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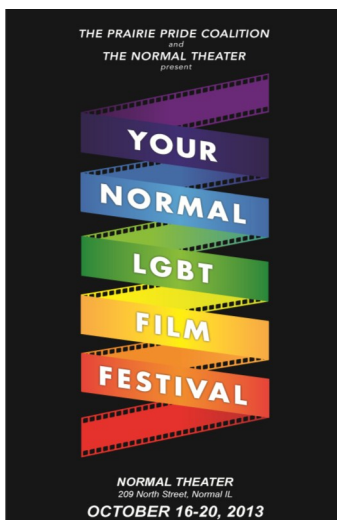
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Your Normal LGBT Film Fest

Funded through micro-financing and online donations, this documentary focuses on Theatre of Social Change movement, and their stand against the dangerous marginalization of LGBT citizens in America.

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It's fall, so that means we have another great lineup of films to roll out at the fourth annual Your Normal LGBT Film Festival Oct. 16-20 at the Normal Theater in Up-town Normal.

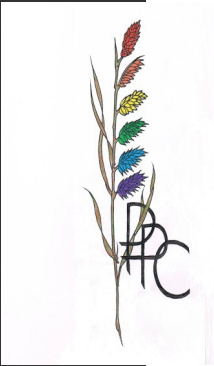
The festival, now in its fourth year, has consistently brought quality LGBT films, cast and crew members to screenings...and this year is no exception. We are still finalizing appearances by actors and producers of two of the films, but as of press time here is the lineup:

BREAK THROUGH (free screening!) Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.



Prairie Pride Coalition board members Peggy Burton and Elizabeth Anvick set up baked items that were donated for the PPC/PFLAG of B/N bake sale at the Sept. 28 Bloomington Farmers' Market. The baked goods were almost completely gone by 11 a.m. and the groups received lots of kudos for being out in the community. The sale netted almost \$200, which was split equally between the two groups.

PPC to Co-Sponsor Oct. 21 Free Screening of *Hannah Free*



Prairie Pride Coalition, in association with several ISU departments, is co-sponsoring a free screening of the acclaimed lesbian drama *HANNAH FREE* at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21 at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal.

Attending the screening will be Claudia Allen, the film's screenwriter, who will be part of a question and answer session following the screening.

The film centers on the relationship between Hannah and Rachel who grew up as little girls in the same small Midwest town, where traditional gender expectations eventually challenge their deep love for one another. Hannah becomes an adventurous, unapologetic lesbian and Rachel a strong but quiet homemaker. Weaving back and forth between past and present, the film reveals how the women maintained their love affair despite a marriage, a world war, infidelities, and family denial.

Allen's appearance and the screening of the film are co-sponsored by PPC and the following ISU departments: Diversity Advocacy, School of Theatre and Dance, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Office of the Provost. Additional funding for the event comes from the Harold K. Sage and Acorn Equality funds.



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PPC to Sponsor Bus Trip to Oct. 22 March on Springfield

Prairie Pride Coalition is teaming with ISU Pride to provide bus transportation to the Oct. 22 March on Springfield for Marriage Equality! We are offering the opportunity to students (ISU, IWU, HCC, Lincoln), faculty/staff, and community members who would like to join us in this historic fight for marriage equality in Illinois!

Exact details are being ironed out, but our plan is for a bus or busses to leave Bloomington/Normal at 11 a.m. and return no later than approximately 5:30 p.m. We will have pickups both on-campus and off-

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PPC, PFLAG Sponsor Float at Morton Pumpkin Festival

Members of Prairie Pride Coalition and the Bloomington/Normal Chapter of PFLAG entered a float and proudly marched in the Sept. 14 Morton Pumpkin Festival Parade and were cheered by many parade-goers.

The theme of the float was "you can't mask a family's love," a takeoff on the parade theme of Carnivale. The float featured rainbow flags and a large banner featuring the photos of same-sex couples and their families.

WMBD AM 1470 earlier in the week attempted to gauge the feelings about the entry in the parade, posting on its Facebook page "Members of the Prairie Pride Coalition, an LGBT group out of Bloomington, will be marching in the parade tomorrow. Thoughts?"

The Facebook responses were completely positive. One person wrote "It's nice to see all types of organizations being allowed to participate."

Another person commented "They are one of 120 other local demographic representatives that will be in the parade. Why does WMBD feel the need to single this group out?"

Members of Prairie Pride Coalition chose to participate because Morton is part of the same legislative district that includes Bloomington, and we wanted to remind Rep. Keith Sommer that his district is comprised of all types of families. Sommer has continually voted against equality for LGBT people.



Film Fest

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I'M SO EXCITED

Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.
Acclaimed director Pedro Almodovar's (*Volver*, *All About My Mother*) newest lighthearted comedy chronicles what may be the last moments of a plane's bizarre passengers and it's colorful crew. NOTE: Join us for a post-screening reception at Medici

REACHING FOR THE MOON

Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.
The tragic love affair between American poet Elizabeth Bishop and Brazilian architect Lota de Macedo Soares.

