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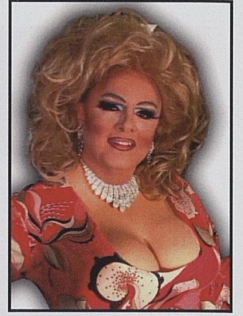
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That's What I'm Talkin' About

By Helena Handbasket



What are YOU laughing at? If you have been reading my articles for a while, you probably know by now that I am intrigued by people and the natural reactions folks have to different aspects of life. I love to pay attention to a room full of people, all of whom have just witnessed the same thing, but yet there are always so many different reactions to what they saw. What one person might perceive as funny, another person might see as just ridiculous, stupid, and moronic, or even offensive. And it made me wonder... why does that happen?

Example: "So, this dyslexic man walks into a BRA." Some people don't even get the joke. Some people will double over with laughter because they think it is hilarious – (because it could be something that someone with dyslexia might do – to transpose the R and the A, turning BAR into BRA). And then, some people might be offended saying that the person telling the joke is making fun of someone with a condition or affliction that they are not able to change or control. Is either reaction right or wrong? In my opinion, I wouldn't say it is wrong necessarily.

It is no secret that people are as different as the leaves on a tree. Each leaf has its own characteristics and reacts to the wind

differently. It could be due to where they are placed on the tree. It might have something to do with the amount of sunshine or rain they have encountered or even which direction they face. They all might look the same, but if you really study them, you'll realize that the veins in each leaf are very different. You might see that the stems on which they are connected all have different lengths and thicknesses. (Insert your own joke here). And yet, they all seem to hold on and brush against one another and love their placement in the world. (Yes... I talked to the trees and they told me that themselves).

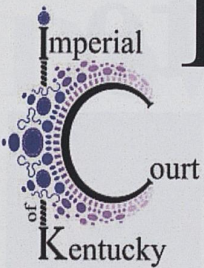
I just wonder why people have become so touchy that they aren't able to find humor in the reality that is our lives. I am a big old boy in a dress. I was a big old sissy in school and there were many days that the hurtful words bothered me or even made me feel threatened and afraid. But I am a grown up now and I have control over my life. I know who I am and I like who I am. And, in knowing who I am, I can appreciate the humor in my life and even about my life. When I hear a gay joke, I don't automatically go to that place of being offended. First, I ask myself if it applies. Often it does and I find it hilarious. Only when something is said with hatred should we take offense.

Just maybe if we started seeing the truth as it appears to others, we might be surprised how many lines of division we might be able to cross. You know, stereotypes often exist for a legitimate reason. I have heard all my life about gay men being hairdressers, florists and interior designers. (By the way... I renew my hairdressers license each year in July). But I have seen men get so pissed when a person has told a joke about that. But think about it. How many gay men do you know that are either a hairdresser or a florist or a designer (whether professionally or just as a hobby because they have a natural ability to do it). I can hear some of you now... "But those jokes perpetuate a stereotype." No honey... my nelly ass standing behind the styling chair is what is doing that... and I am proud of it.

Oh... all these thoughts going through my head and I have exceeded my word count for the month. Could it be my upcoming SOLDOUT show on the 27th that is making me overanalyze what is funny and what is not. I hope I figure out the difference before then. LOL. (Wait... was that funny?)

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Imperial Court of Kentucky News

By H.M.I.M. Empress XXXIV of
the Imperial Court of Kentucky
Kali Dupree

Amazing. Outstanding. Wonderful. These are words that come to mind when I think about our community here in Kentucky. Our small but mighty “family” continues to impress me with every selfless act of kindness they do. Thank you all.

Recently, I had the pleasure of organizing our “Back to School” event, alongside The Queen Mother of Kentucky and Protector of the South, Nicole Diamond. We’ve produced this event in the past as a way to purchase school supplies for those in need. We purchase the backpacks, glue sticks, pens, pencils, scissors, flash drives... all of it. This year we were able to take it further than before, and have, to

date, purchased supplies for almost 100 kids in the community. We are working together for kids from AVOL, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Fayette County Schools.

This success is all possible by the kindness, the compassion, and the love that all of this community has, the many businesses and individuals who donated, and the volunteers and entertainers who worked tirelessly.

This enthusiasm and commitment is still going strong as we continue through the year in planning events. This year we are proud once again to be a Part of AVOL’s Dining Out for Life and will actually be kicking off the day before with “Dragging Out For Life” at Crossings Lexington.

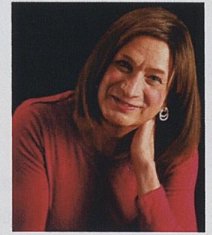
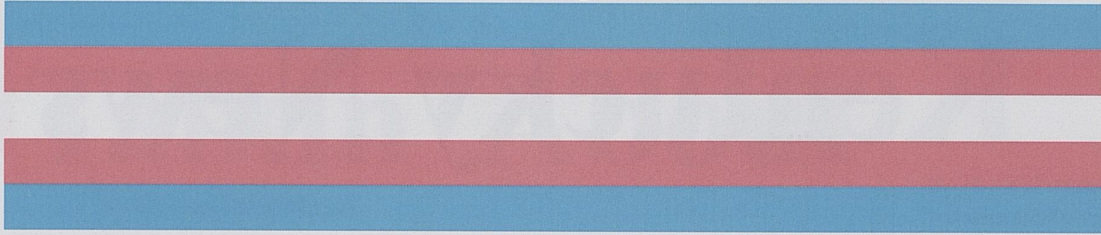


Once again, many businesses and members of the community have stepped up and offered their support through donations, volunteering, and entertaining. Please show your support and come out for both events!

