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## Erie Gay News



### 2014 Primary Candidate Forum on April 16

*from NW PA Pride Alliance*

NW PA Pride Alliance and other co-sponsoring groups are presenting a Candidate Forum on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 PM at First Niagara Bank Community Room, 801 State St, Erie PA. (Enter by the E 8th St door). There is no charge to attend, and there will be light refreshments served.

Please come to learn more about where candidates stand on issues affecting the LGBT community! Co-sponsoring organizations currently include NW PA Pride Alliance, Erie Gay News, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, LBT Women of Erie, Marriage Equality for PA, NW PA NOW, Pennsylvania Student Equality Coalition, Persad Center, PFLAG of Erie & Crawford Counties, and TransFamily of Erie Support Group.

### Laramie Project theatre group comes to Mercyhurst April 24

*from Mercyhurst Theatre Program*

The Mercyhurst Theatre Program will present *The Laramie Project* by Moisés Kaufman and the Members of Tectonic Theater Project on April 24.

Background: In October 1998 a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming was kidnapped, severely beaten and left to die, tied to a fence in the middle of the prairie outside Laramie, Wyoming. He died several days later in an area hospital. His name was Matthew Shepard, and he was the victim of this assault because he was gay. Moisés Kaufman and fellow members of the Tectonic Theater Project made six trips to Laramie over the course of a year and a half in the aftermath of the beating and during the trial of the two young men accused of killing Shepard. They conducted more than 200 interviews with the people of the town. Kaufman and Tectonic Theater members have constructed a deeply moving theatrical experience from these interviews and their own experiences.

*The Laramie Project* will be performed on April 24



*Veronica and Alex share some thoughts after the Equality PA Kickoff on March 13. Article on page 6, more photos on our website.*

*Photo by Deb Spilko*

at Mercyhurst University, Taylor Little Theatre, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA 8 PM - 12:20 AM. Adult \$10, Senior/Student/PC \$7 Youth/MUSTu w/ID - \$5. Browse to [www.mercyhurst.edu/](http://www.mercyhurst.edu/).

### Craze Night Club says goodbye

*By Anthony J. Gressley*

On March 23, 2014 at 2am, Craze Night Club closed its doors for the final time.

For six years, Craze provided a fun and safe place for all of the LGBT community. We provided the *only* true college night in the area, allowing all adult members of the LGBT community a safe place to freely express themselves without fear of persecution or judgment.

Craze has been a part of the LGBT community and the greater Erie area as a whole since our inception. We have hosted and sponsored events throughout Erie, including Marriage Equality for Pennsylvania and the

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Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com.

# Community News

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Greater Erie Alliance for Equality and co-sponsoring Dramashop's staged reading of Dustin Lance Black's 8.

Over these six years, the Craze Stage has seen performers from New York City, Chicago, Orlando, Seattle, San Francisco, as well as the Erie triangle (Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Buffalo). Our stage was where a lot of performers got their start. Lola LeCroix, Cammy Seoul, Sasha Alexander, Akirah Hurricane, and Lovin Heart were all born on our stage.

Within our walls, new and lasting friendships were formed and relationships were born. Several couples met here and are now engaged or married. I, personally, have friendships that wouldn't exist without Craze, and for that I couldn't be more thankful.

Thank you goes to all of our staff, performers, and patrons. It is because of you we've been here as long as we have.

As our closing of college night goes, "We love you, Erie, but unfortunately it's time to go."

## PSU Behrend LGBTQ conference Apr 11-12

*Info from Sarah Whitney*

Representatives from thirteen campuses from across the Pennsylvania State University will gather together for an unprecedented conference on LGBTQ issues April 11-12

Topics include: *LGBTQ Youth and Family, Queering Penn State History, Achieving A More Welcoming Community At Penn State Workshop, Student Discussions of Faith and LGBTQ issues, Queer Representations in Television, from Downton Abbey to Starz' Spartacus, Assessing Queer and Trans Climate Studies* (special guest Susan Rankin), *HIV/AIDS in Research and Memory, ENDA and Workplace Issues, Address by the PSU Commission on LGBTQ Equity*, and much, much more!

