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## The GLSO News

# Pride Month June 2009



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### Imperial Court of KY. Coronation 28

The Imperial Court of KY will celebrate its 28<sup>th</sup> Coronation in true English style June 5th through 8th. Emperor 27 Daddy Wayne and Empress 27 Eve St Mychal invite one and all to "Project Renaissance- A Royal Masquerade under the Tudor Rose". Join us in celebration of another successful year of fundraising, frivolity and fun.

The Lexington Downtown Hotel and Conference Center by Hilton (previously the Radison) will be the site of many weekend events. To make reservations call 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667) or 1-859-231-9000. Use group code: Imperial Court of Kentucky. Or go online at [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com) (group code imperi").

Beginning on Friday evening, June 5th, the ICK will host an In-Town Show at Crossings, 8 pm, \$5. Saturday night's highlights include an Out-of-Town show with guests from all over North America. Join us at 8:30 in the Mary Todd Lincoln Room of the Lexington Downtown Hotel. Cost is \$10. An After Party will be held at Crossings and will feature renowned Adult Film entertainers.

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, will be the Coronation Ball at the Lexington Downtown Hotel. This year's Ball is expected to be an entertainment extravaganza. Talented performers from Courts around the nation will entertain. There will

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## Pride Festival

Lexington's second annual *Downtown Pride Festival* will be on Saturday, June 27 from 11am to 9pm around the old courthouse building in Cheapside Park on Main St. There will be lots of merchants, entertainment throughout the day, children's games, food and alcohol sales, speakers representing the "Faces of Pride", and fabulous drag performances.

Entertainment on the stage will include Headliner Josh Zuckerman, Caribbean Blues, The Sexual Disaster Quartet, SisterSound, Karen Scalf, Another Note, and The Confessionals. Be sure to be on hand for the finals of the *Pride Festival Idol Contest*. Up to twelve individuals chosen in the preliminary rounds in May will be singing for your votes. We have some great contestants.

The dunking booth, so popular last year, will be back (with a twist),

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### The Imperial Court Of Kentucky

## Coronation 28 June 5th—8th



[www.imperialcourtkentucky](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky)



LEXINGTON  
**PRIDE**  
FESTIVAL 09

**Stonewall Lives**  
**Saturday, June 27**  
**11 am—9 pm**

along with several new entertaining activities including a Velcro wall and carnival games.

The Festival is a "family" event in every sense of the word. Bring your friends, partners, children, parents, even grandparents to enjoy this year's celebration of Pride.

The Lexington Fayette Co. Health Department will again have

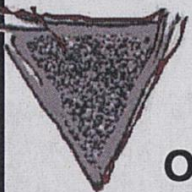
the **Outloud Health Fair** on the third floor of the History Museum (old courthouse). There will be free health screenings; it is amazing what information you can gather about your current health and your risk factors for future problems. Free testing for HIV/AIDS and Syphilis will be available.

The Festival will be followed by **Avol's Red Dance Party**. Some of the festival booths will be cleared and bands will set up. The music is guaranteed to get your body in motion. There will be an explosion of entertainment as we party into the night. The cost is \$10 for which you get a wrist band which you will need in order to buy drinks. Costumes are welcome.

This year's theme, "**Remembering Stonewall**" celebrates the 40th anniversary of the historic events at the Stonewall Inn where the modern Gay Rights Movement began. It wasn't the only first time that GLBT Americans stood up to the organized power of oppression in our country but it was an event that captured the imagination of the world.

From that small beginning in June 1969 to June 2009, LGBT Americans are increasingly recognized as part of the fabric of this country. We have helped create an America that is diverse, colorful, innovative, curious about difference, and moving forward into a new world. Come be a part of history and celebrate on June 27.

Go to [www.Lexpride.com](http://www.Lexpride.com) for updated information. If you are interested in volunteering the day of the festival, you can contact Ondine at 859 368-4438 or [laexigente@gmail.com](mailto:laexigente@gmail.com).



