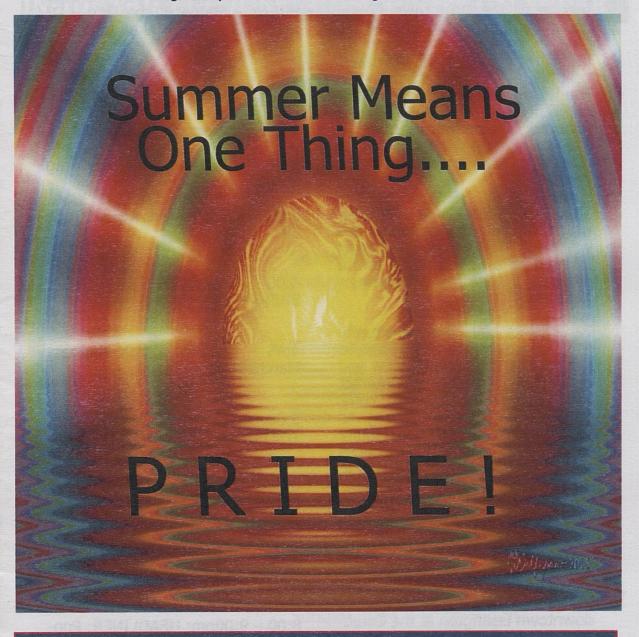


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### **6th Pride Festival Coming Soon**

Plans for the 6th Annual Lexington Pride Festival are nearing completion.

The event which draws people from all over Kentucky as well as surrounding cities and states, expects the largest crowd in its history to fill the Downtown Courthouse Plaza on Saturday, June 29.

Festivities begin at 11 a.m. and continue all day until 9 p.m. Food, vendors, activities, and entertainment of all sorts will be featured. There will be more of everything and all of it will take place in a family oriented environment.

The Lexington Pride Festival, which regularly draws crowds upwards of 10,000 people, began in 2008 as a means to celebrate diversity in Central and Eastern Kentucky.

Participants have the opportunity to purchase merchandise, listen to singers and songwriters, view and read art and literature and interact with members of the LGBT community. The festival also gives local businesses the opportunity to sell their goods and services by manning booths, advertising in promotional materials or sponsoring the festival itself. Over the five year history, more than 150 local businesses have participated.

The Lexington Pride Festival will take place, rain or shine, this June 29, 2013, beginning at 11 a.m. in downtown Lexington at the Courthouse Square.

The festival's message of valuing diversity among people will be on display everywhere.

### Schedule of Entertainment

11:00 – 11:30am: Welcome/Proclamation from Mayor Jim Gray/Presentation and Performance by Miss/Mr. LexPride

11:30am - 12:00pm: Company Q

12:00 – 1:00pm: DJ SET – DANCE BREAK – Battle of the DJ's – DJ Brady (Crossings)/DJ ea (pulse)

1:00 – 1:30pm: Lexington Children's Theatre – Starlight Singers

1:30 - 2:00pm: SisterSound

2:00 – 3:00pm: Community drag show

3:00 - 4:00pm: Live Act - Bridge 19

4:00 - 4:45pm: DJ SET - DANCE BREAK - DJ E-Square (pulse)

4:45 – 5:00pm: March Madness Marching Band

5:00 – 6:00pm: Live Act – SylVic & The Mockingbirds

6:00 - 7:00pm: Live Act - DOM-INO

7:00 - 8:00pm: Community drag show

8:00 – 9:00pm: HEADLINER: Poppy Champlin

This entertainment schedule is subject to change.

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**Bible Study** 

Lexington Gay Geeks Sci Fi Club Friday, June 14 & 28, 6:30 p.m.

Gay and the Gray

**Trans Kentucky** Meeting Saturday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. Pride Center

**Pride Prom** 

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**Imperial Court of Kentucky Meeting** Sunday, June 9 & 23, 6 p.m. Pride Center

**The Final Twist** 

**Pride Festival Planning Meeting** Thursday, June 13, 20, & 27, 7 p.m.

### **KY Bourbon Bears Events**

The Kentucky Bourbon Bears, Inc. is a civic organization whose purpose is to provide charitable support to LGBT service groups and to further awareness of the positive contributions that our group can make to the LGBT community and to our larger communities/cities.

