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Times-News' front page coverage of same-sex marriage in Findley Lake

Info from Erie Times-News

The November 2 issue of the Erie Times-News took an in-depth look at the New York state law now permitting marriage between same-sex couples. The feature, entitled "Residents in Findley Lake, N.Y., adjust to new same-sex marriage law" looked at how the law was seen in the village that is just over the border from Pennsylvania. The article also carried photos of the wedding of an Ohio couple, Jennifer Gurley and Samantha Pawlak, and wedding officer Robin Cuneo. You can link to the article from our website at www.eriegaynews.com

Local Lesbian Appointed to Erie Co. Human Relations Commission

By Michael Mabler

Ebony Davis, of Erie PA has been confirmed for a four-year position on the Erie County Human Relations Commission.

Erie County Executive Barry Grossman had contacted leaders in the local LGBT community in an effort to fill the position with an openly-LGBT citizen.

Ebony is a mother of three and is a Volunteer Cultural Orientation Trainer at the International Institute. She is attending Mercyhurst College, where she is working towards a BA in Sociology.

Ebony welcomes the LGBT community and the community at large to contact her about discrimination. She can be contacted at SocialLiberties@yahoo.com or (814)520-7210.

Also serving as Erie County HRC chair is Mark Hoovler president of PFLAG Erie and Crawford Counties. Mark is also openly gay.

The term for the position filled by Ebony is for four years and is volunteer.

Erie County's Human Relations Commission ordinance has included sexual orientation and gender identity as protected categories since 2002. If you have experienced discrimination in Erie County in the areas

of employment, housing or public accommodations, you can contact them at (814) 451-7021 TDD Phone: (814) 451-6237. For more information visit their web site at www.eriecountygov.org/hrc/

Congratulations to Ebony and thanks to all ECHRC board members for fulfilling a vital role in our community!

Pride 2012 Plans Announced

By Michael Mabler

The Pride Planning Committee is already working and planning for the 2012 Pride season. The Pride Picnic is set for Saturday, June 16 at the Rotary Pavilion. The Pride Parade and Rally will be on Saturday, August 25 in Perry Square. We will also have a contingent at the Millcreek 4th of July Parade (our seventh year of participation), a table at the Blues and Jazz Fest on August 4 & 5 in Frontier Park (our fourth year of participation) and also march in the Edinboro Homecoming Parade on October 6. Since they were such a big hit in 2011, we will have 2012 Pride T-Shirts & tanks for sale, with

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The *Erie Gay News* is published monthly as a source of news, events, information, and support for gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender people (GLBTs), their families, friends, and supporters in the Erie PA area.

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

sponsors listed and a schedule of area events. These are tentatively planned to come out in April. We are also discussing other fun activities and projects, including a bingo night and also a community potluck dinner.

If you are interested in helping out, our next meeting will be Saturday, December 10 at 2 PM at Panera's Yorktown, 2501 W 12th St, Erie PA. Contact Michael Mahler at (814) 456-9833 or info@eriegaynews.com for more info.

2012 will feature a number of milestones: this year's Pride Picnic is both the 20th picnic and also the 20th anniversary picnic. 2012 is also the 20th anniversary of local media including fully out LGBT people. Michael Mahler was included in coverage of May 1992 of the 2nd degree murder conviction of Donald Kremer in May, and Bob Burford and lesbian mom Cindy Marsh were featured in a WSEE TV 35 news story in December of 1992. The issue cover dated July, 2012 will be the 200th issue of Erie Gay News and the issue coming out in December 2012 will be our 20th anniversary of this publication. Also, PFLAG National will celebrate their 40th anniversary in 2012.

125+ attend Out In The Silence Screening at Jamestown

By Michael Mahler

On Saturday, November 5, 2011, film makers Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer presented a screening of their documentary, *Out In The Silence*, at Jamestown Community College in Jamestown NY.

The primary organizer of the event was Richard Baer, through AIDS Community Services of Western NY, Southern Tier Services in Jamestown. About 125-150 people attended.