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# Pride Month Events

## Coronation 28 *continued*

also be group numbers to delight those in attendance.

Several new members of the Board of Directors as well as the selection of the Henry Faulkner Community Service Award will be chosen by all voting members of the ICK.

The culmination of the evening will be the crowning of Emperor and Empress 28. Ticket prices for Coronation Ball are \$20 this year, with all proceeds benefiting the charities of the Imperial Court of KY.

Last but not least, enjoy our Monday morning Victory Brunch in the Mary Todd Lincoln Room of the Hotel, cost \$40. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, all our welcome to enjoy our Hospitality Suite, where there will also be late night parties. Updated information can be found [www.imperialcourtkentucky.org](http://www.imperialcourtkentucky.org) Remember our motto, "A dollar at a time" and plan on attending all of the Coronation events to help those in our community who are in need.

## Unitarian Universalist Church

3564 Clays Mill Rd.

### Pride Service

11 am Sunday, June 7

Mary Crone will be speaking about Pride as characterized by Bayard Rustin, Civil Rights activist throughout his life. Join us in celebration of difference and stay for lunch following the service. Visit our booth at the Festival.

**Public Support for GLBT Rights**

## Belmont BBQ

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Moveable Feast presents the Belmont BBQ at 2492 N. Cleveland Rd. starting at 4 pm. This fundraiser will help us remodel the building we bought last month on East Fifth Street. Your attendance will support our efforts to provide meals for people who need our help and, at the same time, you will be thoroughly entertained.

Club Dub will open the show at 4 pm. Comedian Bernie Lubbers, 'The Whiskey Professor', will MC the day's events. Bernie is know as a regular on the *Bob and Tom Show* and will share his comedic gift with us. There will also be outstanding drag performances, the Morris Squash Beetle Dancers, and Fire Dancers.

We will watch the Belmont on a big screen TV. Will the winner be Mine that Bird or Rachael Alexandra? In the evening hours, you can enjoy the enchanting sounds of Robbie Bartlett and her band.

Throughout the day, there will be great food, a cash bar, and interesting people to chat with, all in the beautiful gardens of Coniod Farm. You might want to bring a chair or a blanket since we think this event will be very well attended.

All of this for the low, low price of \$25 per person or \$45 per couple in advance or \$35 per person at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at Moveable Feast, 1393 Trent Blvd., at the Pride Center, 189 Waller Ave., from any MFL Board Member or to pay by credit card call 859.252.2867. This will be too much fun to miss. I'll see you there.



## Remembering Stonewall

Thursday, June 18th 6:30

Central Library (140 E. Main St.)

*Remembering Stonewall* is an audio documentary about the events of June 28, 2009. It weaves together the perspectives of many participants including Police Deputy Inspector Seymour Pine, who marshaled the raid on the bar, and Sylvia Rivera, a drag queens who battled fiercely that night.

Several people who lived in New York at this time share their impressions of the riots and how it changed all our lives. You will hear from Randy Wicker, the first openly gay person to appear on television and radio; Joan Nestle, founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives; and Jim Fouratt, who helped found the Gay Liberation Front on the third night of the Stonewall Riots.

There will be a panel discussion following the documentary. This is sponsored by the Lexington Public Library. There will be free parking available in Library garage.

## STONEWALL, THE MOVIE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 2 PM

PRIDE CENTER 389 WALLER AVE

Nigel Finch and the BBC did a wonderful job portraying a fictionalized yet accurate account of the time period and events the leading up to the Stonewall Riots on June 28, 1969. We will show the film at the Pride Center on Saturday, June 20 at 2pm. FREE

In the words of one commenter, "It's a love story, a political tale, a drag odyssey and a wonderful expression of the powerful bonds that dark times promote and cement." It is also just plain fun. Join us. Popcorn will be provided.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fairness Awards