Lexington and all of Kentucky, thank you! With your continued support, our community has the opportunity to have a better and brighter tomorrow. I am honored to be a part of this community, a part of this wonderful organization, and for the opportunity to serve.



TransKyAdvocate



By Tuesday G Meadows

Friends

“Talking about the lights, the dirt, the s**t that hurts...me and my girlfriend.” *Girlfriend*, Icona Pop

Kendall Shoemaker and I met this April when she wandered into the Pride Center on Waller Avenue here in Lexington. She looked at me and said, “OMG, another transwoman.” After that, we corresponded on Facebook many times and finally got together for lunch recently. It is incredible that Kendall is someone who can relate exactly to what I am saying, despite differences in our lives. Kendall moved to Lexington from Chicago a few years ago and started her transition 2 years ago (the same time that I started mine). Even though we did not go through transitioning together, we both understand what the other is going through then and now.

Some people read this and think, well there are two transwomen, and think that our experience must be exactly alike, but they would be wrong. Kendall is 25 years old, and I am... let's just say that I am older than 25. She likes men and is dating and I like women and have been married for a number of years. I have lived in Kentucky my whole life (so far, anyway) and she has moved several times. She is beautiful, and well... I've been told that I

am healthy-looking. The list goes on.

Where Kendall and I are alike is more important. Yes, we are both transgender women. We both try to avoid negative people and we both knew at a very young age that we were different, me at the age of 5, and her at the age of 7. We both have accepting families. We find ourselves both wishing we could have transitioned younger. We are both contemplating surgery. We have both had our legal name changed, but not our gender yet.

What I found most amazing about Kendall was her perspective on Lexington. She has lived many places, but most recently Chicago. Kendall says she likes Lexington because it is a very open-minded city and has a diverse population. Kendall says that she did not have trouble finding housing or a job when she moved to Lexington. In Lexington, she was accepted at work while she went through her transition and experienced no trouble, but does not feel that she would have had the same experience transitioning in Chicago. (To be fair, she says that she does have another friend who had been discriminated against, but



that she personally has not been).

I just found out that Kendall will be moving to Arizona soon to be close to her family. She already has a job lined up and housing. I am happy for her but sad for me. It is always great meeting new friends and finding out more about their perspective. If you have a unique perspective, you may write me at tmeadows828@gmail.com or follow me on Twitter at [@TuesdayMeadows@trishgigi](https://twitter.com/TuesdayMeadows). Now Tuesday is gone with the wind.



Down On The Farm



By Carol Taylor-Shim, MSW

“Gay farmers? That’s a thing?” That was the first thought I had in my head when I was asked to deliver a keynote address and workshop for a conference. Then I immediately had a mental picture in my head of probably every single stereotype you could imagine of what a farmer is and I made the most ridiculous portrait with a broad stroke of “GAY.” I could not have been more wrong. A few weeks ago I had the honor of being a part of the inaugural Cultivating Change Summit in Atlanta, GA. It was the first conference that focuses on GBT identities and how they intersect with working and living in the agricultural world. These identities are equally important because they both speak to who these men are at their core. For some of them it was the first time in 20 years they were able to come to something as their 100% authentic selves with all of their identities on display. From the moment they came together to kick off the summit, you could tell this was a brotherhood and it was a beautiful thing to see. And I was right there with them all the way.

I know very well how affirmation of identity is connected to a person’s quality of life. I’m a queer woman of color so I absolutely get it. But I rarely applied that to the lives of those I assume have the most privilege in the entire world.

And I got the sense that some people at the conference did not either, and it was their own lives and experiences we were unpacking. When two fathers have to fill out the mountain of paperwork for their child’s school and have to continuously be reminded that many systems still do not recognize their family as a family, that’s a problem. Putting a line through “mother” because people can’t be bothered to change the words on pieces of paper to acknowledge you as your child’s parent has to hurt. I don’t have kids so I have no clue. But what I can see is how clearly dismissive and intentional that is. It’s oppression. All oppression is dismissive and intentional. When you have to be more concerned about maintaining a job instead of living your truth, that’s oppression. When people look at you in “that” way when you tell them you’re in agriculture, that’s oppression. Whatever oppression you experience in your own life is absolutely the worst for you, your identities, and your communities. And no one should challenge you on that. Your reality is yours, always.

It never dawned on me to consider what it’s like to be LGBTQ in a rural area until I met these men. One of the most powerful things I learned was that, while there is a strong sense of community in agriculture, there aren’t

enough opportunities to have LGBTQ identities intersect publicly and with affirmation. You can be affirmed in both identities, but often in two different spaces. Sometimes people have to leave in order to live authentic, whole lives, even when they really want to stay and follow in the family tradition and remain in their own community. You shouldn’t have to choose between the two. Rural life has its own personality, traditions, expectations, and resources. It’s rare to find a rural community that welcomes all identities, no matter the configuration. That’s rare in urban and suburban areas as well, but not in the same way as in rural life. What I witnessed was the immense pride everyone in that room felt about their connection to agriculture, farming, and their own communities. It’s who they are. It’s who their families have always been. It’s where they will raise their children. It’s where they love and live life to the fullest. It’s also where they should be able to live out loud as their completely authentic selves. Cultivating Change offered that, even if only for a few days. We laughed, challenged each other, learned from each other, and connected with each other. We came together in solidarity. We cultivated our own community and we are forever changed by that experience.