There were groups and individuals from Jamestown, Buffalo NY, Erie PA, Bradford PA and other areas. Greg Rabb, openly gay Jamestown NY City Council President and Jamestown Community College faculty member, spoke after the film, and there was also a lively community discussion on working together to achieve progress for the LGBT community.

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Letters

Richard Baer leaving AIDS Community Services of WNY

Hello Supporters:

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Richard has been invaluable in expanding services here at ACS. He has worked on numerous community events, including the recent Out in the Silence event at JCC. His work online has brought countless men information about HIV/STIs and testing, increasing communication and a sense of community online. We are very upset to be losing Richard and all the hard work that he brings.

We will be using some limited donated funds to hopefully have Richard help us on certain activities. There are so many more ways we would like to utilize his skills. I have been in contact with local foundations, and am applying for grants. If any of you have resources you can share, I would appreciate it.

Thank you for all your support.

Kimberly Lombard

Director of Grants Management & Quality
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(Contact AIDS Community Services at: 111 W. 2nd St., 3rd Floor, Jamestown, NY 14701. Phone: 716-664-7855 FAX: 716 484-2295, email: southern-tier@aidscommunityservices.com Visit: www.aidscommunityservices.com)



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Stand Up, Take the Pledge, Change the Odds

By *Martine Barclay Holquist*
Crime Victim Center

Calling all men! We're asking fathers, brothers, sons, uncles, husbands, partners, neighbors (heck, everybody!) to stand up, take the pledge, change the odds and stop sexual violence. The Crime Victim Center would like to invite you to join us and men in our community at our upcoming pledge signing event for Men Against Sexual Violence. Held from 9am to 12pm on December 2, 2011 at the Summit (8160 Oliver Road, next to First Alliance Church of God), this event will gather local men together to agree not to commit, condone or remain silent about sexual assault. The 10 am Press Conference will be immediately followed by a keynote speech by Diane Moyer, Legal Director for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR).

Stop in and sign the pledge; you don't need to stay the whole time. Local business leaders and politicians will attend, as will representatives from the Erie Otters Hockey Club. Take the opportunity to network

and learn about ways to prevent sexual assault in the community. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be available. We want to bring together men from all over the community, who identify with different cultures and groups, to support victims and band together against sexual violence.

1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Men have the power to encourage all men to work together with women, using their collective voices and resources to end sexual violence not just in Erie, but across the nation. Men have been left out of this movement for too long. This isn't a women's issue; this is a human issue. Signing this free pledge to end sexual violence allows you to act as a positive influence for other men in the community. By publicly saying it is unacceptable for men in our community to passively allow these criminal acts to continue, you will take a stand and change the odds.

Recent events have left people feeling outraged, helpless, sad and frustrated. While we can't change the past, we can change the future. This small step is something positive that can have a big impact down the line. Society cannot turn a blind eye to what is happening to our boys and girls, our men and women.

Questions about the Pledge Signing? Call 814-455-9414. Follow us on Facebook to keep abreast of all the latest events. As always, if you or someone you know is the victim of a crime, and you need to talk, please call 814-455-9414 any time, day or night. Our services are free and confidential. We want to help.

We hope to see you at The Summit on December 2nd. Together, we can end sexual violence in our community and our nation.



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Nov 26 (Sat) - Sky Bar: "Beats in the Night" A benefit honoring AIDS Community Svcs of the Southern Tier \$5 cover benefits ACS. Doors open 9PM, show at 10PM. 50/50, basket raffle, and food. Presented by Miss Jamestown Newcomer 2011-2012 Anita Waistline, with Jon M Wilson, Buddy Dobson, Nicholas Carlson, Tasha Brooks, Liza Summers, Sean Bulger and Serenity Chambers. Sky Bar is at 108 Fairmount Ave. Jamestown, NY (716)661-3212

Dec 1 - World AIDS Day

Dec 2 (Fri) - G2H2 (Gay Guy/Gal Happy Hour) (Gastropub Under The Clock, 101 Boston Store Place, Erie, PA 16501) 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 once a month. You can also sign up for the email list at lists.eriegaynews.com. Find on Facebook.