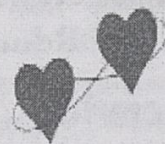
Lexington Fairness

The theme of this year's Downtown Pride Festival is "Stonewall Lives", in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn. It's important that our community reflect on its past and honor the work of our many activists. Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fairness Awards on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Lexington Downtown Hotel at 7 pm

The LexFair Dinner will honor Ky LGBT and allies who have fought for equality here at home. It will be an enjoyable evening of dinner, friends and reflection. Guests will be entertained by a performance of The Judy Show ([www.thejudyshow.com](http://www.thejudyshow.com)) and Louisville's own Robbie Bartlett ([www.robriebartlett.com/](http://www.robriebartlett.com/)).

LexFair will present awards to four deserving recipients, nominated by you. Nominations are being taken for the Ally for Fairness Award, the Fairness of Leadership Award, the Jennifer Crossen Out for Fairness Award and the Political Leadership Award. To nominate, log onto [www.lexingtonfairness.org](http://www.lexingtonfairness.org). Tickets for the dinner are be \$55, \$90 and \$150.

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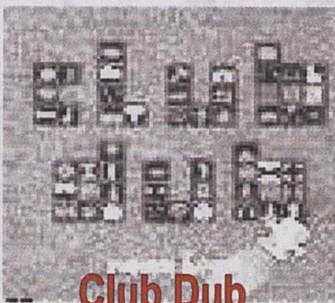
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## THE PRIDE CENTER

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### Insight Group

Insight will meet on Friday, June 5, for pot luck and a movie. Join us at 7 pm at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. This will be the only meeting in June and this once a month schedule will continue during the summer.

Dana is looking for someone who would be willing to organize another Insight get-together on the third Friday night of the month. Contact him at 859 230-2428.

### Teen Gay Straight Alliance

The Pride Prom in May was attended by 140 teens, a great success. The GSA meets every Tuesday at the Pride Center. We need an additional male advisor for this group, preferably over 30. Every other week would work. Contact Mary 266-5904 or [marycrone@insightbb.com](mailto:marycrone@insightbb.com).

### Stonewall, the Movie

Saturday, June 20 2 pm

Pride Center—389 Waller Ave

All Are Welcome

Lex. Lyons & Levi Club

Monday, June 8 at 7 pm

Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.

### DISCUSSION GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY 7PM

PRIDE CENTER 389 WALLER

All Are Welcome

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Bluegrass Women's Network

Hi, Ladies! You are cordially invited to join The Bluegrass Women's Network. The BGWN is a social group based in Lexington and open to lesbians from across Kentucky. We use a Yahoo group website to announce and coordinate our events; it's not a chat group.

We meet up and make friends! Our goal is to enrich our lives with great friendships and memories of good times spent together. If you don't have access to a computer, that's ok, we also have a phone list.

Membership is FREE and there are no obligations. BGWN members are invited to parties, card games, book discussions, brunches, potlucks, softball, and whatever else we can dream up! It's easy to join. Send a request to: [thebluegrasswomensnetwork-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:thebluegrasswomensnetwork-owner@yahoogroups.com).

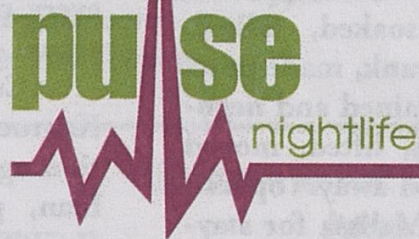
Lynn and Debby will send you the link to apply for membership. The Bluegrass Women's Network now has 109 members and we are growing. Come join us. We look forward to meeting YOU soon!

### TransKentucky

TransKentucky meets on the first Saturday of each month at 7:30pm. Doors open at 7. We are a support, social, and resource group. Our mission is to provide a safe place for transgender individuals. This is not a therapy group.

