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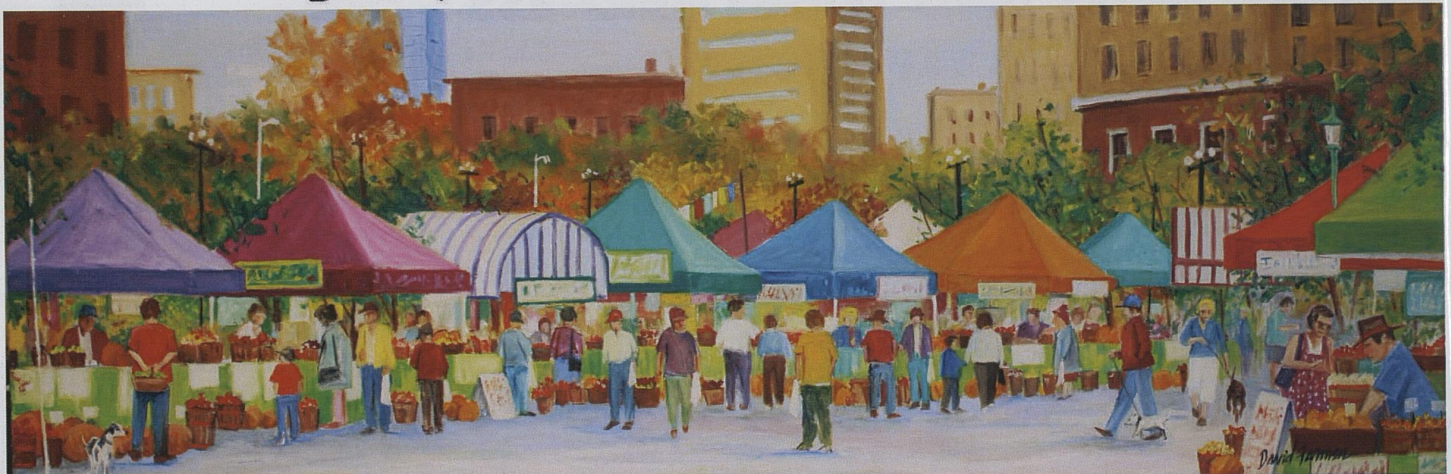


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# That's What I'm TALKIN' ABOUT

by Helena Handbasket



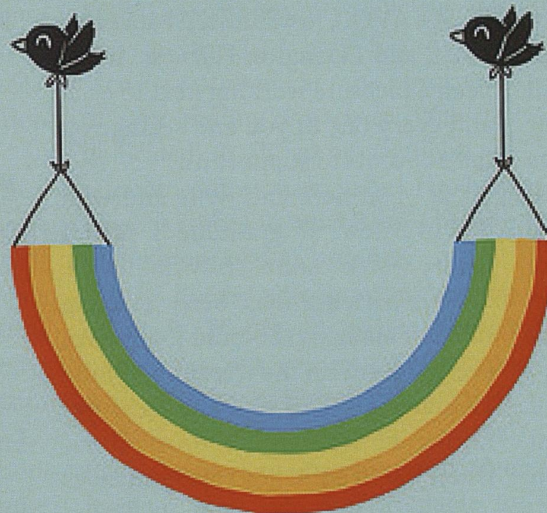
It's a Hard Knock Life, for us. Whatever. I'm thinking that many of us live a very charmed life. We moan and complain about how hard life is or about all of the stress we have to endure. I hear it all the time. Hell, I even do it myself sometimes. But if we think about it, that couldn't be farther from the truth. Now I know that some people reading this might be going through rough times financially or emotionally or even physically. I don't mean to diminish or trivialize what you are going through, but compared to those in other countries who consider it to be a miracle just to have food in their bellies or to own a pair of shoes, I am thinking we have it pretty good.

I have a deadline that I must meet each month to get this article written and turned in so that there is enough time to prepare the layout of the *LinQ* Magazine. And being the procrastinator that I am, I often wait until the last minute, as I have done with this article. Often I fear that my material might reflect the fact that I waited so late to create an article that it might resemble something that you, the readers, won't find worthy of spending your time reading. I do realize that some months are better than others. It would be easy for me to resort to doing exactly what I mentioned in the first paragraph... just moan and complain about the deadline being too early in the month but in truth, it is an honor that I get to have a

platform each month to share what's on my mind.

So here I am at the computer trying to write an article, while at the same time I have one load of laundry in the washer and another in the dryer. I had to order pizza to be delivered for dinner because I don't have time tonight to cook and on top of all that, I have to go in to work early tomorrow to start a new project.

Okay, Helena. Stop being a



bitch and see if you can't turn that around and look at things from a different perspective. So here I sit, writing my article on a nice laptop computer and not an old Smith Corona typewriter, while my Kenmore washing machine is washing my clothes for me. I'm so glad I don't have to use a washboard like my Mamaw did when she was my age. Then when they are finished with the wash and rinse cycle I'll put them in the clothes dryer instead of having to go outside and hang all of my

wash up on a clothesline with those wooden laundry pins and wait all day for them to dry. Since I work a day job, it wouldn't work for me to do it at night when I actually have the time to do my laundry. Drying clothes on the clothesline with no sunshine might not be such a great idea. So since I made the choice to wait until the last minute to write this article, I won't have time to cook dinner so I just picked up my iPhone and dialed the pre-programmed number to my favorite pizza delivery and they just bring dinner to me, and I pay for it with the money that I make at my job that I love and am so thankful to have.