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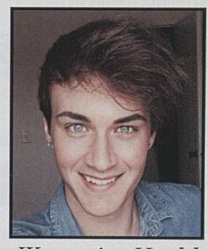
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Happy Being Healthy

Feel The Burn With Biking



By Angel Algarin

After recently getting back from vacation where I feel I found complete Zen, I found one of the most stressful things about returning to Lexington was the troublesome traffic. Not to mention the ever changing gas prices that seem to rise and fall so drastically on a day-to-day basis. With all of these thoughts in my head, I decided to hit the streets on my bike and found it an underutilized, refreshing mode of transportation. With this newly-found inspiration I decided to give you some reasons as to why I think you should try jumping on the bike riding bandwagon.

Kicking Calories with Cardio- Using *Bicycling.com's* cycling calories burned

calculator, I learned that at 12-14 mph, for 30 minutes, a 170-pound person can burn over 300 calories!

Workout to Work- Most people live in a decent vicinity of where they work or go to school. Instead of driving to work and competing with the continual parking problem, try riding your bike! Not only do you get to burn calories getting to work, but at most locations there is a bike rack or fence where you can park your ride even closer than the best parking spot.

Refreshing Ride- Riding your bike to work in the morning can get your blood flowing, making you more awake, refreshed, and ready to take on the work day.

Traveling Tone- *Women's Health Magazine* states, "Not only does biking work your quads, glutes, and calves which are propelling the bike. But working the handlebar sculpts your upper body too, giving you balanced tone."

Joyful Joints- Though running is probably one of my favorite cardio workouts, it is a high impact activity on your joints. By switching it up to biking, you can lessen a lot of the stress you have been putting on your knees, ankles, and spine.

I hope that this article has inspired you to try taking to the road on your bikes and if you do, be sure to strap on that helmet!



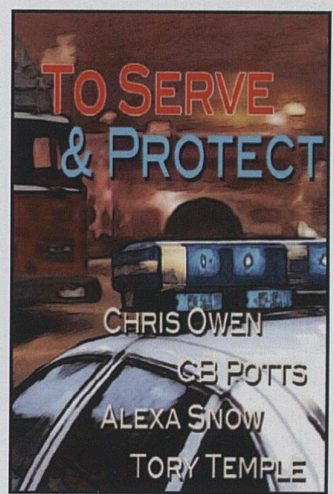
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by Chris Owens, CB Potts, Alexa Snow, and Tory Temple & edited by T. Mitchell

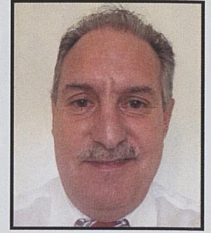
Reviewed by Kamryn Wies

This work is an anthology containing four short stories: *On the Clock*, *Nothing's Ever Easy*, *Flesh and Blood*, and *Mitch*. All of the works center around those who protect and serve us in everyday life. This first story paints a very realistic coming together of a detective and the computer crimes officer who found his victim. The second story answers the question about how to live a full life. The third story in the collection deals with issues surrounding hate in the workplace and how that could tear two lovers apart. The final story examines the difficulty in balancing life and work

and how to succeed. This collection lays clear the different, and sometimes challenging, aspects of relationships between men who serve and protect us. This book can be found in the Adult Nonfiction section under ANT M for Anthology.



Estate Planning Basics For Same-Sex Couples - Part 2



By Michael T. Palermo
Attorney At Law

Last month we introduced the concept of estate planning and examined “non-probate” transfers – an easy set of tools that can be used to transfer a good bit of most people’s property at death without a will or need for a lawyer. Wills, however, remain an important element of estate planning. Whatever you own in your name alone, and which does not transfer in some non-probate way is “probate property,” and should be disposed of by your will. This includes both financial accounts and household goods. To understand why, it is best to take a look at how Kentucky law provides for the distribution of your probate property if you die “intestate,” i.e., without a will.

First, it is essential to keep in mind that a committed partner who is not one’s spouse has absolutely no legal right to any portion of a deceased partner’s probate estate. So, if you want to pass probate property to your partner, a will is a must. A common fear of same-sex couples is that such a will could be subject to challenge by disapproving family members. But as long as you are mentally competent when your will is drafted and signed, fears of a successful challenge to a properly drafted will are totally unwarranted.

If You Die Without a Will

Many people are surprised to find that a spouse does not automatically inherit a deceased spouse’s entire probate estate. Instead, the surviving spouse takes \$15,000 “off the top,” but then gets only one half, with the other half passing in equal shares to his or her children. If you have no children or grandchildren at your death, this one half of the probate estate passes to your parents, or to your siblings, if your parents are gone.

If you and your partner are not married, your probate property entirely passes to your children, if there are any. If not, the property passes to your parents or to your siblings. Without a will, your unmarried partner is a stranger in the eyes of the law upon your death, no matter how you feel or what you want.