Panels and workshops are free and open to the public. There is no fee to register. We merely ask that you send your name to our email at [psu.lgbtq@gmail.com](mailto:psu.lgbtq@gmail.com) and we will make you a nametag. For full schedule visit article on EGN homepage.

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## Get in on the fun at DF10 at Splash Lagoon

by Gary Snyder

Been thinking about joining the guys of Drenched Fur? Wanted to go to Splash Lagoon but with just a group of good guys and no children? It's that time of year again! The largest group of bears for Drenched Fur 10 invite you to join them in April.

On Thursday, April 10th, Drenched Fur 10 will be kicking things off with the early arrivals for a night of Karaoke at Victor's inside the Clarion Hotel and Bel-Aire Conference Center, at 2800 West 8th Street. Then on Friday, April 11th, the weekend continues when local guys can join us at the Zone, 133 W 18th St, Erie PA, standard cover charge at the door. Wrapping up the weekend is our exclusive event at the Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park Resort. The event is from 10 PM-2 AM and the admission is \$40 per person.

If community members wish to participate in the private event at Splash Lagoon, or at the Clarion

Hotel, there is a 21 and over age limit because of the presence of alcohol for events. The Splash Lagoon Event is sponsored by DF10 and is part of Erie's Bear Run Weekend.

Over 250 visitors are expected from around the USA. The full listing of events for the weekend can be found at the Drenched Fur website and include a local tours, charity auction for the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation, vendor market, and more! Commemorative DF10 beach towels are also available to order via our website at [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com).

For more information contact DF10 Run Coordinator, Gary at [gnsnyder@drenchedfur.com](mailto:gnsnyder@drenchedfur.com) or leave a message at 814-446-2327.

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*by NW PA Pride Alliance*

As the Northwest PA (NW PA) Pride Alliance begins its fourth year, we are delighted to see how much we have grown in such a short amount of time. The support of individuals and organizations in our community has been the catalyst for furthering the Alliance's mission: Improving the visibility of the LG-BTQIA community and facilitating communication and collaboration between groups and individuals. We are asking for your support in 2014.

Donors like you make it possible for the Alliance to organize, sponsor, and/or host events such as the Pride March/Rally, Candidate Forums, and the Pride Picnic. The Alliance also participates in various community events to promote awareness of LGBTQIA issues, and supports the efforts and activities of other groups dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the LGBTQIA community.

To maximize the impact of your contribution and be included on the T-shirt and other promotional materials, please have donations in by Saturday, April 26th. Have checks payable to NW PA Pride Alliance, Inc., or include retail value of any non-monetary donations.

Please feel free to contact Michael Mahler at [president@nwpaupride.org](mailto:president@nwpaupride.org) or (814) 456-9833 if you need any additional info. Thank you very much for your consideration. Please see the NW PA Pride or Erie Gay News web site for full details.



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# Erie Area Equality PA kickoff meeting

by Mike Mahler

On Thursday, March 13th, over 20 people gathered to learn more about PA HB 300/SB300. This proposed legislation would amend Pennsylvania's Human Relations Commission to include sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

The event was organized by Shanea Leonard, Western Regional Organizer for Equality PA.

In addition to concerned community members, several organizations were represented at the meeting—the Erie Gay News, Erie Sisters, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Marriage Equality for PA, NW PA Pride Alliance, PFLAG of Erie & Crawford Counties, and TransFamily of Erie. A special thanks is extended to Drenched Fur, Erie Gay News, Greater Erie Alliance for Equality, Marriage Equality for PA, NW PA Pride Alliance and PFLAG Erie & Crawford Counties for providing refreshments.

Shanea also discussed the importance of being involved in this effort. Whether you can donate a lot of time or just a few hours, there are many ways to help raise awareness and support for this important legislation.

A social event will be planned to learn more about the legislation and how you can help. Please check back at the Erie Gay News web site for date/specifics.

To learn more or get involved, contact Kelly Kidd (Erie Area Team Leader) at [erieequality@gmail.com](mailto:erieequality@gmail.com) or Shanea Leonard (Western Regional Organizer) at [sleonard@equalitypa.org](mailto:sleonard@equalitypa.org) or (464) 612-5815.