So, ya see what I did there? How we look at things is a choice. Nothing changed about my situation except for my attitude toward my situation. Do ya' think that just maybe life would be better for us all if we decided to CHOOSE to approach life with a positive attitude rather than that bitch that lives inside? Oh yeah. I've got to keep her "in check." And if you happen to see me out and I'm looking at life with a negative attitude, then please just come up and give me a hug. We can all help each other to maintain a good outlook on life. Hope I'm not being too preachy... but you know how Mamaws can be. Until next month, babies... Mamaw loves ya'll.



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HUMOR

# IMPERIAL COURT OF KENTUCKY NEWS

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



ADVOCACY

**A**mazing how time flies. It seems like hardly any time has passed since I stepped up as Empress 34 of the Imperial Court of Kentucky but, alas, my year reign is approaching its culmination as we prepare for “The Imperial Court of Kentucky Presents: The Bourbon Ball, Coronation 35,” on June 12. We will be joined by many amazing individuals from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico to bear witness to the end of reign 34 and the beginning of reign 35. Aurora Cummings and Russell Drake will pick up and begin their fundraising endeavors with the Imperial Court of Kentucky and will make our community proud. I am so excited to see what these two will do!

I would like to take just a moment and thank all of you for all of your hard work and commitment to the community. Without the help of all the volunteers and the help from our charities we would not have been

so successful. I watch year after year and see this community grow and come together in times of need and it is simply astounding. I encourage every one of you to continue supporting one another and to work tirelessly to make our community into the place we know we want it to be and know that it can be. A huge thank you to the five main charities of the Imperial Court of Kentucky: The PCSO, AVOL, JustFundKY, Moveable Feast, and Lexington Fairness. It has been a pleasure working next to each and every one of you and seeing you out at events to support us.

I sit here and write and with the overflow of gratitude I feel, I realize words cannot truly do justice. This experience has been nothing short of amazing. I would love to see everyone out on the weekend of June 12, starting Friday night at Crossings Lexington for our In-Town Show, where we can enjoy performances

from all the individuals who have worked so hard raising money this year. Saturday we can enjoy performances from members of the Imperial Court from all over with our Out-of-Town Show at the Hilton Downtown. Sunday is the big day: “The Imperial Court of Kentucky Presents: The Bourbon Ball, Coronation 35,” at the Hilton with Monday to finish off with the victory brunch.



**If you would like to join us for “The Imperial Court of Kentucky Presents: The Bourbon Ball, Coronation 35” you can purchase tickets for the weekend’s events at [ImperialCourtKentucky.org](http://ImperialCourtKentucky.org)**



# TransKY ADVOCATE

by Tuesday G Meadows



## Loneliness and Togetherness

“Alone in the dark, hole in my heart, turn on the radio. And the words fall out,  
but they got no place to go... all I got is your ghost...Another day, another lonely night.”

*Another Lonely Night by Adam Lambert*

**H**ere it is June already, which is, of course, Pride Month, where our local LGBTQ+ community celebrates at Lexington's Pride Festival. Even though this is a happy occasion where we celebrate our individualities, our common bonds, and our differences, I want to address a sad but common topic: loneliness.

Although a simple definition of loneliness is, “sadness because one has no friends or company,” it is much more complex. Loneliness is a feeling of isolation. Certainly some may see the world as not very inviting or open. A lack of a companion adds to this feeling; trust me, I know.

Life is tough enough without being lonely. When you suffer from depression, as I do, loneliness can cause you to have feelings of worthlessness. Grief also can make loneliness more painful, acute. Maybe there are people who can shut themselves off from the world and don't need other people but that has certainly never been me. It has always been important for me to care for someone and for someone to care about me. However, loneliness can exist even when other people are around. Even though I know that my family and friends care for me, and I

care for them, loneliness can be the feeling of being alone even though there is a crowd.

Many of my friends in the LGBTQ+ community tell me that they are lonely. I have friends who seem frustrated at the prospects of ever finding a partner. Websites dedicated to different segments of our community seem to be of no help when it comes to loneliness. I believe many more suffer in silence.

But as I reflect on the meaning of Pride Month, it strikes me in celebrating our community, we can work together to defeat our isolation. In fact, loneliness is something that has to be worked on consciously. You have to make yourself available to others. You cannot shut yourself off and expect others to find you. You have to go where people are and try new things. You must be willing to make yourself vulnerable and that is very difficult for a lot of people.

When I came to my first Pride Festival in 2013, I came out as my true-self for one of the very first times in Lexington. In just a pair of jeans and a T-shirt I walked around the Pride Festival and observed people's genuine happiness at just being able to be themselves. I saw people just

like me. The Pride Festival is a fun day where you can enjoy a diverse and eclectic group of accepting people in a wonderful atmosphere. Even if it is just for a brief time, like I did 3 years ago, just come down and walk around.