Dec 2 (Fri) - Vortex (Nocturnal Asylum) 1607

Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 9 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 2 (Fri) - LBT Women go to Mercyhurst Lady Lakers vs Cornell Ice Hockey (Mercyhurst College, 501 E 38th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Social group for lesbian, bisexual and transgendered women. Join us and help cheer the Lady Lakers on! Contact: Laurie Finch. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. Browse to venue web site www.mercyhurst.edu/.

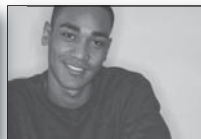
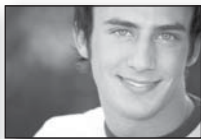
Nov 11 - Dec 3 (Fri - Sat) - "The Divine Sister" at BUA (Buffalo United Artists, 119 Chippewa, Buffalo, NY 13205) A Charles Busch comic homage to nearly every Hollywood film involving nuns. Phone: (716) 886-9239. Browse to www.buffalobua.org.

Dec 3-4 - North Coast Men's Chorus: "Do You Hear What I Hear?", Hanna Theater in Playhouse Square, 2067 East 14th St., Cleveland; Sat. 3 pm and 8 pm Sun. 3 pm www.ncmchorus.org, 216-556-0590.

Dec 4 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com.

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Dec 7 (Wed) - Craze Karaoke 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Every *Wednesday* night! \$2 Spiced Rum special! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 8 (Thu) - LBT Women go to Dinner and a Movie (Millcreek Mall Ponderosa, 1 Millcreek Mall, Erie, PA) 5 PM. Meet at the Millcreek Mall Ponderosa for a quick buffet dinner and then we will head to the \$1 movie theater for 7 pm (approx. time) movie. If you'd like to attend this event, I'd like an RSVP so we can make sure to request a table big enough to fit us all! E-mail Laurie at LFinch003@neo.rr.com or leave me a message on my cell 814-450-8804. Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/.

Dec 9-11 - "Make the Yuletide Gay" Concert by Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus [www.buffalogaymen-](http://www.buffalogaymen-schorus.com)

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Dec 10 (Sat) - A Very Merry TubaChristmas! (McGarveys Commons in the Reed Union Bldg, Penn State-Erie (Behrend Campus), Erie, PA) Fa la la and oom pah pah: *TubaChristmas* returns to Erie for a tenth annual holiday performance. The performance begins at 1 p.m. and is free and open to the public. As its name implies, *TubaChristmas* is songs of the season interpreted by a choir of student, amateur, and professional low-brass musicians performing under guest directors Gary Viebranz of Penn State Behrend; Daniel Burdick of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania; and Lowell Hepler and Ronald Stitt of Allegheny College. Any low-brass musician is invited to join the TubaChristmas performance; rehearsals will be held on site that morning. To register to perform, visit the web site tubachristmaserie.com or contact Viebranz at 814-898-6289 or gav3@psu.edu. TubaChristmas debuted at Rockefeller Center's ice rink in 1974 as a tribute to the late tuba legend William J. Bell, who was born on Christmas Day 1902, and now takes place in hundreds of cities across the country. TubaChristmas is produced by the Harvey Phillips Foundation; the Erie performance is supported by the Mary Behrend Cultural Fund. Contact: Gary Viebranz. Phone: (814) 898-6289. Email: gav3@psu.edu. Browse to www.tubachristmaserie.com.



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tubachristmaserie.com.

Dec 10 (Sat) - Pride Planning meeting (Panera's - Yorktown, 2501 W 12th St, Erie, PA) 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.