We include cross dressers, transsexuals, gender queers, intersexuals, and others who do not fit the standard gender norms or who are questioning their gender. Supportive allies are also welcomed. Meetings are free and you may dress however you feel comfortable. For info and place contact [TransKentucky@gmail.com](mailto:TransKentucky@gmail.com)





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## **SALE GREAT SUCCESS!!**

The GLSO Yard Sale Fundraiser was a great success thanks to the many donations from the gay community. Although it was a rainy weekend, yard sale patrons flocked the site of the sale at 1255 Bordeaux Dr. Clothes, electronics, toys, household items, books, tapes, records, furniture and knick knacks were flying off of the tables. It could not have happened without the donations, time and effort of our friends and supporters of the GLSO.

Many thanks to members of the Board: Dennis, Thomas, Virginia, Ginger, Jane, Mary, and Terry. Thanks to Joe, Norma, Geri, Josh, Jackie, Andi, and Roni for traipsing in and out of the rain to make the sale happen. We got soaked, talked, laughed, joked, ate, drank, made posters, sorted items, bargained and negotiated with customers, lifted, moved and sweated a weekend away. Special thanks to Gayle and Melissa for staying up all night to watch the site then working 48 hours selling items and helping to clean up. Extended thanks go to Bill and Dana for providing the muscle to move the heavy things during the weeks leading up to the sale. Thanks to all of you who donated trucks, vans, and gasoline to transport all the stuff.

As you can see, it takes everyone to make good things happen. This is a true example of community effort to benefit the Pride Center and the GLSO. Through activities like this, the GLSO can continue to provide social and supportive services and the Pride Center to the gay citizens and their allies of Lexington and eastern Kentucky. Through efforts like this we can truly meet our vision: *To cre-*

*ate a welcoming and accepting community by providing services to empower GLBT individuals.* Many thanks to you all for making it happen. Keep up the good work!

To volunteer to help in fundraising activities for the GLSO contact Bill at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave.; 859-253-3233. We will welcome all the help we can get and will put your skills, time and effort to good use! Good karma, good times, and a good

## **KY Fairness Vigil**

The Kentucky Fairness Alliance (KFA) has been working diligently to pass a statewide fairness bill through the Kentucky Legislature. If passed, the bill would bring equal rights to every citizen of KY, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Currently, 118 out of the 120 Kentucky counties provide no protection against discrimination for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. The two counties with protections are Fayette and Jefferson, plus the City of Covington in northern KY.

We can be denied housing and access to public accommodations, such as stores and restaurants, based solely on our orientation or identity. We have been working to gain support for the fairness bill, but we need your help.

KFA will be holding a vigil to bring awareness to this cause.

**Statewide Candlelight Vigil  
Sunday, June 28, 8 to 9 p.m.**

June 28th marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. We are looking for organizations or individuals who would be willing to host a vigil in their area.

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Thus far, we have organizations in five cities (Danville, Lexington, Louisville, Owensboro, & Richmond) that have agreed to organize the event in their areas. However, we are looking for more. Our goal is to have 15 simultaneous vigils throughout Kentucky.

If you, or anyone in your area, are interested in hosting a vigil, please contact us as soon as possible.

[info@kentuckyfairness.org](mailto:info@kentuckyfairness.org)

Phone 270 703-1582

Cook's Corner will return next month. You can send your ideas to: [cookingwithpride@hotmail.com](mailto:cookingwithpride@hotmail.com).

## Deadline for GLSO News June 15

The deadline for the GLSO news and for the eNews is the 15th of every month. As we near the time of Mary Crone's retirement from the newsletter, we have formed a newsletter committee that will be increasingly responsible for putting the newsletter together. This group will review the articles we have received by the deadline to determine priority. **This makes it more important that you send in your articles and ads on time.**

At this time the eNews is still experimental and we may send out more than one issue a month. The eNews opens up opportunities for special mailings and advertising. For example, an organization could send out an announcement about an event to be in subscribers inboxes a week before the event.

If you would like to receive the GLSO eNews, please send your email addy to [lexingtonglso@yahoo.com](mailto:lexingtonglso@yahoo.com).