Finding ways to help and serve others can also help with those feelings of being alone. Personally, I put my life on display in *LinQ* every month in order to help others cope with being transgender. If you are looking for volunteer opportunities, support groups, or other ways to get involved in the local community, you can probably find it at the Pride Festival.

Even though we all may experience loneliness from time to time, the Pride Festival is a chance to overcome isolation and to find a community.

Remember, you may suffer from loneliness but you don't have to do it alone.



You may write me at [tmeadows828@gmail.com](mailto:tmeadows828@gmail.com) or follow me on Twitter [@trishgigi](https://twitter.com/trishgigi). Now Tuesday's gone with the wind.

# WHO'S PRIDE IS IT ANYWAY?

by Carol Taylor-Shim, MSW



**M**y wife always says to me on the last Saturday in June, "Today is the gayest day of the year for you!" Pride is my own personal holiday! On a beautiful summer Saturday in 2008, everything in Lexington changed! At least it did for me. That was the year of Lexington's very first Pride Festival. And it was absolutely glorious! Finally, here we were as a community in all of our fabulous, fierce, and glittery goodness! I remember the overwhelming sense of happiness, joy, and PRIDE! I remember watching the crowds filled with all kinds of people and identities I'd never seen displayed so proudly before. I swear I got a little extra gay during that very first Pride. Pride is where we come to heal, to celebrate, to love, and LIVE! I can't imagine Lexington going back to the dark ages where the only thing resembling Pride was a party on a farm somewhere.

As the years progressed, Pride has evolved. It gets bigger every year and attracts more and more attention. Great for us, right? Great for Lexington, right? But every year, I get this gnawing question about whose Pride is this in the first place? Who is the most visible? Who is absent? Who was left behind? What is Pride all about, really? Is it about the visibility of white, cisgender, gay men with access to money? I'm a queer woman of color and I can tell you that lesbians aren't all that visible, let alone lesbians of color. Is it about the 13-year-old, struggling to make sense of their own identity, who longs for someone to identify with? Is it about the Trans women of color who need our love, our voices, our protection, and our advocacy? What about bisexual identities, where are they at Pride? Asexual? Pansexual? Is it for genderqueer, non-binary, and gender fluid people? Is this really everyone's Pride?

Now before folks get deep into their feelings and start coming for my head, hear me out a little. How many events are centered in bisexuality? Which events are targeted toward ending the war on our Trans sisters, brothers, and siblings? Where is the discussion about intersectionality? Is there anything that speaks to Latinx LGBTQIA people? I don't know

EVERYTHING planned for Pride 2016, but I'm fairly certain the same or similar formula will be followed. Fairness Awards on Friday night, which by the way has become cost prohibitive for A LOT of people, and the Pride Festival all day on Saturday. That's the formula. But imagine what it would be like if there was a week-long calendar of events that spoke to the LGBTQIA spectrum of identities, including intersecting identities? How powerful could it be to have a time for people who identify as allies (y'all already know how I feel about that word) to come together? The spectrum of identities within our community is one of the most beautiful things about us. It is absolutely possible to celebrate us as a whole while we acknowledge and celebrate the individuality within our community. We aren't one thing, WE ARE ALL THE THINGS.

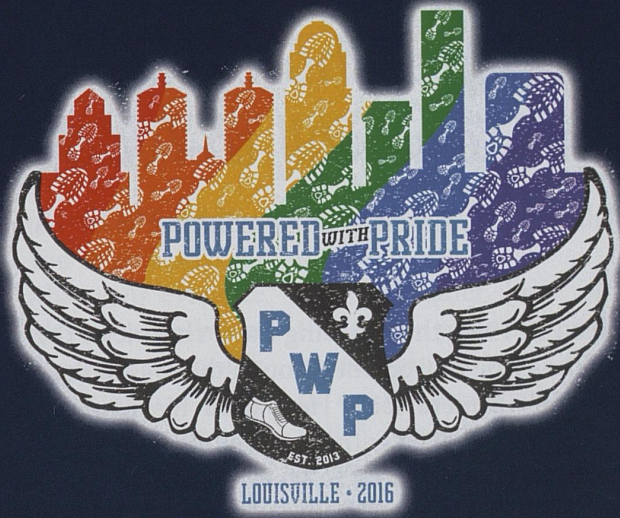
So let's kick it like we always do the last Saturday in June! Once we're done, we must commit to making Pride representative of ALL of our identities and all our collective and individual glory! We all have a role to play. I'm going to do my part in the next year and join the Pride Festival Planning Committee. What are YOU going to do to make Pride bigger and better than ever?