If You Die With a Will

Atypical will has two primary purposes – naming an Executor (or Executrix, if female) and directing who gets what from your probate estate, after your debts are paid. Consider the Executor the “wrapper-upper” of your affairs. He or she must first take the will to court to be formally appointed and get an official order saying so. That order is the Executor’s badge of authority that will

be honored by financial institutions and other parties he or she must deal with. This process is called “probating the will,” and contrary to the horror stories, is usually no big deal in Kentucky, assuming the will is properly drafted. Online forms are available, and with a little effort it can be handled without a lawyer.

You are free to dispose of your estate in any way you see fit. You can leave everything to your partner, for example, whether anyone else likes it or not. (As an aside, note that whereas there is no tax on transfers to a spouse, an unmarried partner must pay state inheritance tax of 6% to 16%. Federal tax is no longer an issue for all but multi-millionaires.) With the exception of your spouse, you can leave out anyone you want.

Under Kentucky law, a will that omits a spouse can be challenged, and the spouse can “renounce” it and take one half your estate. Many in the LGBT community, however, will be marrying later in life and each may have adequate individual means and different other loved ones (e.g., children) they wish to provide for. Many such couples in this situation agree to give up their right to renounce each other’s will and

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dispose of their estates in some other fashion. This is done with a prenuptial agreement.

We'll continue the discussion of prenups and other estate planning tools in subsequent issues of LinQ.

Mike is a general practice lawyer in Lexington and author of the 2005 book, *The AARP Crash Course in Estate Planning*. For more information and advice on estate planning, he can be reached through the PCSO Pride Center.

This article is presented for informational purposes only and not for the purpose of providing legal advice. You should contact your attorney to obtain advice with respect to any particular issue or problem.



Announcing Free Legal Consultations



Mike Palermo is a semi-retired Lexington attorney and ally of the LGBT community. He is a general practitioner with an emphasis on estate planning. He has offered to provide free consultations to community members, with the goal of assisting people in helping themselves when possible on a variety of legal matters that may come up from time to time. There are many situations that folks can handle with a bit of coaching along the way, but without formal representation. When representation or document preparation are required, however, Mike has agreed to work at greatly reduced rates.

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Cinema Disconnect

By Tuesday G Meadows

Two movies with LGBTQ- themes are coming to theaters in September. After watching the movie trailers, I already have strong feelings about both and I haven't decided if I will see them or not.

First, the movie *About Ray* opens on September 18. The movie is about a teen who is transitioning and the family dynamics involved in that transition. The teen in question is played by Elle Fanning and his mother and grandmother are played by Naomi Watts and Susan

Sarandon, respectively, along with Tate Donovan as the teen's biological father.

The movie examines not only the emotions that are involved with transitioning as a teen, but also embracing change within our society. The story examines many pertinent questions regarding transgender youth: who is transgender and who is not; why the timing of transition is important; and why it is best not to prolong or delay the transition.

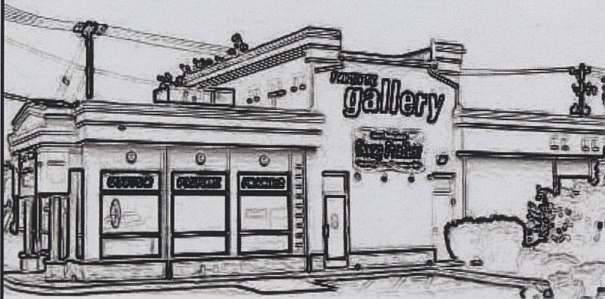
About Ray represents a timely insight into what is happening in the transgender community right now. There is a youth movement with the stories of young people like Jazz Jennings on her reality show. Not just in stories, but these are debates being played out in real life across the country with questions about puberty blockers, hormones, and even surgery for those in transition during adolescence.

I actually really enjoyed the story
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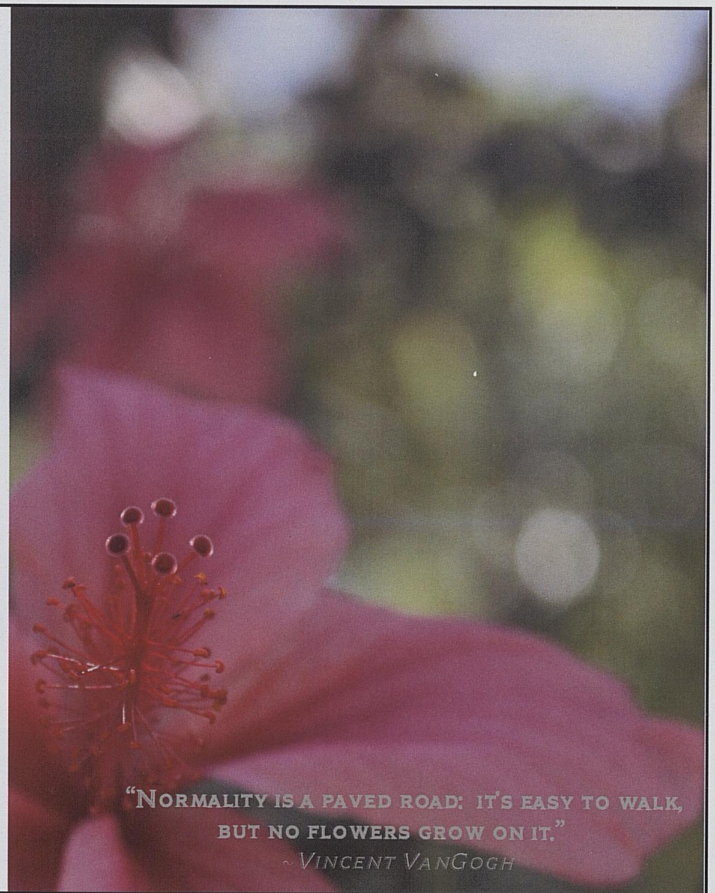
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~ VINCENT VAN GOGH

