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March for Marriage Equality



PPC board members collected more than five pages of signatures from ISU students who are interested in riding a bus to the Oct. 22 March on Springfield for Marriage Equality. The coalition collected the names at the Aug. 29 Festival ISU where PPC staffed a booth. PPC hopes to work with ISU Pride to coordinate a bus trip to the march.

The march will take place on Oct. 22, the scheduled first day of the fall veto session of the Illinois state legislature. It is part of a broad grassroots strategy to secure final passage of Senate Bill 10, the "Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act," already approved by the Illinois Senate. Once adopted by the Illinois House and

signed by Gov. Pat Quinn, Illinois will become the 14th state plus the District of Columbia, to treat all of its citizens equally under state

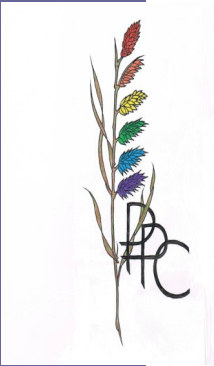
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PPC board member Gary Gletty offers information on the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality to an ISU student at the Aug. 29 Festival ISU. The event drew thousands of students, faculty, and staff members looking for information and opportunities to be involved.

McLean County AIDS Task Force

AIDS Run/Walk Set for Sept. 15



Runners, walkers, and volunteers are invited to the annual McLean County AIDS Task Force AIDS Walk/Run at 9 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Tipton Park North Pavilion on Bloomington's east side (corner of College Ave. and Airport Road).



Online registration through Sept. 11 is \$25 for walkers and runners. Register online by going to <https://secure.getmeregistered.com/> and type "AIDS Walk/Run" in the "search" field to find the event. A paper version of the entry form can be found at <http://www.lakerunclub.org/FormMenu.htm>.

Race-day registration will also be available at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds from the event will assist individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS in McLean County. Awards will go to overall male & female and top three finishers in age groups 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50+.

For more information visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/490360731040583/> or contact the task force at 309-827-2437 or mcاتف@mcاتف.org.

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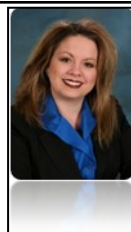
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Tasty Way to Show Support

Prairie Pride Coalition and PFLAG of Bloomington/Normal are having a bake sale from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 28 at the Bloomington Farmers' Market on the square downtown.

The groups applied for booth space which is available to tax-exempt community organizations.

A large variety of homemade baked goods will be available as well as information on the two organizations. All proceeds will be split among the two groups to help fund their programs and activities.

For more information about the farmers' market go to www.downtownbloomington.org/farmersmarket.



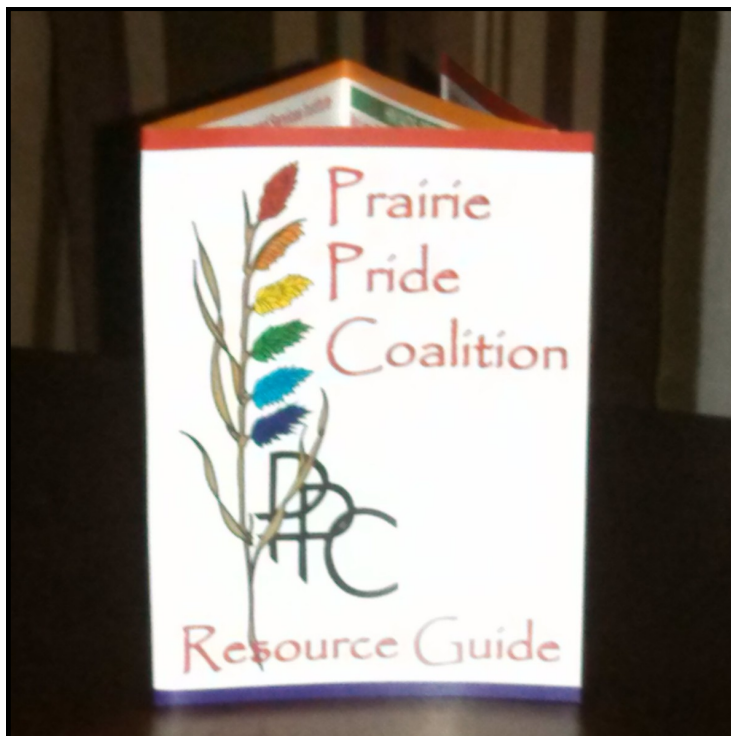
New: LGBT Guide for Local Resources

The Prairie Pride Coalition (PPC) has just published a pocket-sized resource guide that is chock full of valuable information about resources in our area.