To this end, The Kentucky Bourbon Bears, Inc. has recently donated \$1100.00 to Moveable Feast and \$200.00 to No Hate from our February 2013 event North American Bear Weekend. most recent fundraiser, The Big Baskets of the Bluegrass, raised \$4800 which will be donated to Lexington Fairness. The Kentucky Bourbon Bears also participated in the AVOL 2013 Lexington AIDS Walk and we were the top fundraising group with \$470.00.

In addition to fundraising, we are organizing different, fun activities such as an evening outing to the Mad Potter, movie nights, a picnic and a group outing to Louisville Pride followed by an outreach effort at both Big Bar and Tryangles that evening.

Our organization has sixty five members and continues to grow, we welcome new members who are "gay or bisexual and hirsute, admire men of hirsute nature or enjoy the company of hirsute men".

Our next big event will be the Mr. Bourbon Bear and Cub contest that we will hold in September.

Last year's winners went on to participate in the North American Bear Weekend where both Curtis Bass (current 2013 North American Bear) and Jack Lundy (current 2013 North American Bear Hunter) won additional titles.

We will have an informational booth at Lexington Pride Festival June 29th for anyone seeking information or who may want to join us.

You can get more information, see pictures from past events, or join our group by going to www.kentucky-bourbonbears.com.

### Interested in Bible Study?

I am thinking about starting a Bible Study and I am looking for people that would like to come.

Have not set a time or place yet so if you are interested in coming please either call, text, or email me at iggieky@gmail.com or (681)-205-6071

Thanks and God Bless Iggie

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# Are you part of the gay and the gray? June Meeting Set

GLSO is bringing LGBT seniors together to talk about quality of life in Lexington for our silver treasures!

You are invited to be part of this important conversation on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Pride Center on 389 Waller Avenue, Suite 100, Lexington, KY 40504.

This is nothing fancy or formal. As a matter of fact, we invite you to bring a covered dish to share with the group, put your feet up, and simply tell your story.

"We know there are many LGBT older adults living in Lexington; we just don't know who they are. It is easy for them to be over looked by aging services, because many still assume that people over a certain age are all straight. It will be very important to hear from our LGBT elders about what is good in their lives, and what they might have a need for. We should never assume we know what is best for someone else; we should listen to what they tell us." Troy Johnson, MSW, Director of Programs and Services for the Nursing Home Ombudsman Agency and Chair of the Bluegrass Elder Abuse Prevention Council

If you are over 55, gay, lesbian, bi, or trans, we want to hear from you! We want to know how you are doing, and what concerns you might have about

life as a senior in Lexington. Finally! Professionals in aging services are beginning to take an interest in the concerns of Lexington's LGBT seniors! We hope to learn from each other and teach them how to better address our needs and concerns.

We hope to see you soon.

Ginger Moore-Minder 859-253-0061

### **Greetings Balagulagans!**

## TWO PRODUCTIONS TO COME... TRIAL OF GOD & TOPDOG/UNDERDOG

Spring is here! The seasons are changing and so is Balagula's season with some exciting additions!

For those of you who are keeping a close eye on our production of "The Trial of God" by Elie Wiesel (Directed by Natasha Williams) our dates are production dates have moved.

The NEW dates for TRIAL OF GOD are... JUNE 9-12, 16-19. Please be sure to make your reservations at www.balagula. com for this epic and beloved conclusion to our Season.

#### THAT'S NOT ALL!

While we wait for Trial of God, we have included an EX-TRA production of the Actor's Choice (Louisville) of "Topdog/Underdog" by Susan-Lori Parks (Directed by Kathi E.B. Ellis - Balagula's Steady Rain).

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### What Do You See? By Karen Taylor

By Karen Taylo Contributor

What do you see when you look in the mirror? I have spent most of my life avoiding mirrors because all I saw was an empty shell, a worthless nobody. Thank God that is no more.

God doesn't make mistakes, create nobodies, or give birth to worthless individuals. He creates us in His imagine and gives us each an opportunity to walk with Him in love, peace, and grace. There is a song by Matthew West that says,

"Once upon a time life was so innocent. Somewhere along the line you're smile came and went. They made you feel like you just don't measure up. They try to steal your light, but you are a treasure of the maker of the stars. You are wonderfully made perfectly beautiful in every way."

After much counseling and spiritual growth I can now look back into my past experiences and see how God values me and has always had plans for me. Psalms 139: 13-16 "For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise You because I have been remarkable and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began."

The Bible has much to say about who we are in Him. Some of those verses have helped me along my journey of self-acceptance. Allow me to share a few of them.

