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GEAE to air film “Lead With Love”

from GEAE

If you are a teen or young adult, what is the best way to come out to your family? If you are a parent, how should you react if your child came out? These important issues are presented in the documentary film *Lead With Love*, which will be screened Wednesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Erie Art Museum.

Sponsored by the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), this program is free and open to the public. Following the film, which runs for about 30 minutes, there will be a panel discussion of the film and other related to issues. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask the panel members questions.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Richard McCarty, assistant professor of religious studies at Mercyhurst College and president of GEAE. Plans are to have the panel comprised of psychologists, clergy, educators, parents and students.

Further information on the program, including a trailer for *Lead With Love*, can be found on the GEAE website. Visit www.greatereriealliance.com and click on “Educational Programming”

Originally incorporated in 2006, GEAE is a 501

(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the region’s LGBT community and its straight allies through education, open dialogue and public visibility. You may also contact GEAE at GEAEinfo@gmail.com or call its toll-free phone number, 1-866-229-1974.

Out in the Silence screening in Jamestown NY on November 5

from AIDS Community Services of WNY-Southern Tier

AIDS Community Services of WNY and Interweave (the Jamestown Community College Gay/Straight Alliance), proudly present a film screening of the Emmy-winning PBS documentary *Out in the Silence* on Sat., November 5 at SUNY JCC Jamestown Campus in the Student Union in the Collegiate Center. There will be a meet & greet at 6:30 pm, with the film screening at 7:00 pm. This is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. Special guests are the Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer, the film’s directors. Afterward, the directors invite the audience to participate in a dynamic town-hall style discussion and share their perspectives on the issues of inclusion, fairness and equality for all. We will discuss ideas for promoting

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Erin, Michael, Amy, and Tim —part of the GLBT contingent invited to be part of at the Edinboro Homecoming Parade. In background, Erie Seawolves mascot C. Wolf. Photo by Michael Mabler

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Community News

change within our community that will help people on all sides of the issues reach across the divide and find common ground.

Out in the Silence tells the story of a handful of ordinary people struggling for inclusion amidst anti-gay sentiment in nearby Oil City, PA. Native son and filmmaker, Joe Wilson returns to film the harrowing, yet ultimately successful battle waged by a brutally bullied teen and his mom against recalcitrant school authorities, the efforts of a lesbian couple to restore a historic theater amid vitriolic sentiments, and the stunning transformation of an evangelical preacher.

For more information or to watch the trailer, visit www.outinthesilence.com

Voters Guide Online at EGN site

by Michael Mahler

Please check out the Erie County Voters Guide online at eriegaynews.com. We've received additional info since the spring primary. And please also remember to vote on Nov. 8! Polls are open 7 AM to 8 PM.

Meadville LGBTQ mixer Oct 28

from Pride Alliance

There will be a social event for LGBTQ members of the Meadville community on Friday, October 28 from 7 to 9 PM at Founders House, 908 Diamond Park (across from the Courthouse), Meadville, PA 16335. This is sponsored by Pride Alliance (Allegheny College's LGBTQ faculty and staff group) and Erie Gay News. For more information, email pridealliance@allegheny.edu.

Update on Breast Cancer Awareness at Zone events

from Michelle Michaels

The weekend of September 30-October 2 was the 5th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Benefit put on by Michelle Michaels at the Zone Dance Club. At the end of the week, we raised \$1,530!

I would like to thank all my helpers including Nicole and Paul Gee, Celine and Tommy, Velvet Lace and Jasmine. I would like to thank the bar, the bar staff

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and the people of Erie for supporting the event and always for supporting the FACE shows and me. I would like to thank my bakers: Doug Burford, Sherry Edkin, and David Reese and his mother and grandmother for their baked goodies and always being there for me and my girls. I am always looking for people to help and donate time and baked goods I have great ideas for next year, so keep your eyes open.

“Standing On Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays” at BUA

from Buffalo United Artists

On Monday, November 7th, across America and beyond, curtains will rise on “Standing On Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays” as participating theaters everywhere present the play to raise awareness in and support of marriage equality. Monday, November 7th at 7:30 p.m. One Night Only—free admission!