The guide includes local LGBTQA resources; college/university LGBTQA resources; HIV/AIDS resources; state LGBTQA resources; central Illinois LGBTQA resources; and LGBTQA-friendly area businesses.

The guides are available at the Bistro, 316 N. Main Street in Bloomington. Copies will also be available at many of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

If you are an organization/business and would like copies of the guide or would like to be included in the next version of the guide, please contact the coalition at info@ppc-il.org.



March

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marriage laws.

More details are available on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/MarchOnSpringfieldForMarriageEquality> and on Twitter at @IllinoisMarches. Anyone interested in participating in a bus trip or helping with the coordination of a bus trip should e-mail the PPC at info@ppc-il.org.

Acclaimed Pedro Almodovar Comedy First Film Announced for 2013 Your Normal LGBT Film Festival

The final lineup has yet to be ironed out, but the Your Normal LGBT Film Festival is proud to announce that the first film secured for this year's festival is I'M SO EXCITED, the acclaimed gay farce from director Pedro Almodovar.

The film will be among several award-winning films to be screened at this year's festival which runs Oct. 16-20. All screenings will be at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal.

I'M SO EXCITED centers on a seemingly-doomed jet and its passengers. When it appears as though the end is in sight, the pilots, flight crew, and passengers of the plane heading to Mexico City look to forget the anguish of the moment and face the greatest danger, their own internal conflicts. The film's rich symbolism and ribald comic vitality is centered on a trio of flight attendants, gay men whose flamboyance contrasts with the strait-laced (and straight-laced) behavior of the closeted pilot and co-pilot, with whom two of them are having affairs.



The openly-gay director of such films as TALK TO

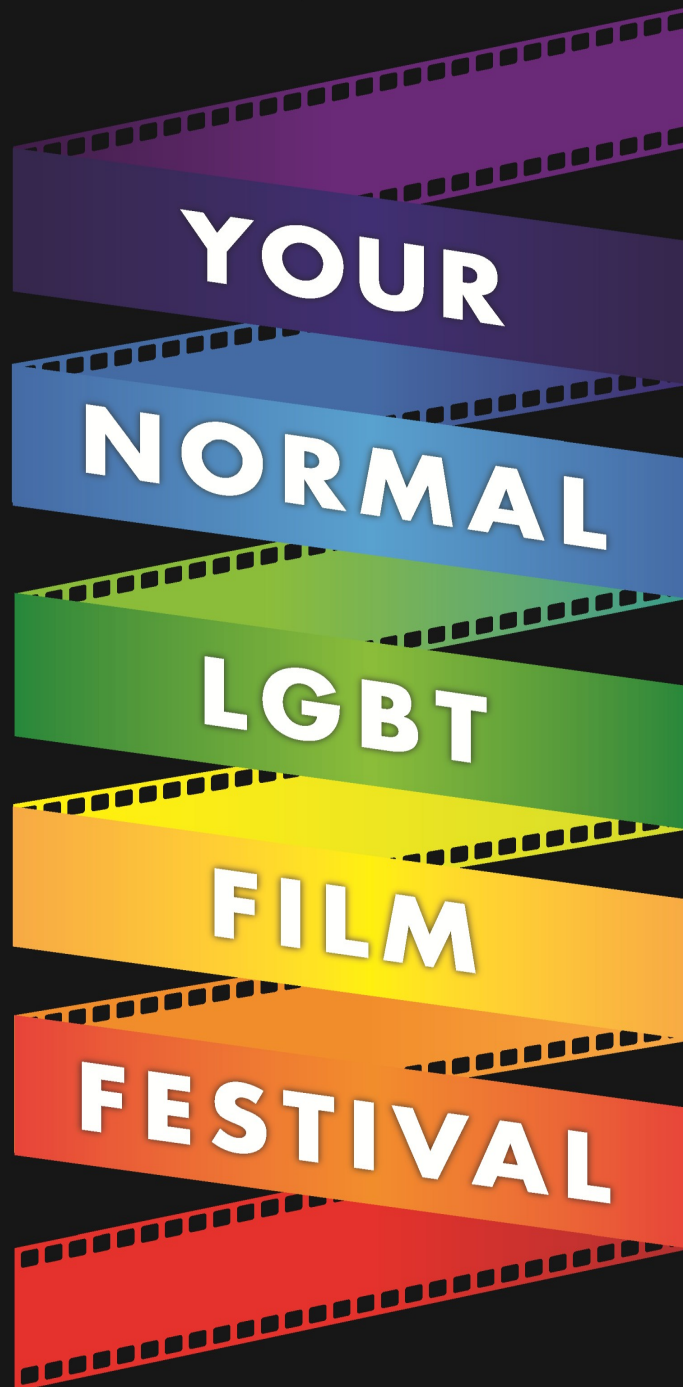
HER and WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN is hitting on all cylinders in this hilarious comedy.