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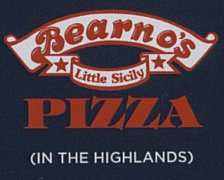
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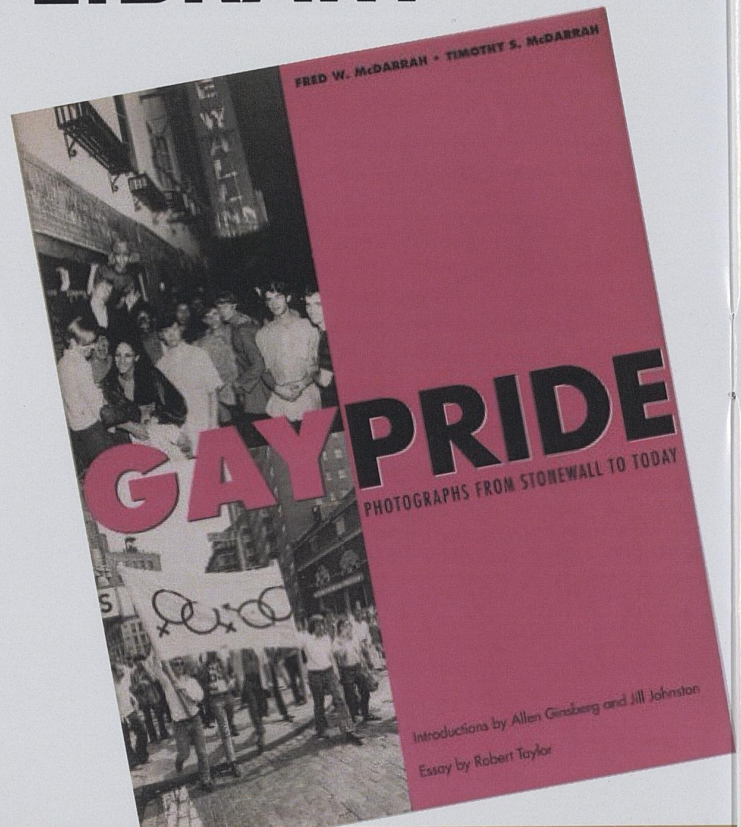
# AROUND THE LIBRARY

reviewed by Kamryn Wies

## *Gay Pride: Photographs from Stonewall to Today*

written by Fred W. McDarrah & Timothy S. McDarrah

**P**ublished in 1994, this amazing book chronicles the history of the Pride movement through the eyes of Fred W. McDarrah's camera lens. He paired his amazing and inspirational images with quotes collected by the photographer's son, Timothy S. McDarrah, in order to create a flowing narrative. There are images from bars, pride parades, art exhibits, and more. This book is a breathtaking way to journey through Pride history in a visually entrancing medium. This book can be found in our Adult Nonfiction section under A ART VISU. 🌈



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# OPINIONS - EVERYONE HAS ONE

by Chef Ranada West-Riley



I eat and breathe and dream food. I'm surrounded by it and even write about it. In this article, I'm going out on a limb and doing something different.

Opinions. Some folks tend to confuse opinion with fact. Opinions are the basis of judgment or discrimination. When forming personal convictions, folks often interpret factual evidence through the filter of their values, feelings, tastes, and past experiences. We are in the middle of an election year for a POTUS that is filled with social and political hot topics. It seems to me, there's a lot of confusion between what is fact, opinion, belief, or prejudice. Here's some ammunition for you should you be trying to sway a voter.

A fact is verifiable. We can determine if a fact is in fact a fact by researching the evidence. Facts provide crucial support for the assertion of an argument. Factual data includes dates, timelines, scientific evidence, and such. Facts by themselves are worthless unless we put them in context, draw conclusions, and give them meaning. It is a fact that many people died for the right to vote. Women and minorities were beaten and killed just to make voting available to us all. It is a fact that only 17% of registered voters turned out for the Democratic primary elections. That's a horribly low number considering what our ancestors went through to allow us this basic right. To put this into context and give it meaning... imagine dying for the right to vote,

only to have people neglect their civic duty and complain about the outcomes.

An opinion is a judgment based on facts. You must always let a person know what your evidence is and how it led you to arrive at your opinion. For instance, health care should be a basic human right. Should. It isn't. It's my opinion that if more people got out and voted, health care could become available for everyone. Social reform starts with voting for what appeals to your opinions. There are record numbers of people with healthcare accessibility. It's my opinion that this is a good thing. It's on course to being torn apart and dismantled.

A belief is a conviction based on cultural or personal faith, morality, or values. Statements such as, "Gender neutral bathrooms are harmless and should be made available," are often called "opinions" because they express viewpoints, but they are in fact a belief. You can't easily argue a person's beliefs. A belief touches on an individual's values or faith. These are the most heated debates because they are ingrained in a person's moral compass. It can at once inspire a sense of freedom and fairness for some and fear and distrust in others. Once again, voting in alliance with your opinions and beliefs are the only way to make headway. We all have that basic right to vote, yet only 17% of

registered Democrats found it to be a privilege and a duty and turned up to the polls. Those 17% can complain. The other 83% cannot, and that's my opinion.

Another kind of assertion that has no place is prejudice, a half-baked opinion based on insufficient or unexamined evidence. Unlike a belief, a prejudice is testable: it can be contested and disproved on the basis of facts. We often form prejudices or accept them from others such as our family or our peers... or especially media... without questioning their meaning or testing their truth. At best, prejudices are careless oversimplifications. At worst, they

*"It seems to me, there's a lot of confusion between what is fact, opinion, belief, or prejudice."*

reflect a narrow-minded view of the world. Most of all, they are not likely to win the confidence or agreement of someone whose opinion you might want to sway. We can vote in prejudice. We can vote in hatred. We can vote in contempt and misogyny and violence and corruption. We can also vote those things out, if we vote... Make it happen in November, or you really have no right to complain.