IAN HARVIE: SUPERHERO

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 4 p.m.

Transgender stand-up comedian Ian Harvie takes a sex positive look at his own transition.

THE GEOGRAPHY CLUB

Saturday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m.

GSA takes on a double meaning when a group of students of varying sexual orientations form a discreet after-school club. Scott Bakula and Ana Gasteyer head a youthful cast of actors in *Geography Club*.

G.B.F.

Sunday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

When a teen comes out at gay at high school, his status as "Gay Best Friend" becomes the hot commodity for the queen bees. Natasha Lyonne, Evanna Lynch, Horatio Sanz, Jonathan Silverman

and Megan Mullally only begin a long list of Hollywood favorites.

Admission to each film is \$7, but a special ticket package that includes four tickets is available for \$25. For more information about purchasing a ticket package, e-mail PPC at info@ppc-il.org.

Your Normal LGBT Film Festival is a combined effort of the Prairie Pride Coalition and the Normal Theater. Both organizations are committed to bringing diverse film choices to our B/N and central Illinois communities.

For the latest updates on the festival, visit the festival web site at www.yournormalfilmfest.com or check the festival Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/yournormal>.



March

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campus (more details on that soon).

We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 per rider, but anyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. We also are in the process of arranging donated box lunches for us to eat on the way to Springfield.

In order to make sure we have sufficient space on the bus for everyone, we are asking that everyone who wants to go with us RSVP at info@ppc-il.org no later than Friday, Oct. 11. We want to provide a seat for everyone who wants to ride, but seats are available on a first come, first served basis.

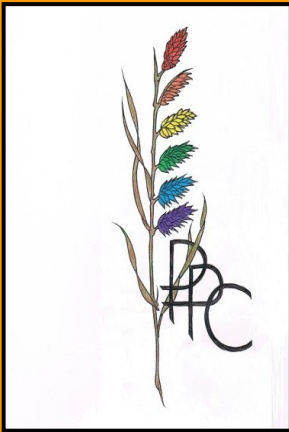
Please consider "being on the bus" as we converge on Springfield Oct. 22 to help demonstrate the overwhelming support in our state for marriage equality!



Rosati's Pizza of Normal is proud to present:
Prairie Pride Coalition Fundraiser *

Please join us at Rosati's Pizza of Normal on **Wednesday, October 23rd** and try the famous authentic Chicago Pizza that Rosati's has been famous for over five decades. Bring your friends, family, Co-workers and enjoy a great lunch or dinner and help raise money for Prairie Pride Coalition!

From 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, 25% of dine-in and 20% of carry-out and delivery sales purchased on **Wednesday, October 23rd** will be given back to the Prairie Pride Coalition! Rosati's of Normal features seating for up to 120 people as well as 4 flat Screen TV's.



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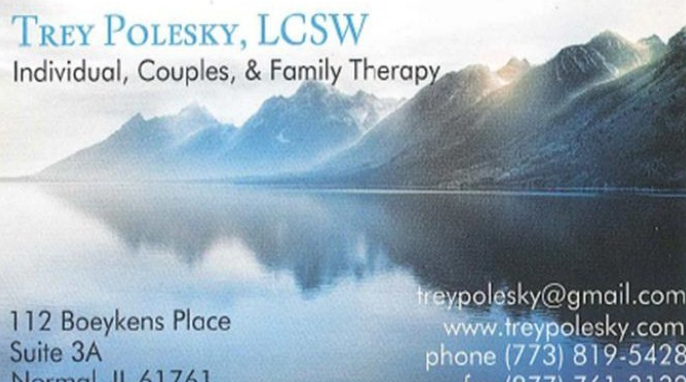


****No Voucher Needed – just mention the Prairie Pride Coalition when ordering!!!**

Calendar

- **Friday, October 4—First Fridays at the Bistro in Downtown Bloomington.** Hosted this month by the PPC.
- **Monday, October 14— PFLAG, the Parents, Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays,** meets on the second Monday of each month at the Unitarian Church – 1613 E. Emerson, from 5:30 – 7:30.
- **Wednesday, October 16—Sunday, October 20—Your Normal LGBT Film Festival at the Normal Theater in Uptown Normal!**
- **Monday, October 21—Free showing of the film *Hannah Free* at the Normal Theater with screenwriter Claudia Allen in attendance.**
- **Tuesday, October 22—PPC is organizing a bus to take to the March on Springfield for Marriage Equality. Contact info@ppc-il.org for more information or to reserve your seat on the bus.**
- **Wednesday, October 23—PPC fundraiser all day at Rosati's in Normal! See flier.**
- **Halloween Parties! Party at the Bistro in your costume on Saturday, October 26 and again on Halloween itself—Thursday, October 31.**
- **Every Wednesday and Thursday – Bingo and Karaoke at the Bistro, starting at 9 p.m.**
- **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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