The BUA Theater is at 119 Chippewa, between Delaware and Elmwood, Buffalo NY, web <http://buffalobua.org>. Call the BUA 24 hour reservation line at (716) 886-9239



Openly-gay Jamestown, NY City Council President Greg Rabb, seen here at the August 27 Pride Rally, informed the crowd that he is authorized to officiate at weddings . He recently a married couple under New York's new law extending marriage rights to same sex couples. Photo by Laurie Finch

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Michael dithers

by Michael Mahler

I just went to my first ever legal same-sex wedding, which was in Syracuse and was between my friends Keith and Ed. Keith and I became friends around 1987 or 1988 through the Society for Creative Anachronism, a medieval/Renaissance group that I was active with. He was my first gay friend, and this was during the period that he was coming out as well. It meant a lot to me to have another person to talk to.

Keith and Ed have been together for 14 years, and I was really excited when I got the invitation to the wedding. I had been to a few commitment ceremonies before, but never anything that was legally binding. The ceremony was at a Unitarian Universalist church (got to love the UUs!), and it was fairly eclectic. When the minister said "by the power vested in me by the Unitarian Universalist Association and the State of New York", it felt deep, rich and real.

Both sets of parents were there, who were beaming with pride and joy that their children were getting married to the person that they loved. There was also a wonderful mix of friends and co-workers to share in the celebration.

At dinner, I saw next to a couple who were local. It turns out that they had just gotten married 3 months before and they had been together for 33 years. I was amused when one of the guys had to explain to someone else at the wedding that they were not another couple that had had recently been profiled in local news. The other 2 guys had gotten married - after being together for 62 years! I pointed out to the guys that I was sitting with that they were halfway there.

The next day, I went to the Diversity Worship Service at Community United Church, which was wonderful and very uplifting. Even though it is not my "home" spiritual path, I am very glad that there are churches in our community like this. Kudos!

Continuing the Mega Queer weekend (as I privately dubbed it), I had a wonderful discussion later that day with 3 local students, including the newly appointed Erie County Human Relations Commission board member. Our County Executive had asked for an openly LGBT person willing to serve for the 4 year term, and Ebony has already hit the ground running! This is a great opportunity for our community to be represented, and have a voice. We will have more info for you soon. Your participation is encouraged!

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By Martine Barclay Holquist. Crime Victim Center

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The role of the family is very important. It gives us identity, social support, a sense of belonging and a connection to community, among other things. Yet family doesn't need to be defined in narrow, traditional terms. Call it what you want (support network, family of choice, etc), it's more important that these people be supportive and loving than share DNA. Such groups are no less valid or healthy.

Numerous studies on support networks have suggested that people who are socially connected live healthier lives, but a study conducted by Brigham Young University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, published in 2010, has compiled and analyzed 148 of them. The data pool included more than 300,000 people and tracked them for an average of 7.5 years. Their findings were consistent for men and women of all ages, regardless of their health condition at the start of the study, how long the study lasted, or the individual's cause of death.

What this study found is socially connected people live an average of 3.7 years longer than less-connected people, says study co-author and BYU Psychology professor Timothy Smith. Furthermore, your support network has as big of an impact on your life expectancy as quitting smoking. Having a lack of social support has the same mortality risk as alcoholism. It's higher than either obesity or physical inactivity.

What does all this mean? Humans are social animals, who thrive with love, support and connection. Cultivate your relationships with people. Don't feel the need to be in a toxic situation just because those people are from your family of origin. Seek out like-minded individuals (some of whom might well be your family) and make the choices that are right for you. Regardless of how these groups are related, they are vital to your health and happiness.

This Thanksgiving, take a few moments and be thankful for all types of families—the ones we're born with, the ones we join, and the ones we create.



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Oct 26 - Namoli Brennet & Eric Himan in Oil City Clarion University Venango Campus, Oil City, PA www.namolibrennet.com

Oct 27 (Thu) - HalloQueen Dance and Party at EUP (Location TBD, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA 16444) 7 PM - 10 PM. Part of Edinboro University LGBTQIA Heritage Month 2011. Contact: Dan Burdick. Phone: (814) 732-2647. Browse to www.edinboro.edu/departments/glbta/.

Oct 28 (Fri) - Meadville LGBTQ Mixer Founder's House, 908 Diamond Park, Meadville, PA. 7 PM - 9 PM. A social event for LGBTQ members of the Meadville community. Sponsored by Pride Alliance (Allegheny College's LGBTQ faculty and staff group) and Erie Gay News. For more information, email pridealliance@allegheny.edu. Venue Phone: (814) 337-8030. Email: pridealliance@allegheny.edu.