A full schedule of screenings during the five-day festival will be available soon. For the latest updates read upcoming issues of our newsletter or visit the film festival's web site at www.yournormalfilmfest.com.

The Your Normal LGBT Film Festival is a cooperative effort of the Prairie Pride Coalition and the Normal Theater.

The Prairie Pride Coalition (PPC) is inviting interested parties to march together during the Morton Pumpkin Festival parade on Saturday, September 14th. A large turnout from the community at this event could really send a message in the fight for marriage equality! If you are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Anvick at eanvick@hotmail.com

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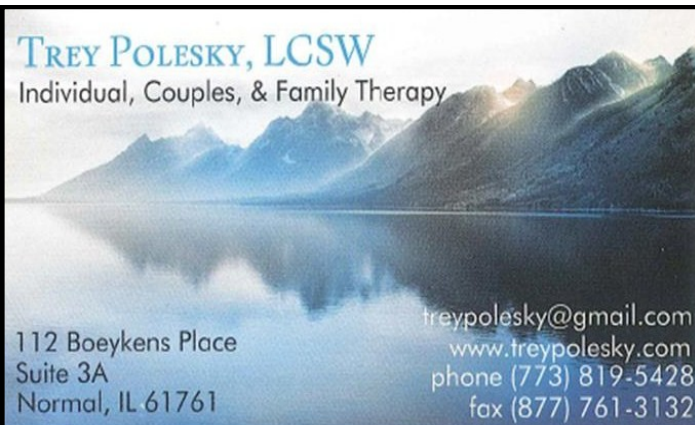


NORMAL THEATER
209 North Street, Normal IL
OCTOBER 16-20, 2013

Calendar

- **Saturday, September 14—Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade at 10:30 a.m.** Cheer on the PPC/PFLAG float!
- **Sunday, September 15—Annual MCATF AIDS Walk/Run starting at 9 a.m.** at Tipton Park's North Pavilion. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, September 15—House Concert featuring Jamie Anderson, lesbian singer/songwriter!** Please call 309-827-2437 & leave your name, number & number wishing to attend, as space is limited. You will receive a call back with address. Bring a folding chair and your own drinks/sodas. Sliding scale of \$10-20 at the door. Check out her website @ www.jamieanderson.com
- **Every Wednesday and Thursday – Bingo and Karaoke at the Bistro, starting at 9 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Sept. 28—PPC will have a bake sale during the Downtown Bloomington Farmer's Market to support the organization.** The Farmer's Market opens at 7:30. All proceeds collected will go toward the work of the PPC.
- **Wednesday, October 16 thru Sunday, October 20— Your Normal LGBT Film Festival at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal.**
- **Friday, November 8—Summit on Race sponsored by the YWCA held at the ISU Center for the Performing Arts. Speaker is Maura Cullen.**

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