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I saw on the trailer, but I wish that the main role was played by a transgender actor; Hollywood seems to favor cisgender actors to play even the transgender parts. I have heard some say, well, they have to get big names to play the parts or they can't get the money to make the movie. But, this is a Catch-22. Transgender actors will never get name recognition if they do not get work. Unemployment in the transgender community runs 2 to 2 ½ times more than that of the general population. To me, this is just another slap in the face to our community.

Second, the movie *Stonewall*

opens September 25 and is a historical fiction piece, in other words, a fictional character at an event that really took place. This movie stars Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Jeremy Irvine, and Ron Perlman and is a dramatic retelling of the events that occurred in June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn in New York. The Stonewall Riots, of course, was one of the first inception of the fight for LGBTQ rights in the US.

My problem with the trailer is that it sanitizes and whitewashes Stonewall. The trailer shows a white gay man, recently moved from Kansas to New York City throwing the first brick and thus beginning the riots that went on for days. I see

no sign of Silvia Rivera or Marsha P. Johnson. According to most accounts, the Stonewall Riots were sparked by mostly people of color, street people, sex workers, drag queens, and yes, even transgender individuals. The rebellion was against a tyrannical and corrupt police department that had harassed LGBTQ people and caused them to live in fear for years.

Instead, the movie presents not just a fictional character, but a fictional story. While we celebrate Stonewall with modern pride parades and celebrations, the movie *Stonewall* looks like it may have taken those historic events dangerously out of context.



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Coach's name: John W. Ireland III



Sports: Gymnastics and Cheerleading

How did you get involved in these sports? When I was 2 years old my sister was enrolled into classes. I'd

watch and attempt the skills myself. I loved it! It became a safety necessity to enroll me as well and the passion never stopped!

What's your favorite memory? Cheering for University of Kentucky during my college years.

Cheerleading and Gymnastics are available at John's gymnasium, The Academy, located on Arbor Drive in Lexington, Kentucky, for all Ages and Skill Levels.


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and participation of members of the LGBT

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Lexington Rainbow Bowling League (Fall Enrollment)

The school year is getting ready to start back up, and that means it's time to bowl!

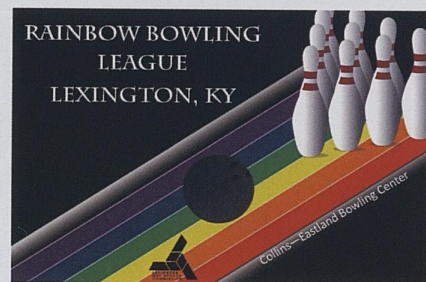
Join us on Monday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. to meet everyone and learn about the upcoming league year for the Lexington Rainbow Bowling League and for a little fun knocking down some pins.

The season will officially start on Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m., and last for 13 consecutive weeks. You may pay weekly by cash or up front the first week by credit card.

Whether you've already got a team or you want to join a team, come on out and we'll help get everyone organized and ready to bowl for the Fall Season!

If you have been wanting to join in the past and haven't, or haven't been part of the league in a few seasons, this is the time to join back in on all the fun! We anticipate an amazing year and are getting sponsors lined up for the league year.

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Kentucky's annual statewide conference for LGBTQ equality convenes in the Racer Nation on the main campus of Murray State University October 23-25, 2015. College and high school students, as well as community members, who want to learn more about LGBTQ identity and social justice are invited to attend.

- ★ Building off the tremendous legal, legislative and social progress being made in support of LGBTQ equality, there is still much work to be done. Within the social justice arena more broadly, we have seen example after example of inequalities the past several years that lead many to ask whether justice exists for everyone. This conference will be a space to celebrate progress and examine where we go in the future.
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Wildcat Pride: UK's New Office Of LGBTQ* Resources

By Lance E. Poston, M.A.

Since the end of the U.S. Civil War over a century and a half ago, the University of Kentucky has been one of the Commonwealth's most important institutions. Tens of thousands of citizens from many walks of life come to our main campus every year to learn, work, and access essential services at UK HealthCare. Other folks have never visited Lexington but interact with the university as a consumer of our extension services in all 120 Kentucky counties or as a fan of UK Athletics through televised games that reach audiences across the country and around the world. As a relatively new transplant from Ohio, the fact that UK means so many things to so many people in this state is evident just by taking a look at the seemingly endless blue and white license plates and decals on the cars that I pass from Morehead to Murray. While these realizations have been exciting as catalysts for a new "spot the UK logo" driving game, they also serve as sources of inspiration and energy for the work that drew me to the Big Blue Nation: building the institution's first university-wide LGBTQ* Office.