# Pride Month 2009

## **Imperial Court of Kentucky Coronation 28**

Friday, June 5 - 8 pm - In-Town Show - Crossings - \$5

Saturday June 6 - 8:30 - Out-of-Town Show - Mary Todd Lincoln Room, Lex. Downtown Hotel - \$10 After Party—Crossings

Sunday, June 7 - 5:30 - Coronation Ball—Lexington Downtown Hotel \$50

Monday, June 8 -10:30am - Victory Brunch - Mary Todd Room - \$40.

## **Friday, June 5 - Insight Group—7 pm - Pride Center -**

389 Waller Ave. Join us for pot luck and a movie - free

## **Saturday, June - Moveable Feast - 4 pm — Belmont BBQ**

2492 N. Cleveland Rd \$25 — \$35 (see page 3)

Club Dub - Comedian Bernie Lubbers - Robbie Bartlett & more

## **Sunday, June 7—11 am – Unitarian Universalist Church—**

Pride Service: Bayard Rustin Made Visible—Mary Crone

Followed by a pot luck brunch (visitors need not bring a dish)

## **Thursday, June 18th 6:30—8 pm - Remembering Stonewall -**

Free Downtown Central Library, 1st floor -140 E. Main St.

Free parking behind Library

## **Saturday, June 20—2 pm - Stonewall — Free**

Pride Center 389 Waller Ave—a great movie

## **Friday, June 26 — 7pm—Annual Fairness Awards Dinner**

Lex. Downtown Hotel - \$50— \$150 (see page 4)

Honoring Activists & Entertaining - Robbie Bartlett & The Judy Show

## **Saturday, June 27 - 11am to 9pm— Pride Festival - Cheapside Park**

Free—Entertainment Booths Food Games Inflatables Drag

Kroger Cards and Pawley's Raffle tickets will be available at the Fest

Outloud Health Fair—free screenings—3rd floor History Museum

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## **Saturday, June 27- 9 pm - AVOL RED DANCE PARTY -**

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**Check in 4:30 Sat., Oct 3. Check out 4 pm Fri., Oct. 9.**  
**Winner will be announced at the end of the Pride Fest.**



**The Atlantic Ocean is right outside the front door of the Osprey.**



## ***Spotlight on the Beautiful People...***

***...by Helena Handbasket***

This column shines the spotlight on people in the community who deserve recognition. Beauty is not always skin deep and these "beautiful people" either devote their time and energy to a worthy cause or just plain make our lives better by entertaining us. Either way, it is time that they are recognized for their talents and efforts.

For pride month, our June honor shines the spotlight on Bill Chandler, originally from Chicago, IL but living in Lexington for over 20 years. Bill shares his life with his partner of 16 years, Terry Mullins, and Earl Lee Mullander, a Chiterriawa (made up name: part Chihuahua, part Jack Russell Terrier), as well as a black cat named Alfred.

Bill's beauty that we recognize this month is not only on the outside (what a cutie) but also for his continuous generosity to our community over the years. The GLSO Pride Center is Bill's favorite charity. "I love GLSO because I am an activist and take pride in being a part of the GLBT Civil Rights Movement. Our struggle continues and like the song says 'we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes'. I think the GLSO Pride Center - in its existence alone - makes a statement that proclaims we are here and we have a sense of purpose."

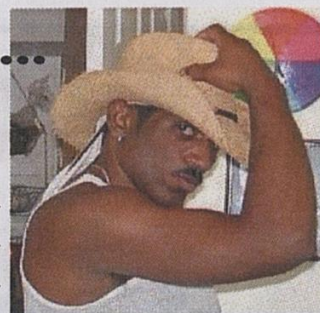
"My second choice would be Moveable Feast for their long-standing service & commitment to the Lexington community, both gay & straight. Also, my partner is the Director, and I am his #1 on-call delivery driver whenever he's short handed. We make a great team (love you babe). I'm

also very much aware of, and appreciate and tip my hat, to the efforts of all groups and organizations working so vigilantly to make this lil' town we call home a better place for all of us to live. Lexington Fairness, AVOL, CKCPJ, The Humanitarium, and The Imperial Court of Kentucky, to name a few. I applaud and thank you all!"