- 1. I am God's workmanship, created in Christ unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).
- 2. I am a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- 3. I am more than a conqueror through Him Who loves me (Romans 8:37).
- 4. I am forgiven of all my sins and washed in the Blood (Ephesians 1:7).
- 5. I am greatly loved by God (Romans 1:7; Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4).
- 6. For God has not given us a spirit of fear; but of power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

God, the maker of the universe, has created me in His likeness, created in Christ for good works. He has made me a new creature in Christ and I am greatly loved. John 3:16 tells me that God loves me so much He was willing to send His one and only son to suffer and die for me. That kind of love is incomprehensible.

If you were brought up in sur roundings that did not incorporate these truths into your life let me assure you that you are a person of worth. God loves you just where you are. The beautiful thing is He loves us no matter what we have done.

If you are feeling lost and lonely, please take a few minutes to reread and meditate over the verses I've given you. Ask God to show you how He sees you. Once we get even a glimpse of this it changes our life forever.

If you would like to know more about this Christ, or how you can find peace of heart and mind, contact me at Karen@glso.org

### 7th Pride Prom A Sweet Success

#### By Mary Crone, Contributor

Our GSA seventh Pride Prom, Candy Land Apocalypse, was held on May 10, at the Children's Theater, in downtown Lexington. High school teens from all the local public schools and from surrounding communities attended this event. The GSA youth who are members of our GSA planned the dance, made and decorated the theater with lollipops, dice, and undead gingerbread figures. They also made undead gingerbread cookies.

Several young people told us that the dance was more fun than their school prom and one young woman said she "danced like no one was watching for the first time."

We want to thank all the adults that helped us make this evening a success. Anne Meacham and Ann Malcolm helped us rent the Lexington Children's Theatre and attended the prom, Jonathon Barker, who is known to the high school crowd as the fabulous DJ) and Andrew Tan, Abi Grise and Davina Warner, photographers, Marc Blevins, Jane Minder and Ginger Moore-Minder, Paul Brown, Amy Retucci, Pat Ritz and Joan Wyzenbeck, Alex Meadows and her friend CJ.

We had several parents including Amy Inman Johnson and Catherine Brereton. GSA advisers Mead Overbeck, Mary Crone, Samara Baker, and Trilby Trent with partner Stephanie Moore were there and enjoyed watching our queerlings have a great time. I think that averages out to one adult for every 4 youth. Sorry to anyone I have forgotten, we very much appreciated your support.

### **PFLAG Sponsors Faith Discussions**

PFLAG Lexington invites you to join us Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 to 8:30 for discussion by an interfaith panel of clergy and scholars.

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Our meetings are held at The Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel, 2025 Bellefonte Drive

Tuesday, June 11 Faith and Sexual Orientation, Part 1

Scott Rollins, Senior Minister, Highland Christian Church, Frankfort

Moshe Smolkin, Rabbi, Ohavay Zion Synagogue, Lexington

Rachel Small Stokes, Associate Pastor, Union Church, Berea

Margaret Nutting Ralph, Faculty, Lexington Theological Seminary

How do we reconcile religious beliefs and teachings, Scripture, God, and homosexuality? How have faith communities changed in their attitudes?

Faith and Sexual Orientation, Part 2 will follow in fall of 2013. That discussion will focus on current issues such as ordination of gays, policies and rituals regarding commitment or marriage ceremonies for same-sex couples.

### June 2013 Classifieds

Looking for a Dresser

I am looking for a chest-ofdrawers and/or dresser. If you have one please contact Mason Ewing at 859-382-2010.

**Volunteers Needed** 

Your GLSO Pride Center is continuing to add more services thus we are in need of volunteers. What's your area of interest? We need people to help sell advertising for the Newsletter; people to open the Pride Center and answer telephone and help keep the Center clean; technology assistance; and more.

If you can provide 1 hour a week or more please contact Karen Taylor at Karen@glso.

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Or come to one of our monthly volunteer meetings which will be the last Saturday of each

# Are you an LGBTQQI\* adult living in an Appalachian county?

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Please visit our website http:///gbtappalachia.webs.com or call 869-323-6917 for more information. month beginning at 12:00 at the Pride Center.

### Need Your Print Jobs Done?

The GLSO Pride Center is setting up a copy and print shop in the Center to complete all your printing needs. For more information contact Donovan at info@glso.org or the Pride Center at 859-253-3233.

#### **Writers Needed!**

Do you like to write about current events going on locally or just write a little something for our expanding newsletter?