Coming from a post at Ohio University as a queer historian and educator, I joined the UK administration in May 2015 with the exciting charge to build an office that highlights the uniqueness of LGBTQ* experiences on campus. Said another way, my job is to construct an office

that increases lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer visibility while decreasing marginalization. Although my work routine differs significantly from day to day, I am focused on crafting a unit that is driven by education, advocacy, and community support. Working for UK's Vice President for Institutional Diversity and empowered by the forward thinking leadership of our president, this new office is an essential part of the university's strategic emphasis on and commitment to diversity and inclusion in many forms. Understanding that no institution is perfect but aspiring to be a national leader in higher education and a welcoming place for all Kentuckians, I have the honor of working with a great group of colleagues on campus and in the community to continue to lift up LGBTQ* voices.

Although I am the first full-time LGBTQ*-focused administrator at UK, I am building on a long legacy of student, faculty, and staff advocacy and allyship. Two groups that the new Office of LGBTQ* Resources absorbed in our process of campus expansion were the former student-led OUTSource and faculty/staff LGBTQ* Task Force. Both of these organizations laid important foundations that I am building on, and many of their most active members continue to serve on the new office's advisory boards and volunteer networks. I am also thankful for the

warm receptions I have received and strong partnerships that are developing with groups in the broader community including the Pride Community Service Organization (PCSO), Aids Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL), Trans Kentucky, and individual civic and religious leaders. I am proud to live in a city that has so many robust LGBTQ*-focused groups!

Most of the new office's events will be open to the broader public and I invite you to like UK's Office of LGBTQ* Resources Facebook Page as an easy way to get information on upcoming collaborations and community happenings. One of the office's most exciting fall events—co-hosted by several community partners—is a lecture by prominent trans activist and political figure Kristen Beck. On October 6, Beck will share her story as the first U.S. Navy Seal to openly transition in 2013, facilitating important conversations for our local communities.

Although I have been able to meet so many wonderful LGBTQ* folks and allies in the past three months, I know there are many more of you who I have yet to encounter. Outside of liking our Facebook Page as a way to stay connected, I invite you to come by to say hello in our main office in Blazer Hall or our extension in Chandler Hospital. I also welcome emails at lance.poston@uky.edu. Finally, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your communities! 



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September 8: The Face of Fairness in college

A Kentucky native discusses her experience in high school and then college (and also Europe) as a lesbian, while a Bluegrass Community and Technical College Dean and the University of Kentucky Director of LGBTQ Resources will share how LGBTQ issues are being addressed at their institutions. Support group discussions will follow.

October 13: The Face of Fairness in the Military

Counselors from the Veterans' Administration will show and discuss the 40-minute documentary *The Camouflage Closet*, in which nine LGBT veterans share their stories of trauma and of recovery. Support group discussions will follow.

We welcome LGBTQ persons, friends, families, and allies to our confidential group meetings. For more information, go to www.pflagcentralky.org.



SisterSound Rehearsals Begin September 13

Rehearsals for SisterSound's 20th Anniversary season begin on Sunday, September 13 with a "Meet and Greet" including light refreshments at 5:00 p.m. and rehearsal from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Come to the Choir Room at Centenary United Methodist Church, 2800 Tates Creek

Road, Lexington and join in the fun. If you are female, at least 18 years old, love to sing with other women, and can "match pitch" with those around you, come and join the "Sisters" as they kick off their 20th season singing together.

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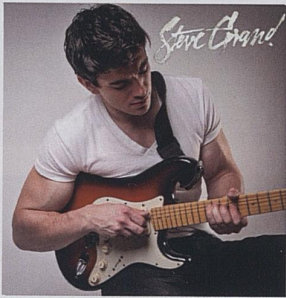
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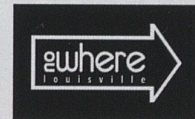
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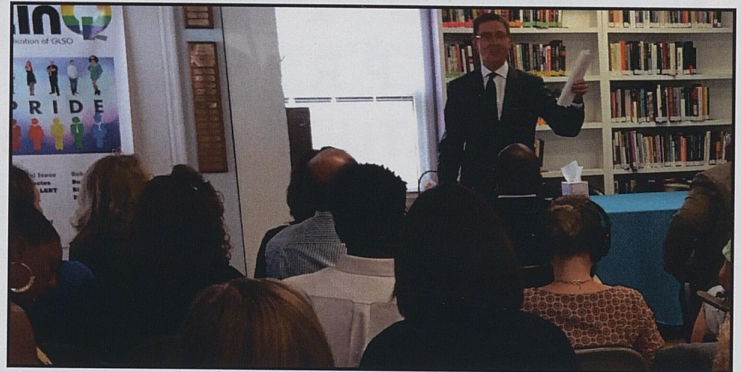
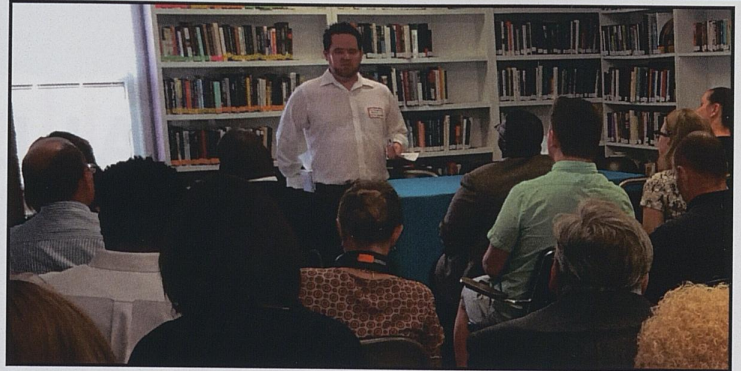