Bill has served on many boards in years past, such as The TSGRA: Tri State Gay Rodeo Assoc., Vice President; The Imperial Court of Kentucky, Secretary; The GLSO, (before employment) At Large; AVOL, At Large; The Commonwealth of Ky HIV/AIDS Planning & Advisory Council, At Large; CPG Community Planning Group for HIV/AIDS Prevention, At Large; Ebony Male, President; The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), where he created "The Draggin' For Jesus Show" for which his alter-ego Angel was born). "We raised thousands of dollars presenting this annual show," he said.

Bill also used to sing with The Lexington Men's Chorus; Created The Lexington's Pride Idol Competition and The ActOut Theatre Group. Awards he has won include The GLSO Volunteer Award 2005; The Wasson Award 1999; Henry Faulkner Community Service Award 2004; and The Moveable Feast Award of Admiration 1999.

Although he has never competed in any drag pageants he does however admit to his stiletto days..... "As for





female illusion, I have never competed in this art form but I have indeed been in face and walked in pumps as my retired alter-ego Angel, of *Angel & The Heavenly Rays* (most folks won't remember those days I'm sure). The *Heavenly Rays* consisted of some enormous drag talent some of whom are still performing regularly today...Rayna Starr, Devina Latrell and LaToya BaCall. We delivered some fabulous shows, if I must say so myself (smile)."

When asked what the biggest misconception about him was he replied, "Funny, you should ask that. I was recently at a party where I became reacquainted with someone from the community. Someone I've seen around for years but who always seemed a bit stand-offish. Anyway, this individual overheard me joking and laughing with some of the other guests (folks we both knew better than each other), but this encounter prompted him to tell me that for years he thought I was stuck up and somewhat unapproachable, which I thought was bizarre because I like to think of myself as a down to earth type of individual, open, and most certainly approachable (LOL)."

"Anyway, I said to him, (with a smile)... 'Really, are you kidding? Well, I know a lot of people, maybe you should have asked somebody.' We all laughed and although I haven't seen him around lately, I believe I made a new friend that night so hugz Charles. Ummm, so yeah, the biggest misconception about me, of late, is that I'm stuck-up and/or unapproachable. That's not me."

I asked Bill to finish the following statement: The world would be a better place if... and he replied,

"The world would be a better place if we had more evolution and less revo-

lutions. It never ceases to amaze, confuse, and frustrate the hell out of me that there are otherwise seemingly intelligent folks in this world who still can't grasp the reality of one's sexual orientation not being a choice and therefore cannot conceivably be wrong! Or the fact that bigotry, racism, discrimination, intolerance and the hatred built on these types of negativity still thrive so richly in our town and, indeed, in the world! We need more M.E.N. Mind Evolution Now! With open hearts and open minds this world of ours would be just fine.

I then asked, How do you strive to make the world a better place?

"I strive to make the world a better place by showing up for work everyday, being a community activist, talking to people about the issues confronting the GLBT community and the world today, being respectful of others, and by always trying to navigate my life toward love and understanding and not hatred and conflict; because when my time here is done and folks remember me, I want them to be able to say "He was my friend, and He was a good man."

Bill, thank you for this interview. Lexington is blessed to have you in our corner and so devoted to the betterment of our cause. I am truly inspired by you.

