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Saturday, Oct. 2nd

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SHOWS 11PM TO 12:30 PM

Sunday, Oct 3rd

PRIDE BINGO - 5 PM

This event has already occurred

PRIDE COOKOUT ON OUR PATIO

Wednesday, Sept. 29th

PRIDE DRAG QUEEN KAROKE
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Mayor Amy Shuler Goodwin

The City of Charleston remains committed to being a welcoming and inclusive community for all people-regardless of sexual orientation, gender expression or gender identity. We want all visitors and residents to feel welcome, safe, and fully able to participate in life in our city. Y'all means ALL.

I am proud to support the continued efforts to bring folks together in celebration of the diversity of our people here in our Capital City and throughout

the Mountain State. It is so important for us to work together-listening across differences for understanding-so that we can build respect and sustain our sense of community.

As we celebrate the great strides that have been made toward equity for LGBTQ citizens, let us also recognize the work that is still needed to make forward progress on emerging and continuing challenges such as advocating on behalf of transgender and transgender youth.

Thank you for your support of this year's Pride celebrations!

My best,

Amy Shuler Goodwin
Mayor of Charleston

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Message from the Pride President

We've made it! You made it!

Welcome to the return of our Rainbow Pride of WV Pride Festival! Events have looked very different through 2020 and 2021. From virtual talks to smaller in-person events to our first ever COVID-19 Vaccination event, we are always exploring new ways to be visible, remain engaged and be a resource to our community.

Part of the beauty of our community is our diversity. We must continue to have uncomfortable conversations with each other, make space for and elevate the voices and life stories of our Black LGBTQ community, advocate for Trans folks and be fierce advocates for LGBTQ youth, especially as Trans kids have been under attack. Always be purposeful in understanding the amazing variety in the actual people who make up the L G B T & Q in our community.

While we strive to organize fun, impactful and relevant programming, we party with purpose. Inviting new voices to the conversation, reaching out a hand to welcome others along our journey and opening our arms to embrace others with compassion, we live our truth and we lead with LOVE.

I am proud to share space with the other amazing individuals on the Pride Board. Their opinions, experiences and input are valuable, especially as

we've been navigating new territory through this pandemic. I'm grateful to every volunteer, every allied business and organization who supports us daily. Special Thank You to Galaxy Lanes and Lee Street Lounge for being safe welcoming spaces for our bi-monthly Pride Bowling nights and Drag Queen Bingos. We are blessed to have such a talented and supportive Drag community. Thank you for always being there at a moment's notice.

Happy Pride All Year Long! We keep growing and finding new ways to connect with each other. We look forward to you being there with us, any way that's right for you.

Be a Friend, Be an Ally, Be an Advocate.

Most of all, Be You and Be Proud!

Chris Gosses
President
Rainbow Pride of West Virginia



Chris Gosses



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The Power of One

Billy Wolfe

Billy is **passionate** about making WV a **better place** for **LGBTQ** people.

In 2019, Mayor Goodwin appointed him **chair** of Charleston's **LGBTQ+ Working Group**. The citizen-led group has worked with city leaders on **numerous improvements** to LGBTQ+ life.

During his time at **FairnessWV** he worked on **state wide** initiatives increasing awareness and building fair minded **coalitions of support**.

He continues his work with the **ACLU of WV** on the **forefront** of **LGBTQ+ rights**.



Danielle Stewart



Rainbow Pride of WV Honors

The Power of One

Danielle lives a life **devoted** to standing up for her **community**, serving her country and **being visible** within the **authenticity** of living her life **openly and lovingly**.

She is a 23 year serving **U.S. Army Veteran**. **Danielle** is the Chair of the City of **Beckley Human Rights Commission** and serves on the Board of Directors for **FairnessWV**.

Danielle was **recognized** in 2019 as a "Wonder Woman" by WV Living Magazine, in an **historic first** time including **Trans Women**.



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“WHY WE HAVE PRIDE” 25 YEARS OF PRIDE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Why do we have Pride, year after year? Well, coming out to yourself and to others is a daily process.