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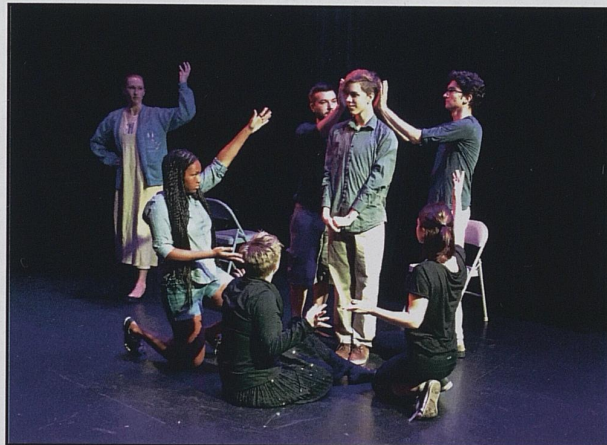
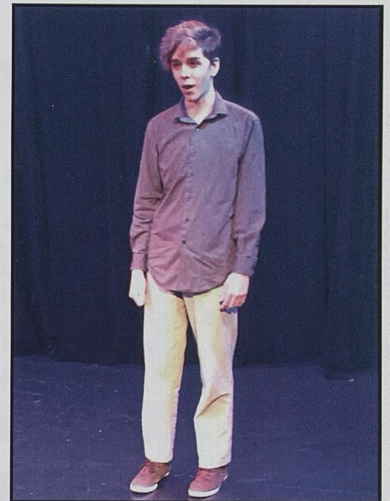
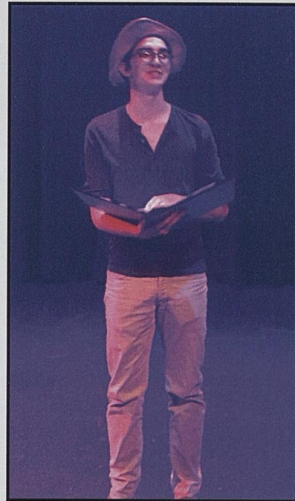


Top Left to Right: Tuesday G Meadows Addresses KY Statewide HIV Conference; PCSO President Christopher R. Bauer welcomes the crowd for the KY #RuralPride Conference. **Bottom Left to Right:** Alana Nicole Sholar speaks as the KY Statewide HIV Conference; Lexington Mayor Jim Gray introduces himself and his city to the packed house at the KY #RuralPride Conference.

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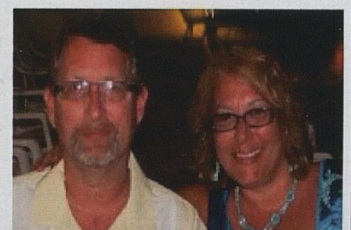
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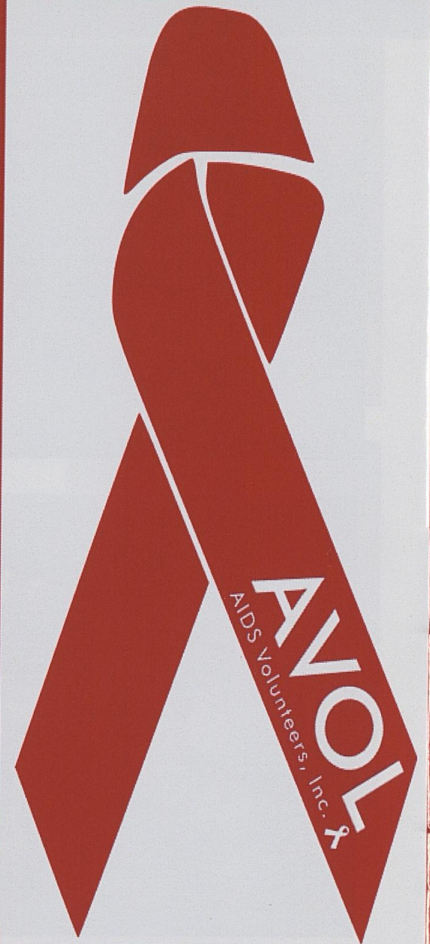
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Wednesday, September 2

7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, September 3

6:30 p.m. GLSO Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group*

Friday, September 4

7:00 p.m. 2015 Louisville LGBT
Film Festival Reveal Party*

Saturday, September 5

PCSO Working Concessions
at UK Football Game*

7:30 p.m. TransKentucky Meeting

Sunday, September 6

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, September 7

6:30 p.m. Lexington Rainbow Bowling
League - Meet & Greet*

7:00 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group

Tuesday, September 8

6:30 p.m. PFLAG Meeting*

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, September 10

2nd Annual LexLatino Film Fest*
7:30 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group*

Friday, September 11

2nd Annual LexLatino Film Fest*
PCSO at ScareFest Convention*

Saturday, September 12

2nd Annual LexLatino Film Fest*
PCSO at ScareFest Convention*

12:00 p.m. Entre Nosotros (Between Us)