Dec 10 (Sat) - "Don We Now Our Gay Apparel" RCC holiday concert at Carnegie Music Hall in Oakland (Pittsburgh). rccpittsburgh.com

Dec 11 (Sun) - LBT Women Holiday Dinner (Calamari's Squid Row, 1317 State St, Erie, PA.) 3 PM. We have booked the private room, and what we need from you now are reservations. Dinners can be ordered off the regular menu, and prices run from \$10 to \$15 for the most part. Sandwiches, salads, and appetizers can be had for lesser amounts if you don't want a full dinner. Please call Robin at 814-455-3127 and let her know that you are coming and who is coming with you. If they don't answer, leave a message and your

phone number so she can return your call if you have a question. We'd like to have a good estimate to give the folks at Calamari's. As in the past, each attendee is asked to bring a \$10 gift wrapped exchange gift and a White Elephant Exchange gift in a brown paper bag. We'll hold our December meeting at the dinner instead of the PI Gallery. We hope to see you all there! Call Robin soon! Sign up for email list at lists.eriegaynews.com/ Contact: Laurie Finch. . Email: LFinch003@neo.rr.com. Browse to womynoferie.wetpaint.com/. Browse to venue web site calamaris-squidrow.com/.

Dec 12 (Mon) - Deadline for Erie Gay News January 2012 print edition (Erie Gay News, 1115 W 7th St, Erie, PA 16502-1105) Please have all articles, ads, and submissions in by this date. This issue will be released the evening of December 20. For a complete list of upcoming deadlines and release dates, check the print edition schedule at www.eriegaynews.com/printedition/deadlineschedule.php. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com.



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Dec 18 (Sun) - Craze Karaoke Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 18 (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

Dec 19 (Mon) - Craze Night Club Entertainment Series Christmas Show 1607 Raspberry St, Erie. 11:30 PM. Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 20 (Tue) - Spirituality and Sexuality Discussion Group meets (Community United Church, 1011

W 38th, Erie, PA) Every 3rd Tuesday of the month (Sept - May), the Rev. Dr. Rich McCarty facilitates a discussion group on spirituality and sexuality at Community United Church (an open and affirming congregation). This group provides LGBTQA people the confidential opportunity to share questions, stories, and experiences about what it means to be both a sexual and spiritual person. Contact: Rich McCarty. Phone: 1-866-229-1974 (toll free). Email: richmccarty@msn.com.

Dec 20 (Tue) - Erie Gay News folding/distribution work party (Zone Dance Club, 133 W 18th St, Erie, PA) 7 PM. Help us get out the print edition of Erie Gay News. We'll be folding and distributing the copies. 21+ (because of it being in a bar). 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 lists.eriegaynews.com/. Contact: Michael Mahler. Phone: (814) 456-9833. Zone Phone: (814) 452-0125. Email: info@eriegaynews.com. Browse to www.eriegaynews.com. Venue web site www.thezonedanceclub.com/.

Dec 23 (Fri) - Craze Night Club - 'Doctor' is in

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Dec 25 (Sun) - Craze Night Club Open Christmas Night 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Stop out for some Christmas Cheer! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Dec 31 (Sat) - New Year's Rockin Eve Party at Craze 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. Ring in the New Year with all your friends! Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub.

Jan 1 (Sun) - New Year's Night at Craze 1607 Raspberry St, Erie, PA. 2012's here! Continue the Celebration at *Craze!* Phone: (814) 456-3027. Browse to www.facebook.com/crazenightclub

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<i>Retromix: Fleetwood Mac</i>	November 25
<i>Down To The Bone</i> and <i>The Killer Condom</i> from Ignite Entertainment	November 29
<i>The Carousel</i> by Stefani Deoul	December 2
<i>Remembering Christmas</i> from Kensington Books	December 6
<i>The Choosing: A Rabbi's Journey</i> by Andrea Myers	December 9
Minus417 Skin Care for Men Gift Set	December 13
Carolina Liar - <i>Wild Blessed Freedom</i>	December 16

Here are contests which are currently active...

Contest	Ends
<i>Unwelcome</i> by Michael Griffo by Kensington Books	November 25
Pigeon's Don't Float & 5 dragon tattoos	November 29
Facelube for Men Germany Skin Care Set	December 2
<i>For Frying Out Loud</i> by Fay Jacobs	December 6
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