Oct 28 (Fri) - Zone: Attack of the 50 foot Diva! 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. A night of Wicked and Weird

Science! Join the sexy ladies of the Zone as they present this years Halloween show! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Oct 28 - 29 (Fri - Sat) - "Rocky Horror Picture Show" at Barrow Civic Center (Barrow Civic Theatre, 1223 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA 16323) The Barrow Civic Theatre will be showing The Rocky Horror Picture Show with live actors in front of the screen on October 28th at 7:30pm and October 29th at 11:55pm. There is also a cast mixer costume party before the show on October 29th from 9-11:30pm. Tickets for the show are \$15 (props included) and tickets for the party (which includes movie ticket, props, snacks, and 2 drinks) are \$25 each. Phone: (814) 437-3440. Browse to www.barrowtheatre.com/.

Oct 28 (Fri) - Halloween Party at M&J's Lounge 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA. Contact: Mitchell Hortert. Phone: (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 29 Rocky Horror Picture Show at Academy

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Oct 29 (Sat) - Halloween Party at M&J's Lounge 124 Mercer St, Butler, PA : (724) 602-8447. Email: JoshuaSean2009@AOL.COM. Browse to www.facebook.com/MandJsLounge.

Oct 29 (Sat) - Halloween at the Latonia 1 East First Street, Oil City, PA. 8 PM. \$5. BYOB. Sponsored by the LGBT Alliance of Oil City – everyone is welcome! Music, Dancing, Costumes & Prizes! Contact: Roxanne. Phone: (814) 673-8400. Email: latoniaballroom@gmail.com.

Oct 29 (Sat) - Craze Halloween Party 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. All the ghouls will be out. Come join us! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

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Halloween Party at the Zone Dance Club- Erie's only Haunted Bar! Try a few experimental cocktails from the Mad Scientist's at the bar- dance to your favorite hits on the mind numbing dance video Laboratory- or explore the Doctor's scary experimental labs, greenhouse, or operating room - but beware...you may become one of his test subjects! Test tube shots, prize for Best Costume! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Oct 31 (Mon) - Craze Entertainment Series Halloween Show 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Oct 31 (Mon) - Halloween Night at the Zone 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Nov 2 (Wed) - Screening of "Lead With Love" (Erie Art Museum, 411 State St, Erie, PA 16501) 7 PM. If you are a teen or young adult, how is the best way to "Come Out" to your family? If you are a parent, how should you react if your child "Comes Out"? These important issues are presented in the documentary film, Lead With Love. Sponsored by the Greater Erie Alliance for Equality (GEAE), this program is open to the public free of charge. Following the film, which runs for about 30 minutes, there will be a panel discussion of the film and other related to issues. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask the panel members questions. The panel discussion will be moderated by Dr. Richard McCarty, assistant professor of religious studies at Mercyhurst College and president of GEAE. Plans are to have the panel comprised of psychologists, clergy, educators, parents and students. Phone: (866) 229-1974. Venue Phone: (814) 459-5477. Email: GEAEinfo@gmail.com. Browse to <http://greatereriealliance.com/>.

Nov 2 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Every Wednesday! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.


Nov 3 (Thu) - 5th Annual Drag Show at PennState Behrend College (McGarveys Commons in the Reed Union Building, 4701 College Drive, Erie, PA) 7 PM - 10 PM. (Open To Public) and this is for all ages. Come out to Penn State Behrend's biggest event of the year. DJ Jason will be spinning your tunes. Get there early because last year was a slammed packed crowd. Hope

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Nov 4 (Fri) - Vortex (Nocturnal Asylum) (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 5 (Sat) - Out In the Silence screening in Jamestown NY (Student Union in the Collegiate Center, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY) AIDS Community Services of WNY and JCC's Gay/Straight Alliance, Interweave proudly present a film screening of the Emmy Award winning PBS Documentary "Out in the Silence" at SUNY JCC Jamestown Campus in the Student Union in the Collegiate Center.

There will be a Meet & Greet at 6:30 pm with the film screening at 7:00 pm. This is free & open to the Public. Refreshments will be provided. Special Guests are Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer, Directors/Filmmakers and Social Activists. Browse to www.outinthesilence.com. Browse to venue web site www.sunyjcc.edu/.