Rainbow Pride of WV has events every month. We have these events for the LGBTQ community and the allied community to promote LGBTQ awareness to the general community and also to and for ourselves.

We had a beginning. Twenty five years ago, John Brown, David Shumate, and Andy Ragland thought it was a good idea to have a Gay Pride Parade in Charleston, West Virginia. The word got around and a small group was formed. This group was called the Pride Committee of West Virginia.

The fundraising mechanism that this committee thought of was to sell ads in a publication about the upcoming Parade. My friend, Jeff Huff was on this committee. He got me to donate \$75.00. The first Pride Guide came out and my name was not in the Pride Guide as a donor. It was explained to me that the committee did discuss the situation and determined that they would have to print a loose sheet to the Pride Guide since the Pride Guide was already printed. The committee decided not to print the extra sheet. This is the first lesson of being on the committee.

The next year, Jeff Huff got me and another friend of mine, Bruce Severino to join the committee. At the first meeting of the second year of the Pride Committee, Jeff Huff proposed a garden in memory of those who died of AIDS. So, Jeff, Bruce and I got another group together and formed the Living AIDS Memorial Garden.

Also in the second year of the Pride Committee, Jeremy Burdette and Kevin McClelland proposed a competition (pageant) for an ambassador for the Pride Committee. The competition would encourage state-wide involvement by having mini-pageants (preliminaries) throughout the state. The Miss Pride Pageant was born. For the first Miss Pride pageant there were eleven contestants.

David Shumate also helped form the Prime Timers and Mountain State Bears.

The Pride Committee evolved into the Rainbow Pride of West Virginia in order to file for 501(c)3 status. We hired an CPA from Atlanta who had experienced with filing 501(c)3 for Pride groups. From forming the new organization to finally receiving our 501(c)3 status, it took us five years.

And this is only the beginning . . .

The rest of the story will have to come later.

This year, we have over fifty ads in the Pride Guide and 18 sponsors. We would like to thank all our supporters that supports us throughout the 25 years.

We have had many people who were members, board members, and officers. We are all volunteers. And it is a thankless job. But sometimes, you do get recognized. There have been a few “volunteers” of Pride who were honored with the Power of One. Please see next page.

We would like to thank all of the volunteers, members, board members and officers who participated in this organization in the last 25 years.

Carl Maxwell, current treasurer, former president, and former vice-president

25 YEARS OF POWER OF ONE RECIPIENTS

1997	Barbara Steinke and Jay Adams
1998	Helen Compton and Larry Barnhill
1999	Sue Julian and Tom Dobbs
2000	Julia Hagan and David Shumate
2001	Brenda Warren and Robert Sheets
2002	Diann McLean, Ruth Tepley, Marty Adams and Justen Deal
2003	Margaret Lindsey, Bruce Severino, and Carl Maxwell
2004	Pat Link, Shelia Chambers and Jim Fletcher
2005	Ted Brightwell (aka Viki Williams) and Leslie Bakker
2006	Tiffany Sloan and Lisa Westfall
2007	Bob Rosier and Roger Legg
2008	Marc Weintraub
2009	Reverend Jim Lewis
2010	Steven M. Tompa
2011	Amy Weintraub and Chuck Anziulewicz
2012	Stephen Skinner
2013	Meshea L. Poore
2014	Anthony Jarrell
2015	Chris Gosses and Dr. Coy A. Flowers
2016	Paul Greco and Jessica Kennedy
2017	Jeff Crist and Michael Canterbury (aka Michelle St. James)
2018	Steve Williams and Kate Veiga
2019	Danielle Walker
2020	Danielle Stewart and Billy Wolfe
2021	No award given



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2019 Royal Court

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QUEER YOUTH

Being a kid is tough. But being a queer kid in rural Appalachia? That's its own kind of tough.

In places like West Virginia, LGBTQ+ youth often find themselves isolated and cut off from peers who are like them. That isolation can lead to despair, and worse.

