes within the duties of the Mayor to advocate on behalf of any particular group's rights. As a general matter, I support all individual liberties that are embraced by or enacted into Pennsylvania statutes or derived from court decision construing Pennsylvania law or the constitutions of Pennsylvania and the United States.

ERIE CITY COUNCIL

Not Responding: Curtis Jones Jr (D-Incumbent), Jim Winarski (D-Incumbent)

Anti Discrimination

Dave Brennan (D-Incumbent)

As a member of Erie City Council for the past year, I have, and always will, represent and serve all of the citizens of Erie regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity / expression, religious beliefs, age, race, or gender. I would be in support of legislation that provides equal protection to all persons regardless of these attributes.

As a representative of the citizens of Erie, I would contact our State Representatives in order to advocate for the passage of this type of Bill with the end goal of eliminating discrimination.

Casimir J 'Kaz' Kwitowski (D)

Yes I do. I have many friends who are state legislators, and were co-sponsors to this bill. I will contact those and others soliciting their support to pass this bill. Why will I do this? Because it is the right thing to do.

Marriage Equality

Dave Brennan (D-Incumbent)

I believe that local government works best when elected officials can work collaboratively towards common goals. To that end, I will work with the Mayor and my fellow council members to determine the City's most effective role to ensure that all residents have equal protections and opportunities in Pennsylvania.

Casimir J 'Kaz' Kwitowski (D)

Yes I would.

Anti-Bullying

Dave Brennan (D-Incumbent)

I am the father of a two children, one in grade school and one in high school. Bullying has been a subject discussed many times in our household. Bullying can be physical or verbal abuse and can lower a child's self esteem and also cause long term emotional damage. Our community should stand up against bullying in all forms.

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Casimir J ‘Kaz’ Kwitowski (D)

We need legislation at all levels to protect everyone from bullying. Bullying is an all-inclusive problem. No one is safe. And yes sexual orientation and gender Identity/expression should be included. As I taught my kids, People who make fun of people in front of you might be making fun of you in front of other people. All people deserve respect and consideration.

LGBT Support

Dave Brennan (D-Incumbent)

As an elected official and also as a private citizen, I support equality on ANY issue and would be willing to speak out in support of equality regardless of the audience.

Casimir J ‘Kaz’ Kwitowski (D)

Yes I would. All issues are relevant at all public meetings. As an elected public official I represent all the citizens of the City of Erie. I always have and always will. That is my promise.

Other

Dave Brennan (D-Incumbent)

I am a “hands-on” community leader, a professional architect / planner and I am truly committed my hometown of Erie! As a forward thinking and innovative member of Erie City Council, I am uniquely qualified to creatively tackle the complexity of challenges that currently face our City. My education, skills, and experience has enabled me to define problems, listen to citizen’s concerns and needs, and present creative solutions. I am also the Director of Planning & Design for the Economic Development Corporation.

Being a professional architect and planner, I am a trained “consensus builder”. I am not a career politician and I will continue to represent, collaborate, and proactively engage the citizens and community groups of Erie who share the same vision to make Erie a prosperous place to live. My vision includes; healthy neighborhoods, a thriving downtown, a strong economy, and a vibrant quality of life! I strongly believe that the future prosperity of our City will be determined by our local leader’s ability to build relationships with our community and work as a team to solve our problems and plan for our future. For more information on my

EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, and VISION, please visit my website and Facebook pages at the following locations: www.DaveBrennanErie.com and <https://www.facebook.com/DavidBrennanforErie/>

John Evans (R - Incumbent)

These comments were made for the spring primary guide. Mr. Evans did attend the “Meet the Candidates Night” event hosted by NW PA Pride.

I received your letter and questionnaire regarding my views on gay rights issues. As you know, I am running to retain my seat on Erie City Council. While one can never predict the future, it seems unlikely to me that any significant gay rights issue will come before City Council as these issues are most frequently considered at the Federal and state government levels. Therefore, I do not see any rationale for having a position, as a City Councilman, on this issue.

Furthermore, I am concerned that your group would focus on this issue in a local municipal election. By far, the most pressing problem our community faces is the vanishing financial support from the Federal and state governments and all the challenges to maintaining city services that are arising as a result. While I respect the passion your group has for the gay rights issue, it, and any other national issue, has reviewed the context of the most pressing problems facing our local community. That is why I chose not to express an opinion as a local elected official; I think it would detract from our attention to more important local problems.

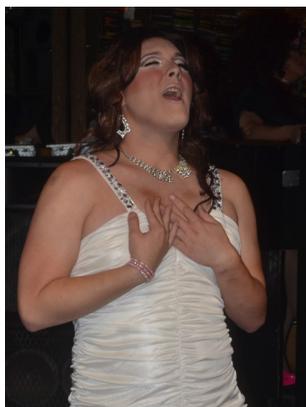
However, speaking as a private citizen, I have long been an advocate of changing the tax code to recognize gay couples in a more equal manner and am pleased to have several gay couples in my professional practice. I wish you great success pursuing your goals at the state and national levels.

Casimir J ‘Kaz’ Kwitowski (D)

As an elected official I have always had an open door policy. Anyone can find my phone number in the book. I have taken many oaths both as a soldier and an elected official. I believe in the constitution and the protection of its citizens and the rights bestowed upon them. What makes our country great is its diversity. Sometimes we forget that. I have many friends, from all facets of this world. Know this about me. I’m open minded and will always listen to your concerns.

Breast Cancer Awareness Benefit Photo Gallery

Performers included Michelle Michaels, Jill Jameson, Celine Dashawn, Mr. Manny, Cammy Seoul, Lovin' Heart, Trista Towers, Velvet Lace, Sascha Alexander, Damone Morris our Akirah Hurricane, Misty Kall & Taylor Morgan. More photos of the event on our website.





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