Nov 5 - Miss Gay Jamestown Newcomer Pageant 2011-2012 9PM. Sky Bar, 108 Fairmount Ave, Jamestown, NY

Nov 5 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights Volleyball vs Mercyhurst (Gannon University, Hammermill Center, 620 Peach Street, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Free.. Come check out the game. Contact: Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 6 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Join us every Sunday! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 7 - Buffalo United Artists: "Standing On Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays" 7:30PM 1 night



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Nov 8 (Tues) - General Election 7 AM to 8 PM.
Check out our NWPA Voters Guide at www.eriegaynews.com!

Nov 11-Dec 3 - Buffalo United Artists "The Divine Sister" A Charles Busch comic homage to nearly every Hollywood film involving nuns. www.buffalobua.org

Nov 13 (Sun) - LBT Women meets Presque Isle Gallery Coffeehouse, 35 Peninsula Dr, Erie, PA. 1 PM.
Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 13 (Sun) - Pride Planning meeting (Panera's - Yorktown, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA 16505) 2 PM.
Discussion of upcoming 2012 events and checking on status. All are welcome to help with planning! Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Venue Phone: (814) 833-9101. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 14 (Mon) - LBT Women go to Gannon Lady Knights Basketball (Gannon University, Hammermill Center, 620 Peach Street, Erie, PA) 6 PM.

Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. FREE. Come check out the game. Sign up for email list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/> Contact: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to <http://womynoferie.wetpaint.com/>.

Nov 14 (Mon) - PFLAG Erie/Crawford County meets Unitarian-Universalist Congregation of Erie, 7180 New Perry Hwy Erie. 7 - 8:30 PM. Support group for parents, friends and families of gay, lesbian and transgendered people. Contact: Mark H. Phone: (814) 456-0901. Email: pflag.erie.crawford@gmail.com.

Nov 16-20 - Lake Erie Gala Annual social weekend hosted by Erie Sisters. <http://eriesisters.ning.com>

Nov 18 (Fri) - Special Glow Divas Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Special performance by our own Glow Sorcerer! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse to www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Nov 19 (Sat) - LBT Women go to Mercyhurst Lady Lakers Ice Hockey vs. YALE (Mercyhurst College Ice Center, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 2 PM.
Last year tickets were \$4 or \$5. Hope to



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Nov 20 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 20 (Sun) - FACE: Michelle Michael's Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie. 11 PM. Don't miss a fun-filled night of great entertainment with all of your favorite drag queens, new faces and special guests! 3rd Sunday of the month at 11 PM. (814) 452-0125. www.thezonedanceclub.com

Nov 21 (Mon) - CRAZE Night Club Entertainment Series (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 22 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distributing work party (Mike Kohler's, 614 Cherry St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. All Ages welcome! It is also a great way to hang out and chat with folks! You can also sign up for the Erie GLBT News and Events list at <http://lists.eriegaynews.com/>. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.

Nov 23 (Wed) - Thanksgiving Eve at Craze (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Join us at CRAZE for a night of *fun, friends* and *cheer*! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Nov 27 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke (Craze Night Club, 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA 16502) Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 2 (Fri) - HIV/AIDS Awareness Benefit Drag Show (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA 16501) Proceeds to benefit the local Community Health Net. Please help us to continue last year's successful benefit show! Phone: (814) 452-0125. Browse

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Here are contests that will be premiering this month...

Contest	Starts
<i>The Gay Marriage Thing</i> DVD	October 28
<i>The Vampire Film</i> By Alain Silver and James Ursini	October 31
<i>Unwelcome</i> by Michael Griffo by Kensington Books	November 4
Facelube for Men Germany Skin Care Set	November 11
<i>For Frying Out Loud</i> by Fay Jacobs	November 15
<i>Sweet Like Sugar</i> by Wayne Hoffman from Kensington Books	November 18
<i>Grease: Movies on Film</i>	November 22
<i>Retromix: Fleetwood Mac</i>	November 25
<i>The Carousel</i> by Stefani Deoul	December 2
<i>Remembering Christmas</i> from Kensington Books	December 6

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Evolution of Ethan Poe</i> from Kensington Books	October 28
<i>Jenny O. - Home</i>	November 4
<i>Keesha & Her Two Moms Go Swimming</i>	November 11

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