*Laura Chandler, Tom Flynn Ricci, and Josh Szczesny.*



*Shanea Leonard, Diana Ames, and Kelly Kidd. Kelly is the Erie area representative.*



*Kathy Czarnecki-Smith, Daniel Thomas, Will Koehler*

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**Mar 26 (Wed) - Candlelight Vigil for Equality** (Erie Federal Courthouse, 17 South Park Row, Erie, PA) 7 PM - 8:15 PM. To commemorate the 1 year anniversary of the Oral Arguments before the US Supreme Court for DOMA and Prop 8, we hold this rally to show we have a long road to follow for equality in PA. [me4pa2@gmail.com](mailto:me4pa2@gmail.com) [www.me4pa.org](http://www.me4pa.org).

**Mar 28 (Fri) - LBT Women of Erie go to Division II women's basketball championship game** (Erie Insurance Arena, 809 French St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Join Kim & Andrea. If you are planning on attending let me know and I can tell you where we are sitting. Contact: Kim. (814) 314-9512 [ErieBeans@aol.com](mailto:ErieBeans@aol.com).

**Mar 28 (Fri) - Bear Bar Night** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Monthly Bear Bar Night. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327 [info@drenchedfur.com](mailto:info@drenchedfur.com) [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com).

**Mar 31 (Mon) - Southern Tier Trans Network lecture: Trans 101 and Why did they stick the T to the LGB's** (James Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry St, Jamestown, NY 14701) 6:45 PM. The lecture commemorates the International Day of Transgender Visibility, an annual event designed to educate the communities trans people live in about the lives of transgender people and their contributions to our society. [www.susans.org](http://www.susans.org) Contact: Helen Walther. Phone: (716) 720-1479. Venue Phone: (716) 484-7135. Browse to <http://www.southerntiertrans.org>. Browse to venue web site <http://www.prendergastlibrary.org/>.

**Apr 2 (Wed) - LBT Women at Film at Erie Art Museum** (7pm, doors open at 6pm, refreshments are available for purchase), \$5

**Apr 4 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour)** (Andy's Pub and Crown Billiards, 3866 Peach St, Erie, PA) 6-8 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.

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**Apr 4 - Colors Unity "Rock -N-Bowl"** 290 Seaward Ave, Bradford PA 10PM-midnight, \$13/person. RSVP and payment due by 4/1. Find on Facebook. [colors.14760@gmail.com](mailto:colors.14760@gmail.com)

**Apr 6 (Sun) - On Screen/In Person Series: "United in Anger: A History of Act-Up"** (Mercyhurst University, Taylor Little Theatre, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 2 PM. Inspiring documentary about the birth and life of the AIDS activist movement from the perspective of the people in the trenches fighting the epidemic. Utilizing oral histories of members of ACT UP, as well as rare archival footage, the film depicts the efforts of ACT UP as it battles corporate greed, social indifference, and government neglect. The filmmaker will be present for a Q&A following the film. \$6 adults, \$5 students/seniors, \$4 PC holders, \$1 for Mercyhurst students (with ID) [www.mercyhurst.edu/](http://www.mercyhurst.edu/).

**Apr 6 (Sun) - PFLAG Butler meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson St., Butler, PA)

5 PM. (724) 602-8447. [president@pflagbutler.com](mailto:president@pflagbutler.com). [www.pflagbutler.com](http://www.pflagbutler.com).

**Apr 6 (Sun) - Rite of Offering by Whispering Lake Grove** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) 5:30pm, ritual to begin 6:00pm. Whispering Lake Grove, A.D.F. exists as a chartered subsidiary, branch and/or division of Ar nDraiocht Fein, A Druid Fellowship, Inc. Info: Rev. Carrion Mann at [carrionmann@gmail.com](mailto:carrionmann@gmail.com) or Rev. Christopher Temple at [grollwynn72@hotmail.com](mailto:grollwynn72@hotmail.com). [www.whisperinglakegrove.org/](http://www.whisperinglakegrove.org/).

**Apr 7 (Mon) - Annual Take Back the Night March and Community Rally** (Perry Square, Erie, PA) 7 PM - 8:30 PM. Free and open to the public as men and women of all ages come together as allies in order to take a stand against sexual violence. Gather and march, speakers and facts shared along the way before concluding the march inside Gannon University's Yehl Ballroom where survivors and others are invited to speak out and break the silence by sharing their stories.