9:00 p.m. Kentucky Bourbon
Bears Board Meeting*

Sunday, September 13

PCSO at ScareFest Convention*
5:00 p.m. SisterSound 20th Anniversary
Season Rehearsals Begin*

6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Lexington Rainbow
Bowling League Night*

7:00 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
LGBT Discussion Group

9:30 p.m. Dragging Out For Life Show*

Thursday, September 17

Dining Out For Life
2015 - Presented by AVOL*

6:30 p.m. GLSO Board Work Session

7:30 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group*

Friday, September 18

7:00 p.m. Senior's Bistro (Potluck)

Saturday, September 19

PCSO Working Concessions
at UK Football Game*

11:00 a.m. Inaugural Louisville Pride Festival!*

10:00 p.m. "Men of Crossings"*

Sunday, September 20

Editorial Deadline
for LinQ Magazine

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

Monday, September 21

6:30 p.m. Lexington Rainbow
Bowling League Night*

7:00 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group

Tuesday, September 22

National Voters Registration Day*

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
LGBT Discussion Group

Thursday, September 24

7:30 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group*

Saturday, September 26

PCSO Working Concessions
at UK Football Game*

Sunday, September 27

6:00 p.m. Imperial Court Meeting

6:30 p.m. Team Lex Volleyball*

8:00 p.m. "They Call Me Mamaw..."
starring, Helena Handbasket*

Monday, September 28

6:30 p.m. Lexington Rainbow
Bowling League Night*

7:00 p.m. H.E.A.L. HIV Support Group

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 p.m. "Heart To Heart"
LGBT Discussion Group

Community and Social Groups

24-Hour Crisis Line	1-800-929-8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	1-800-999-9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859-967-9960
Arbor Youth Services	859-254-2501
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859-277-1877
Council for Peace and Justice	859-488-1448
"Heart to Heart" Discussion Group	859-253-3233
Fairness of Louisville	502-893-0788
Gay-Straight Alliance, Teens	859-266-5904
PCSO Pride Center	859-253-3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859-619-7521
International Gay Bowling	859-539-3058
KY Survivors Area of Narcotics Anonymous	859-253-4673
Lexington Fair Housing Council	1-866-438-8617
Lexington Fairness	859-951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859-252-4931
Lexington Pride Festival	859-253-3233
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	1-800-273-8255
PFLAG Central Kentucky, Inc.	859-338-4393
PFLAG Louisville	502-223-1323
SisterSound	859-806-0243
Social Services, Lexington	211

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Speaker's Bureau	859-266-5904
TransKentucky	cassiemt@yahoo.com
Transgender Youth Family Allies	1-888-462-8932
Trevor Lifeline 24/7	1-866-488-7386
United Way	859-313-5465

College Student Groups

Berea College ACE	859-958-3633
BCTC Gay-Straight Alliance	859-246-6365
Centre College BGLA	859-238-5332
EKU Alphabet Center	859-622-5041
EKU Pride Alliance	859-622-1027
Morehead State University	606-783-2071
TUnity (Transy)	859-445-3822
UK Gay-Straight Alliance	859-257-8701
UK OutSource	859-323-3312

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HIV/STD Testing, Services & Information

AIDS Volunteers of Lexington (AVOL)	859-225-3000
Health Department, Fayette County	859-288-2437
Health Department, Woodford County	859-873-4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502-584-1254
Moveable Feast	859-252-2867
Northern KY Region	859-341-4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859-323-5643

Religious Groups

Ahava Center for Spiritual Living	859-373-8910
Bluegrass United Church of Christ	859-233-0208
Embrace Fellowship	859-358-0580
Faith Lutheran Church	859-266-7621
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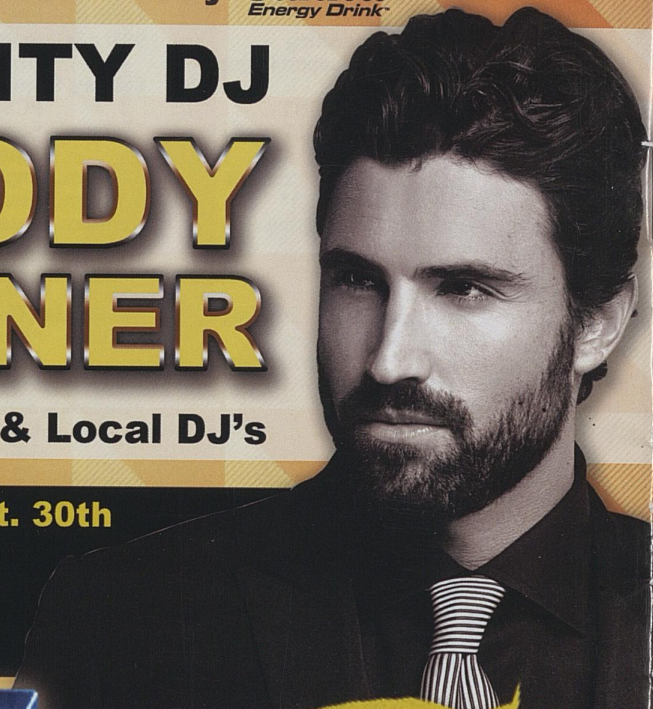


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