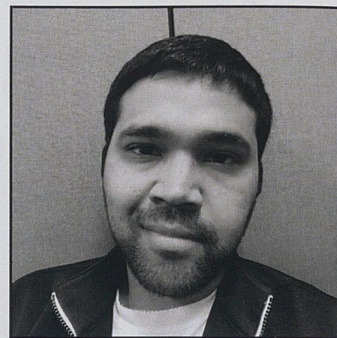
To tie this into food, since I'm a chef... Well, perhaps I need a local coffee with tons of local cream and a fresh local donut or three or something... the election year makes me become a stress eater.



# The Vast Fields of Ordinary

written by Nick Burd

reviewed by Eduardo Ballesteros



It's the last summer before going off to college for Dade Hamilton, a gay teen living in rural Iowa. The summer that the things that defined his life: a physical relationship with his classmate Pablo, his parent's marriage, even his idea of home—all changed. This is the setup for Nick Burd's debut novel, *The Vast Fields of Ordinary*, published in 2009.

Burd's novel opens with Dade writing his and Pablo's initials in a giant heart in a bathroom stall while at Prom. It's a sentiment we quickly discover he can't express publicly as Pablo is at Prom with his girlfriend, and Dade is one of the "dateless losers" on the bleachers staring longingly at his crush, who won't even acknowledge him. Things are further complicated by the fact that Dade isn't like his classmates. He shops at thrift stores, listens to indie rock music, and longs to leave the "suburban wasteland" of Cedarville. He can only hang with the popular kids when Pablo is around. He's otherwise an outcast, and a closeted one, at that.

After graduation, Dade's summer starts out pretty rough. His father admits that he's cheating on Dade's mom with another woman, Pablo breaks things off with Dade in the worst way, the entire town is

captivated by missing nine-year old Jenny Moore, and Pablo's girlfriend, Judy, threatens to have Dade beat up if he even looks at Pablo. But then as if by fate, Dade runs into Alex Kincaid, a young man in a sleeveless hoodie who changes the entire course

wants to buy weed from Alex, just to see him again. Alex takes Dade to his friend's house on a farm in the outskirts of Cedarville where they get high, watch bad werewolf movies, and walk through a cornfield yelling into the night. The chemistry between Alex and Dade is deep and meaningful and is the foundation for their relationship throughout the rest of the novel.

Burd skillfully captures their budding romance in rich metaphor and language, and he continues introducing interesting characters like seventeen-year-old Lucy, who is staying with her aunt and uncle in Cedarville for the summer, and who quickly becomes Dade's confidant and the first person he comes out to.

The novel builds to a fantastic and heart-wrenching ending that, while sad in some respects, is incredibly hopeful and thought-provoking. When I set this book down for the first time it lingered in my mind for days. I couldn't help but walk around thinking of Alex and Dade's story. This is the kind of book I wish I'd read as a gay teen growing up, and while the book is labeled YA fiction, it has real literary value and will resonate with readers of any age.

This book can be found in the PCSO Library's Young Adult Fiction section under YA B.

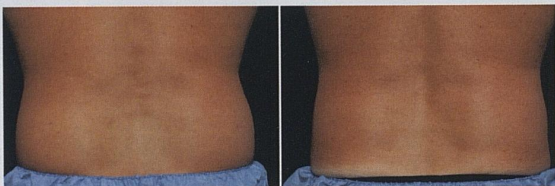


of Dade's summer.

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FEATURE

# "The mystery that no one knows, where does love go when it goes?"

*Lately* by Lera Lynn

by Tuesday G Meadows

On Saturday June 25, 2016, Lexington's Pride Community Services Organization will hold its 9th annual Pride Festival! The celebration will begin at 11 a.m. with entertainment, food trucks, and lots of booths to visit. The festival, as in years past, will be run by an all-volunteer group of individuals who donate much of their time and energy to this event. The Festival Chair, as well as the sub-committee chairs, are all elected almost a full year ahead of time by the Lexington community.


Katherine Wilkie Kennedy, or Kat as she likes to be called, is this year's Festival Chair. A life-long resident of Lexington, she is a graduate of Lafayette High School and the University of Kentucky. She is married to her husband Lucas and has a one-year-old son.

She grew up here in Lexington loving horses and people. When we discussed her inspirations, she told me that she took riding lessons from Jennifer Crossen, who quickly became one of her heroes. Not only did Jennifer run a successful business and have a loving relationship with her partner, Joan, but she was just a great person to be around.

Kat also describes her love affair with the city of Lexington. As she goes about her normal day, such as driving to work on New Circle Road, she loves looking at all of the sites around her, even the ones that some people might not appreciate. She has traveled extensively in her life, visiting 6 different continents, but no place beats Lexington as a place to live and have a family.

She got involved with the Lexington Pride Festival in 2011 as a volunteer, and has been helping in one form or another ever since that time. Her friend, Paul Holland, a past board member of the PCSO, got her involved and talked her into taking a leadership role in just her second year with the event. As Kat says, "He said to me that we need someone to help us organize our stuff, and since you color code your closet and use a label-maker to mark all of your items at home you would be perfect for this task." Of course, how could she resist such flattery? Next, she served as Logistics Chair and then Sponsorship Chair before taking over as Pride Festival Chair this year.