We need your help as we are expanding our newsletter and adding more content and exciting features. If you are interested in writing for the newsletter contact us at editor@glso.org and submit your articles to us there before the 15 of each month.



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# Help for Depression in the LGBT Community

Some studies have placed depression second only to HIV as the biggest health concern in the LGBT com-Unique challenges like the loss of family support when coming out, encountering violence because of sexual identity, or keeping sexual-ity secret all add to pre-existing tendencies towards depression or other mental health problems that LGBT individuals face. Because some parts of Kentucky are so remote and isolated, loneliness and lack of community membership other than via internet can make depression worse for some people. This is certainly true in larger cities as well; people can be lonely regardless of where they live if they do not have meaningful social networks in place that provide support and nur-

There is a lack of LGBT-friendly mental health providers in some areas, and treatment can be almost impossible to find for people do not have health insurance with mental health coverage. Even individuals who have adequate coverage commonly report negative experiences with mental health care providers, and understandably do not want to return even when they desperately need help. From a public health prospective, the LGBT community is a "vulnerable" population because members are less likely to have family support and adequate health care, but are more likely to face challenges like social stigma, rejection, and loneliness that make depression worse. This can be a disastrous combination for someone who has a history of depression, either in his/her family or personally. This may be why the dangers of depression are especially sobering for LGBT youth. Numbers vary slightly, but generally show that LGBT teens are around 3X more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual teens of the same age.

Individuals who suffer from depression are more likely to abuse substances like alcohol, drugs, and tobacco in an attempt to cope with their illness. Substance abuse in itself is another health crisis commonly identi-

fied from within the LGBT community, and makes depression worse long term. If left untreated, depression can be very dangerous. Treatment can be a frustrating, time-consuming, expensive process. Accepting and living openly with one's sexual identity have been found to improve depression for some LGBT individuals, but these steps can take years and tremendous courage, effort, and support that not everyone has. Medications may work for some individuals, but not for others. There is no single approach to depression treatment that is successful for everyone, but with time and effort, depression can be managed in many people. Keys are to find a mental health care provider who is sensitive to LGBT issues and individuals, and to seek out help as soon as possible. It is important for LGBT individuals who suffer from depression to be reminded by the LGBT community and all health care providers that they are not alone and that self-medicating with substances like alcohol, drugs, and tobacco will only make things worse.

As mentioned in last month's article, smoking rates in the LGBT community are higher than in the general population. There is likely a link between the community's higher rates of smoking and depression, although it is difficult to prove. Most smokers say they smoke to handle stress and it makes them feel better. Nicotine has been found to have a very, very slight antidepressant effect as well, so smokers are likely self-medicating their own depression. The Lexington-Fayette County Health Department will be offering one of the first tobacco cessation programs in KY specifically for LGBT participants. Facilitators have extensive experience working with individuals who suffer from depression who also want to stop smoking. The class will be held in Lexington beginning in July 2013, final date and location to be announced soon. If you are interested in becoming tobacco free, or want information for a LGBT friend or family member who smokes, please call (859) 288-2457. The pilot project is being funded by the KY Office of Health Equity and the KY HIV/ AIDS program, and will be provided without charge, and includes nicotine replacement products.

### The Final Twist... By TriNity, Contributor

Well here it is, The Final Twist. It has been an amazing year, Daryl and I, along with the Royal Family, our Male and Female Lines of Decent, the Board of Directors and of course our charities: AVOL, Lexington Fairness, GLSO, Moveable Feast and JustFund KY would like to Thank You for another successful year of fundraising. We could not do what we do for our Community without your support. Throughout Reign 31 we continued with some of the traditions of the ICK like Mardi Gras Ball and Falsies, adding our own TWISTS to a few like MR/Miss Mary Christmas & Valentine adding a few new TWISTS like the Emperor's Carwash and Trivia Night with the Emperor.