At the American Civil Liberties Union of West Virginia, we know the struggle for full equality won't be won today. And we know that once that equality is secured, it will have to be defended in the courts, in legislatures, and in the streets.

So, we launched the Appalachian Queer Youth Summit, a summer-camp style program that brings LGBTQ+ youth and youth from LGBTQ+ families together from all over the state. We're breaking down those barriers that make young people feel so alone. We're also helping to guide the next generation of activists along the way.

Fifteen campers attended our first-ever in-person Summit in August at Camp Virgil Tate in Kanawha County. There were water balloons, crafts, s'mores, and campfire songs. But there was also political education and power-building. Most importantly, there was freedom to be our authentic selves.

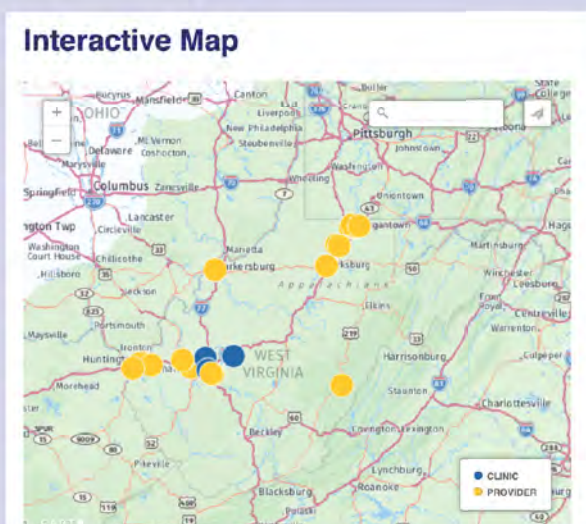
One camper told us it was the safest, most empowering space he had ever been in. Another said he hadn't smiled so much in years. But everyone agreed: next year's camp must be longer.

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TRANSGENDER HEALTH

Fairness West Virginia, the statewide civil rights advocacy group for LGBTQ people in the Mountain State, released last year an interactive health guide to ensure our transgender community members know which doctors provide competent and compassionate care. The guide, which can be viewed online at www.fairnesswv.org, lists dozens of providers and clinics that have received direct training from Fairness staff.

“This is just the beginning,” said Andrew Schneider, executive director of Fairness West Virginia. “We will continue to train medical providers and their staff over the coming year, and we hope to double the number of providers we currently have on our list. Everyone deserves access to competent and compassionate care, and we owe it to our transgender friends and neighbors to make sure they can access the services they need.”

Fairness conducts an annual Transgender Health Survey each year. Close to 45 percent of respondents of this year’s survey said medical or mental health providers have discriminated against them, and 17 percent said they were outright refused care.

“It’s unconscionable that anyone can be turned away from getting the care they need in the middle of a pandemic, but that’s happening,” Schneider said. “Without laws to protect against discrimination like the Fairness Act, doctors and hospitals can continue to legally discriminate against LGBTQ people just because of who we are or who we love.”

Of the survey respondents who knew about the guide, slightly more than 60 percent said they have referenced the guide while seeking care and 35 percent said it has helped them find a new provider. Two-thirds of respondents plan to use the guide when finding a provider in the future.

The West Virginia Transgender Health Initiative was made possible in part by a grant from The Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation. To inquire about receiving a free training session, email: training@fairnesswv.org.



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Saturday, October 2, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

East End of Charleston

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Headliners: Thorgy Thor and Steve Grand

Pride Bingo**

Sunday, October 3, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Lee Street Lounge, 222 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV

\$20 To Play

Must be age 21 and up

An Evening of Wine Tasting**

Thursday, October 7, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Lee Street Lounge, 222 Leon Sullivan Way, Charleston, WV