Although she has enjoyed all of her different positions with the Pride Festival, getting out and talking to business owners as Sponsorship Chair was her favorite. She was able to get to know many small and large business owners here in the city she loves. She has been impressed by the evolution of the Festival and especially the growth with the recent utilization of social media in the past couple of years.

One of the most important aspects of her life, she says, is her love of children. She believes that we all should try to make the world a better place for the next generation. She envisions a world where every child can live a happy life without being afraid to be who they are. Lexington Pride Festival is that one day of year where LGBTQ+ people and our friends can all get together to show our support for one another. By being welcoming to all sexual orientations and gender identities, we can show young people that there are those who will love you unconditionally. It is no wonder that Kat's favorite song lyric asks the question "Where does love go when it's goes?" 

# 2016: MUSIC FOR EVERYONE!

by Katherine Wilkie Kennedy, 2016 Lexington Pride Festival Chair

COMMUNITY

This year, our Entertainment Chair, Scott Robinson, has provided you with an amazing array of talents from across the nation to keep your attention for a full 10 hours this year! Starting out our Festival and entertaining all day long will be Mr. and Miss Lexington Pride 2016, Adonis and Serena D. Van Daren. You will be able to spot their crowns from a mile away, but don't look too long—there is enough bling on those crowns to make you see spots! There will also be community drag shows at various times throughout the day, but you will want to catch as much as you can because no numbers will be repeated!

Returning this year will be SisterSound, an all-women's chorus. Also back by popular demand will be our local DJs who know how to make you want to dance! This will also be the second annual Karaoke Contest Finals presented by WUKY 91.3. Check out their website and social media for opportunities to qualify for the finals and sing on stage.

One fresh new artist Scott is bringing to you this year is ChevyGurl, a rap artist with a flair for crowd-pleasing. She will be performing her own music, which she has both written and scored! In contrast to fresh hip-hop, we will also be presenting

a 90's throwback band who appropriately perform under the name 20 Years Gone. They will no doubt be one of your new favorite local bands if you grew up with Bush, Nirvana, and Weezer. For those of you intrigued by a one woman indie rock show from Nashville, TN—come on down around 7 p.m. and you will get to hear the musical whims of Kristin Ford! This is just one stop on her EP release tour and she won't be back around for quite a while. You don't want to miss her!

Perhaps the most excited I have ever seen our committee is the day that Scott announced that he was in talks with Grammy Award nominee Billy Gilman! Who can forget the song *One Voice*? He will be bringing a very personal song selection to you straight from the heart around 8 p.m. He has performed all over the world—let's show him how BIG a small town welcome can really be!

Entertainment begins at 11 a.m. at the Downtown Courthouse Plaza. We wish to give Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky a huge thank you for sponsoring our entertainment this year! 🏳️‍🌈



## LGBT SCI-FI/HORROR GROUP



THE PCSO IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A NEW LGBT SCI-FI/HORROR GROUP THAT IS MEETING AT THE PCSO PRIDE CENTER TWICE A MONTH FOR ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GET THEIR GEEK AND SQUEEK ON DISCUSSING SCIENCE FICTION AND HORROR GENRES.

2ND TUESDAY (ADULTS ONLY)  
FROM 9-10:30 P.M.  
& 4TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
FROM 3-4:30 P.M.

JUNE MEETING DATES:  
TUESDAY JUNE 14 & SUNDAY JUNE 26



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### PRIDE FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

We are in need of MANY volunteers to complete at least one shift during the Lexington Pride Festival on Saturday, June 25, 2016. Upon completing your first shift, you will receive a special Pride T-shirt available to volunteers only!

To volunteer for Pride, please attend one of the following two orientations and submit your application by going to [www.lexpridefest.org](http://www.lexpridefest.org) and clicking on Volunteer.

The two options for volunteer orientations are:

*Sunday, June 12 from 2-4 p.m.*  
*PCSO Pride Center*  
*or*

*Monday, June 13 from 6-8 p.m.*  
*Downtown Central Library in Room A*

You may also email Viki directly at [volunteers@lexpridefest.org](mailto:volunteers@lexpridefest.org).





# ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- 11:00 - Mr & Miss Lexington  
Pride 2016 Performance
- 11:25 - Trans Kentucky Orchestra
- 12:05 - Louisville Gay Men's Chorus
- 12:45 - Blackbird Dance Theater
- 1:25 - SisterSound
- 1:55 - Mayor Proclamation
- 2:20 - 20 Years Gone
- 3:15 - Community Drag Show
- 4:10 - ChevyGurl (Afternoon Headliner)
- 5:05 - WUKY Karaoke Contest
- 5:45 - Dance Break -DJ Battle
- 6:30 - March Madness Marching Band
- 7:15 - Kristin Ford (Afternoon Headliner)
- 8:10 - Community Drag Show
- 8:50 - Billy Gilman (Evening Headliner)