If there is someone in the community that you feel deserves to be honored in this column, send your request to [AdvicefromHelena@aol.com](mailto:AdvicefromHelena@aol.com) and let's be myspace friends. Look me up at <http://www.myspace.com/helenah>

**GLSO Karaoke**  
**1st and 3rd Tuesdays**  
**At Crossings**



## Acceptable Violence Lexington Fairness

As a child, it was important that you understood these two realities: 1) kids can be cruel and 2) the playground is host to some of life's harshest lessons. However, it seems that throughout the generations, kids have gone from cruel yet puckish to vicious without boundaries. The childhood recess ritual has transformed into almost 24/7 harassment.

Bullying is a topic that has gotten a lot of attention lately with some state legislatures passing—or considering—laws regarding school bullying as well as cyberbullying. However, bullying has recently grabbed national headlines for more macabre reasons – the deaths of Jaheem Herrera (11 year-old from GA), Carl Walker-Hoover (11 year-old from MA) and Maria Herrera (12 year-old from NY).

Each child endured incessant taunting and teasing, even after parents alerted the schools numerous times of the situations. And each child chose to end his or her own life. What drives a sixth grader to think, "I could live to see old age, but life will never get better so puberty will have to do"? They should be thinking about riding bikes, caffeine, sugar, and the next cool shows on Nickelodeon and Disney.

These kids weren't alone in their suffering. Bullying is considered the most common form of violence. According to the National Association of School Psychologists, each day 160,000 students skip school for fear of being bullied. In 2005, the U.S. Department of Justice reported that 77 percent of students are bullied emotionally, verbally or physically. Specifically speaking to LGBTQ youth, 33 percent of men and



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34 percent of women experience some kind of violence at home AND school. They're also four times more likely to attempt suicide than heterosexual students.

The abuse that happens in schools leaves emotional and, at times, physical, scars. Psychologists believe victims of traumatic bullying cases can exhibit signs of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which may appear later in life. PostSecret, the website where people can anonymously bear their souls, recently displayed a card that reads "The girl who bullied me throughout elementary school has cancer. I'm not sure if I should pray for her or thank God for punishing her."

Clearly, many adults carry memories from their younger days of someone considered bigger, stronger, cooler or more popular picking on them for being too feminine or masculine, too fat or thin, too short or tall, too smart or dumb. How about you? Do you still carry a grudge?

With the understanding that bullying greatly affects many within the LGBTQ community, Lexington Fairness has partnered with the Family Counseling Service to develop PROJECT SPEAK OUT. We are collecting anonymous stories from local middle and high schools and from college students about their experiences with bullying in the school systems.

Some of these accounts will be used to create a reader's theater-style performance piece to be presented to students, parents, educators, administrators, and the greater Central Kentucky community. The goal is to create an emotionally poignant performance that demonstrates the seriousness of school bullying. With permission, all of the original stories will be posted online.

And as an acknowledgement of the lingering effects bullying can have, Lexington Fairness will host a "Speak Out Booth" during this year's Pride Festival. People of all ages will have the opportunity to share their experiences either on camera or by voice recorder to be used as part of PROJECT SPEAK OUT and could be posted on our website—again, with your permission. If you are not sure you want your story to be represented, come talk to us anyway. You may find that telling someone is empowering and healing.

Society has always chalked up kids teasing one another as just kids being kids. It was a way to make you tougher, stronger, wiser. Nowadays at work, we take light jabs at coworkers as a way to relieve the stress. Kids, likewise, need a release. But bullying has become more than just playful joking. It has become a form of acceptable violence. As a human race, we must establish boundaries and draw a line in the sandbox, so to speak. Go to [www.lexfair.org](http://www.lexfair.org) to learn more about the project. If you don't want to be on camera, you can share your story by sending it to [speak-out@lexfair.org](mailto:speak-out@lexfair.org). Please join Lexington Fairness by participating in PROJECT SPEAK OUT to help educate the public on the severe nature of bullying.

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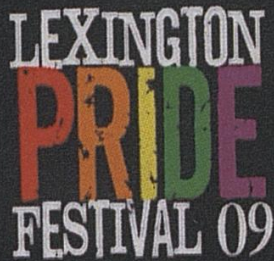
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