**Apr 9 (Wed) - R U 1 Too? / an LGBTQ chat**

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**Apr 9 (Wed) - LBT Women do Film at Erie Art Museum** (7pm, doors open at 6pm, refreshments are available for purchase), \$5

**Apr 10 - 13 (Thu - Sun) - Drenched Fur 10** (Bel-Aire Hotel and Conference Center, 2800 W 8th St, Erie, PA) Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. info@drenchedfur.com. www.drenchedfur.com.

**Apr 11 (Fri) - LBT Women at "Psycho Beach Party"** at Penn State Behrend Studio Theater, \$7 (Call 814-898-6242 for reservations. It's an off Broadway satire of 1960s beach films.)

**Apr 11-12 - LGBTQ Conference at PSU Behrend** Panels and workshops are free and open to the public. Students, staff, faculty, alumnae and community members are warmly welcomed! No fee to register, send your name to psu.lgbtq@gmail.com for nametag. For

full schedule visit article on EGN homepage.

**Apr 12 (Sat) - Veronyca's Showgirls: Movie Track Extravaganza** (Rockin' Ricks, 543 Spittler Lane, Limestone, NY) 10 PM. \$6 cover (702) 505-4771. www.myspace.com/rockinricks.

**Apr 13 (Sun) - LBT Women of Erie meeting at the Brew Ha Ha Coffee Shop**, Noon, 2612 W 8th St, Erie, PA (814) 833-2739; *(There may be a time change, so*



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**Apr 13 (Sun) - 1st Annual Mr & Miss Gay Niagara County Pageant** (Club Marcella, 622 Main St, Buffalo, NY) \$20 admissions includes a buffet at The Underground, after the pageant. (716) 846-6450. Email: [clubmarcellapromo@gmail.com](mailto:clubmarcellapromo@gmail.com). [www.clubmarcella.com/](http://www.clubmarcella.com/).

**Apr 14 (Mon) - Novelist Chuck Wendig speaks on gender diversity at PSU** Behrend 4 p.m. Rescheduled from previous date. Room 114 of the Reed Union Bldg. Info: Mara Taylor, lecturer in German/Woman Studies, at 814-898-6325 or email [mut13@psu.edu](mailto:mut13@psu.edu).

**Apr 14 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets** (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Hwy, Erie, PA) Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. 7 to 8:30 PM. Contact: Alex Sphon. (814) 367-3311. [pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com](mailto:pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com).

**Apr 14 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News May 2014 print edition** Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St,

Erie, PA. Issue released evening of Apr 22. (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com)

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**Apr 16 - GEAE Third Wed and Happy Hour event new location TBA**

**Apr 19 (Sun) - Michelle Michaels presents FACE** (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 11 PM. Fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new drag queens and special guests the 3rd Sunday of the month. (814) 452-0125. [www.thezonedanceclub.com/](http://www.thezonedanceclub.com/).

**Apr 22 (Tue) - Erie Gay News Folding/Distribution Work Party** (Mental Health Association of NW PA, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) Help us get out the print edition of EGN. All ages welcome! (814) 456-9833. [info@eriegaynews.com](mailto:info@eriegaynews.com). [www.eriegaynews.com](http://www.eriegaynews.com).

**Apr 23 (Wed) - Bears Do Dinner** (Famous Dave's, 7165 Peach St, Erie, PA 16509) 7 PM. Join the Bears for a casual dinner of food and fun! Dinner is on your own. Contact: Gary Snyder. (814) 446-2327. (814) 790-4205. [info@drenchedfur.com](mailto:info@drenchedfur.com). [www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com).

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**Apr 24-26 - Comedian Thomas Dale at JR's Last Laugh Comedy Club and Restaurant**, 1402 State, Erie, PA. From his website: "Standup comedian, writ-

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**Apr 24 (Thu) - The Laramie Project** (Mercyhurst University, Taylor Little Theatre, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 8 PM The Mercyhurst Theatre Program Presents: [www.mercyhurst.edu/](http://www.mercyhurst.edu/).