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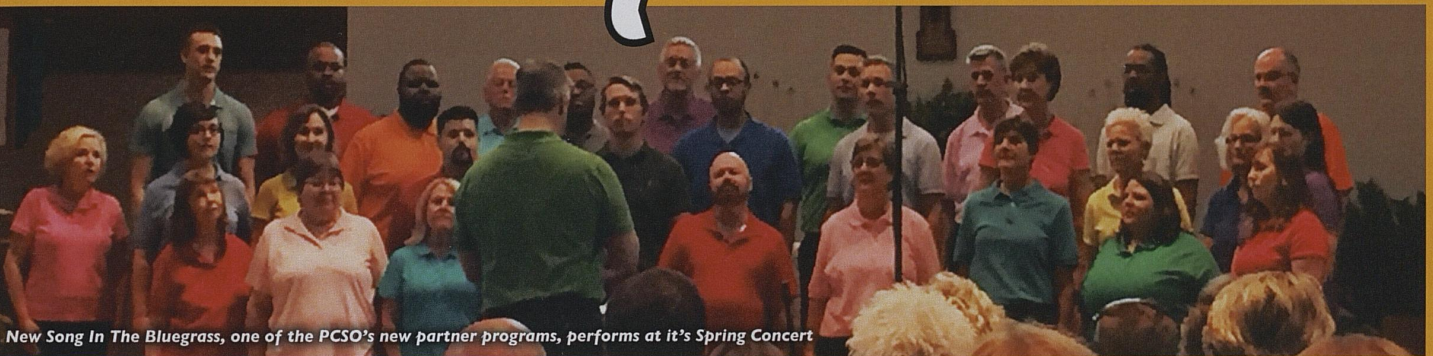
**[ TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.LEXFAIR.ORG](http://WWW.LEXFAIR.ORG) ]**

We want to see your photos! Tag **#LinQbyPCSO** in your pictures on Facebook & Instagram and you could see it in our next issue!

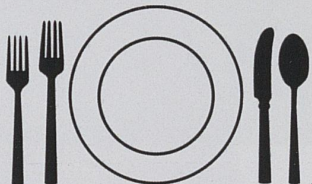
Corey Castle performs at PLAY Louisville's fundraiser for the Lexington Pride Festival

Miss Lexington Pride 2016, Serena Van Daren, performs at PLAY Louisville's fundraiser for the Lexington Pride Festival

# OUT & ABOUT



New Song In The Bluegrass, one of the PCSO's new partner programs, performs at it's Spring Concert



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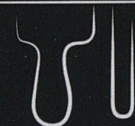
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Powered with Pride's Keith LaBelle and PCSO's Chad Hundley at the Lexington Pride Festival Fundraiser held at PLAY Louisville  
Submitted by 'kentuckygleek' via Instagram



Attendees at the 2016 Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction held at Soundbar Lexington

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Miss Kali Dupree, Miss Aurora Cummings, & Miss Shotz with a Z at the ICK Spring Fashion Show

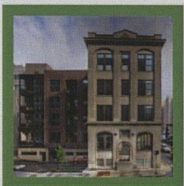


Marisa Youngs and Angelisse Warren are auctioned off at the 2016 Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction at Soundbar Lexington, raising money for the 2016 Lexington Pride Festival

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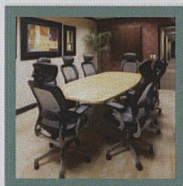
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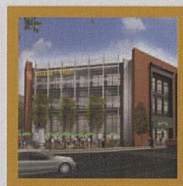
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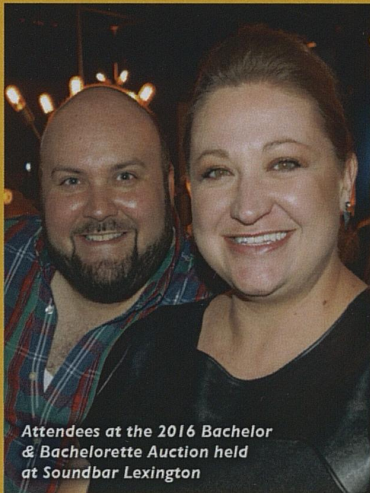
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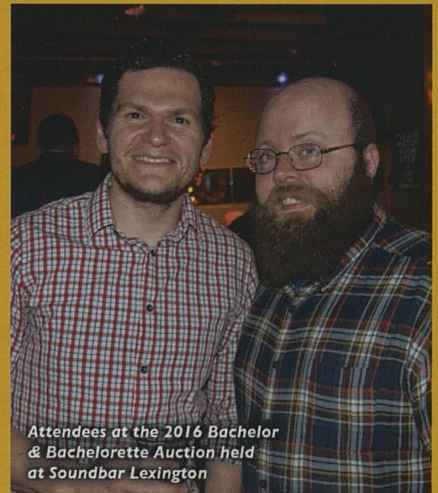
Dominique Diamond auctions off a bachelor at the 2016 Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction at Soundbar Lexington, raising money for the 2016 Lexington Pride Festival



Attendees at the 2016 Bachelor & Bachelorette Auction held at Soundbar Lexington



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# JUNE CALENDAR & DIRECTORY

All meetings & events below are hosted at the PCSO Pride Center unless noted with an \*  
For more details on events, view the full calendar at [pcsoky.org](http://pcsoky.org) at the bottom of the webpage