Here's a look at Reign 31 from beginning to end:
Jun-12 Jul-12 Aug-12
Moveable Feast's Belmont BBQInvestitures 31Emperor's Car Wash
Crossing's Pride ShowIdaho CoronationThe Judy Show
Lexington Fairness AwardsCloset Ball 2012
Domestic Violence Benefit
Emperor's Trivia Night
AVOL's 25th Anniversary Event

Sep-12 Oct-12 Nov-12 Divas of HazzardToronto Coronation-Military Appreciation show Washington DC Coronation IDiva of Darkness 2012-13Emperor's Turnabout American Cancer Society BenefitJust Fund's "8"Divas of a Decade Emperor's Trivia NightRock the VoteEKU Forum "Growing up Gay in KY" Emperor's Birthday PartySanta's Kinky Toy Box Mr. Bluegrass LeatherEmperor's Trivia MSU ALLYance ShowDining Out for Life 2012 KFA Barely Gleegal Emperor's Trivia Night

Dec-12 Jan-13 Feb-13 AVOL Kid's Christmas ShowInner Diva 2013San Diego Coronation AVOL Kid's Shopping NightKing of Drag 2013Mr & Miss Gay Valentine GLSO- Very Fairy Christmas ShowUK Eleganza Drag ShowSingle & Bitter Mr & Miss Mary ChristmasEmperor's Trivia NightMardi Gras Ball Comedy Queens

Mar-13 Apr-13 Lexington invasion of Old Street SaloonNight of a Thousand Gowns ICNY Coronation

May-13 Hairball 2013Emperor's Wheel DragMiss Derby Pride 2013-14 Wag's and DragsWay out WednesdayJustFund Derby Eve Party Taboo! Empress' Fetish NightCougars UnleashedEntertainers of the Year Fi-St Patrick's Day SocialUK OutSource GaylaLexington Invades Shooters EKU Spring Drag ShowCrossing's Leather/Bear InvasionICK Emperor's Candidate Show Falsies 2013 Studio 54 Show St Louis Coronation Washington DC Czar Ball 1 Girl - 5 Queens Mr. North American Bear 2013

As you can see we had very, very full Calendar of Events. In addition to this list of events we also had numerous social get-togethers and a few Male/ Female Line meetings. We hope you have enjoyed this TWISTED year as much as we did. I consider myself to be a very fortunate Empress. I have an incredibly dedicated Female line that has worked tirelessly throughout the last year. To all my TWISTED Girls, THANK YOU So much. I could not have gotten through this year without each of you by my side. I also could not have made it through this Reign without my Emperor Daryl "Big D" Lyons. I have said it numerous times this year, I can't imagine having taken this journey with anyone else. Thank You!!!! Daryl & I would like to wish the next Reign continued support and much success for the upcoming year. It is our hope you continue to support the ICK as you have done for the past 31 years as our Regent Empress 32 JD Vaughn steps into her 2nd reign. And we wish our Candidate for Emperor 32 Patrick Thompson luck during the election at Coronation 32, and if elected, equal support as well. "From the Heart, Through the Court, For the Community" In Service, TrinityHer Most Imperial Majesty Empress 31The Twisted Empress.

### **GLSO Phone Directory**

A community resource page for gay and/or gay-friendly organizations across Kentucky.

### **HIV/STD Testing, Services & Info.**

AIDS Volunteers Inc (AVOL) 859.225.3000

Health Dept., Fayette	859.288.2437
	877.606.2437
Health Dept., Jessamine	859.885.4149
Health Dept., Woodford	859.873.4541
HIV/AIDS Legal Project	502.584.1254
Louisville Region	502.574.0161
Moveable Feast	859.252.2867
Northern Ky. Region	859.341.4264
UK Adolescent Medicine	859.323.5643

### **Community and Social Groups**

24-Hour Crisis Line	800.928.8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	800.999.9999
Alcoholics Anonymous	859.967.9960
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Council for Peace & Justice	859.225.6999
Discussion Group	859.253.3233
Fairness of Louisville	502.893.0788
Gay Straight Alliance, Teens	859.266.5904
GLSO Pride Center	859.253.3233
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859.619.7521
International Gay Bowling	859.539.3058
Kentucky Fairness Lexington Fairness	270.703.1582 859.951-8565
Lexington Human Rights	859.252.4931
Lexington Insight Group	859.230.2428
Lexington Pride Festival	859.253.3233
MACT PFLAG Lexington PLFAG Louisville	859.358.8335 859.338.4393 502.329.0229

Sister Sound	859.806.0243
Social Services, Lexington	211
Speaker's Bureau	859.266.5904
TransKentucky	cassiemtf@ yahoo.com
United Way	859.313.5465

### **Religious Groups**

859.369.9691
859.533.9851
859.266.5904
859.254.3319
859.358.0580
270.443.3339
502.545.6355

#### **Student Groups**

Berea College ACE	859.958.3633
Centre College BGLA	859.238.5332
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