**Apr 25 (Fri) - LBT Women of Erie are going to Jr.'s Last Laugh** at 9:30 PM to see comedian Thomas Dale (\$12.50 per person; food and drinks available for purchase). Call or stop by the to add your name to our table (under the name "Kim Conti"). Jr.'s Last Laugh: 1402 State Street, Erie PA 16501, 814-461-0911

**Apr 25 - 27 (Fri - Sun) - Jones Pond Opening Weekend** - (9835 Old State Rd, Angelica, NY) Welcome to Season 24! (585) 567-8100. [info@jonespond.com](mailto:info@jonespond.com). [www.jonespond.com](http://www.jonespond.com).

**Apr 26 - 28 (Sat - Mon) - Camp Davis Opening Weekend** (311 Redbrush Rd, Boyers, PA) (724) 637-2402. [campd@aol.com](mailto:campd@aol.com). [www.campdavicampground.com](http://www.campdavicampground.com).

**Apr 26 (Sat) - TransFamily of Erie Support Group meets** (Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania, 1101 Peach St, Erie, PA) 2-5 PM. Refreshments, free parking is available in a lot to the south of MHA. Please bring a snack to share. Contact: Caitlyn (814) 823-1969.

**Apr 26 (Sat) - Erie Sisters meets** (Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 Perry Highway, Erie, PA) 7 PM. (440) 265-8191

**Apr 29 (Tue) - Butler LGBTQ Interfaith Network meets** (Covenant Presbyterian Church, 230 E. Jefferson Street, Butler, PA) 1 PM [www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork](http://www.facebook.com/ButlerLgbtqInterfaithNetwork).

**May 12 - Art for Change Benefit for Persad** Wyndham Grand in Downtown Pittsburgh <https://persadcenter.org/>

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## Online Contests

Here are new contests for this month...

Contest	Begins
<i>Best Gay Romance 2014</i>	March 28
<i>Les Miserables Live! Dream The Dream; Campaign of Hate: Russia</i>	April 1
<i>Best Gay Erotica 2014</i>	April 4
<i>Foolish Hearts: New Gay Fiction</i>	April 8
<i>Christ-Centered Consciousness</i> , by John Ryan	April 11
<i>Queens of the Apocalypse</i> , signed by Rob Rosen	April 15
<i>Stephen King Films FAQ</i> by Scott Von Doviak from Applause Books	April 18
<i>The Line</i> (Signed Copy) by J. D. Horn	April 22

Here are contests which are currently active..

Contest	Ends
<i>Hi Fashion You Are Gorgeous</i> EP	March 28
<i>Geography Club</i>	April 1
<i>Matt Zarley Somebody 4 Everybody</i>	April 4
<i>The Happy Sad; Symphonica</i> by George Michael	April 8
<i>Becoming</i> by Dr. Peter Morry; Elton John's <i>Goodbye Yellow Brick Road 40th Anniversary Edition</i> , <i>Shakira</i> self-titled album	April 11
<i>Dragons: Defenders of Berk</i> on DVD; <i>Karmin Pulses</i>	April 15

More contests at [erigaynews.com](http://erigaynews.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!

Saturday, April 12th  
10pm til 2am



**Private Water Park Event**  
Exclusive After \$40  
Hour Private Event

Splash Lagoon Indoor  
Water Park Resort



paid at the door or online  
[www.drenchedfur.com/registration](http://www.drenchedfur.com/registration)

**Bear Run Weekend**

**Thursday, April 10th**

10pm-close: Karaoke,  
Victor's Restaurant at the Clarion Hotel Lake Erie

**Friday, April 11th**

11am-4pm: Foodies Fun Time Tour or Bears Brews Cruise  
\$40 per person in advance, more details online  
11pm-close: Bear Bar Night at the



**Sunday, April 13th**

9am-11am:  
Bear Vendor Mall open to  
locals, Foyer of the  
Clarion Hotel Lake Erie

For more info, visit:  
[www.drenchedfur.com](http://www.drenchedfur.com)  
or call: 1-814-446-2327

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Wednesday

April 16th at 7 PM

**First Niagara Bank  
Community Room**

801 State Street • Erie, PA

Come learn where candidates  
stand on issues affecting  
the LGBT community!

**FREE admission!**

**FREE refreshments!**



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