## Wednesday, June 1

- 1:00 p.m.-"Living with Aging"  
60+ Senior Discussion Group\*
- 5:00 p.m.-Richmond's Alphabet Soup Support Group\*
- 7:00 p.m.-"Heart To Heart"  
LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, June 2

- 6:30 p.m.-LexPrideFest  
Committee Meeting

## Friday, June 3

- 7:00 p.m.-TransLEX Meeting

## Saturday, June 4

- 2:00 p.m.-Northern KY Pride Festival\*
- 7:30 p.m.-TransKentucky Meeting

## Sunday, June 5

- 6:00 p.m.-Imperial Court Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.-Team Lex Volleyball\*
- 6:30 p.m.-Adult Pride Prom  
Planning Meeting

## Monday, June 6

- 6:00 p.m.-Company Q Rehearsal

## Wednesday, June 8

- 1:00 p.m.-"Living with Aging"  
60+ Senior Discussion Group\*
- 5:00 p.m.-Richmond's Alphabet Soup Support Group\*
- 7:00 p.m.-"Heart To Heart"  
LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, June 9

- 6:30 p.m.-LexPrideFest  
Committee Meeting

## Friday, June 10

- ICK's Coronation 35 Weekend\*
- 7:30 p.m.-Fairness Campaign's  
25th Anniversary Celebration\*

**8:00 p.m.-Merchandise  
Release Party for LexPride\***

## Saturday, June 11

- ICK's Coronation 35 Weekend\*
- 8:00 a.m.-Powered With Pride 5K\*
- 9:00 p.m.-Kentucky Bourbon  
Bears Board Meeting\*

## Sunday, June 12

- ICK's Coronation 35 Weekend\*

**2:00 p.m.-LexPrideFest Volunteer  
Orientation (PCSO Center)**

- 6:30 p.m.-Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Monday, June 13

**6:00 p.m.-LexPrideFest Volunteer  
Orientation (Downtown Library)\***

## Tuesday, June 14

- 6:30 p.m.-PFLAG Meeting\*
- 6:30 p.m.-PCSO Board Meeting\*
- 9:00 p.m.-LGBT Sci-Fi/Horror Group

## Wednesday, June 15

**Editorial & Ad Deadline  
for LinQ Magazine**

- 1:00 p.m.-"Living with Aging"  
60+ Senior Discussion Group\*
- 5:00 p.m.-Richmond's Alphabet  
Soup Support Group\*

## Thursday, June 16

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

## Thursday, June 16

- 6:30 p.m.-LexPrideFest  
Committee Meeting

## Friday, June 17

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

## Saturday, June 18

- 12:00 p.m.-Kentuckiana Pride Festival\*

## Sunday, June 19

- 6:30 p.m.-Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Wednesday, June 22

- 1:00 p.m.-"Living with Aging"  
60+ Senior Discussion Group\*
- 5:00 p.m.-Richmond's Alphabet  
Soup Support Group\*
- 7:00 p.m.-"Heart To Heart"  
LGBT Discussion Group

## Thursday, June 23

- 6:30 p.m.-LexPrideFest  
Committee Meeting

## Friday, June 24

- 6:00 p.m.-2016 Fairness Awards\*

## Saturday, June 25

**Lexington Pride Festival\***

## Sunday, June 26

- 3:00 p.m.-LGBT Sci-Fi/Horror Group
- 6:00 p.m.-ICK's Board of  
Directors/Membership Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.-Team Lex Volleyball\*

## Wednesday, June 29

- 1:00 p.m.-"Living with Aging"  
60+ Senior Discussion Group\*
- 5:00 p.m.-Richmond's Alphabet  
Soup Support Group\*
- 7:00 p.m.-"Heart To Heart"  
LGBT Discussion Group

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL GROUPS

24-Hour Crisis Line	1-800-929-8000
24-Hour Teen Crisis Line	1-800-999-9999
AA/Alcoholic Teens	859-277-1877
Alcoholics Anonymous	859-967-9960
Arbor Youth Services	859-254-2501
Council for Peace and Justice	859-488-1448
Fairness of Louisville	502-893-0788
Gay-Straight Alliance, Teens	859-221-4396
"Heart to Heart" Discussion Group	859-253-3233
HOPE Positive	440-703-0050
Imperial Court of Kentucky	859-619-7521
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
PCSO Pride Center	859-253-3233
PFLAG Central Kentucky, Inc.	859-338-4393
PFLAG Louisville	502-223-1323
Rainbow Bowling League	270-404-0211
SisterSound	859-806-0243
Social Services, Lexington	211
TransParentLex	859-230-0409
TransKentucky	cassieint@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 LGBTQ* Resource Center	859-323-3312

## 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
First Presbyterian Church	859-252-1919
Hunter Presbyterian Church	859-277-5126
Lex Friends, Quakers	859-254-3319
Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church	859-255-1075
St. Martha's Episcopal Church	859-271-7641
St. Michael's Episcopal Church	859-277-7511
Unitarian Universalist Church	859-223-1448
Woodland Christian Church	859-266-3416

## HIV/STD TESTING, SERVICES, & INFO

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



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