Admission: \$15.00

An event cosponsored by Rainbow Pride of West Virginia and
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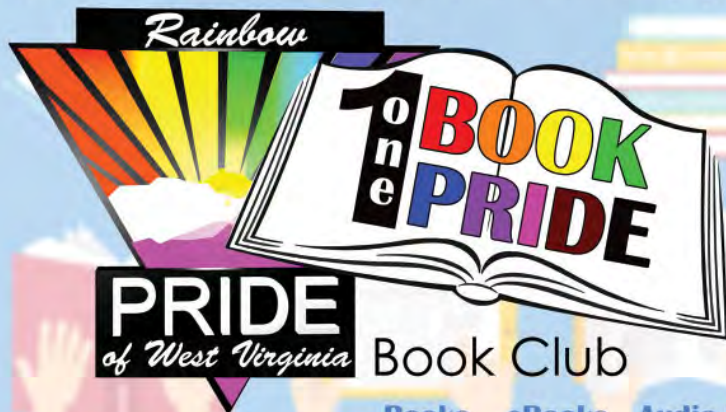
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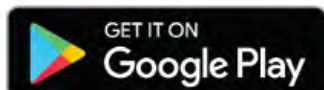
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Thorgy Thor

Thorgy was a contestant on the Emmy Award winning show **Rupaul's Drag Race Season 8** and **Rupaul's Drag Race All Stars Season 3**. She has also appeared on Amazon's *Mozart and the Jungle*, *VICE*, *WWHL with Andy Cohen* and is a cast member of **Dragnificent!** on TLC/Hulu.

Thorgy Thor has toured the world with MPpresent **Haters Roast comedy tour** & *A Drag Queen Christmas* for the past 4 years. Thorgy Thor has had the honor of playing solo **violin, viola and cello** in **Thorgy and the Thorchestra** with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Nova Scotia, Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and has debuted a solo show at **Gramercy Theater in NYC** in 2019.

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Steve Grand

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The resources are as follows:

LGBT National Youth Talkline: 1-800-246-PRIDE (1-800-246-7743)

LGBT National Hotline: 1-888-843-4564

SAGE LGBT Elder Hotline: 1-888-234-SAGE (1-888-234-7243)

GLBT Help: www.glbthotlines.org.

Itgetbetter.org (videos of testimonials that “It gets Better”)

PLAG: www.pflag.org.

**Local PFLAG Chapters: (Fairmont): pflagfairmont@gmail.com,
facebook.com/groups/PFLAGFairmont and www.pflagfairmont.org**

Have you had any thoughts concerning suicide? Suicide is not the answer. There are national and local resources on suicide prevention. The website, **www.suicide.org** started in 2004 with the mission of providing national and local resources on suicide prevention.

The national resources are as follows:

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)

The Trevor Project Hotline: 1-888-4-U-TREVOR (1-866-488-7385)

The Trevor Project website: www.thetrevorproject.org.

Suicide.org also provides local suicide or crisis hotlines that are for seven areas in the state. In the Huntington and Charleston area and also statewide, Presteria Center for Mental Health provides a crisis hotline. This crisis hotline is as follows: **1-800-642-3434**. The business hours for Presteria is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. During non-business hours, you need to dial “9” during the recorded message to reach the crisis center.

Another helpful resource for suicide prevention and for training in suicide prevention is the website: **www.preventsuicidewv.org**. This website is provided by Prevent Suicide WV with funding by the Bureau for Behavior Health and Health Facilities and the Bureau of Public Health. This website provides informational articles concerning the prevention of suicide. Prevent Suicide WV provides classroom instructions to medical professionals and also to youths acting as peer support and gatekeepers to look for signs in helping to prevent suicide.

Another resource is the West Virginia Chapter of the **American Foundation of Suicide Prevention**. Contact the West Virginia director, Amanda Pritt at 304-859-5026 and apritt@afsp.org. Their website concerning the LGBTQ community is as follows:
www.afsp.org/LGBTQ.

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We are asking for donations for the Living AIDS Memorial Garden

Improvement Project. The project is our recommitment of our mission to establish and maintain a garden in memory of those who have died of AIDS, and to provide a place of reflection for those who are living with AIDS, and for those who are survivors.

The centerpiece of the improvement project is the "Red Ribbon" sculpture. The red ribbon is the international symbol of HIV/AIDS awareness. This metal sculpture will be ten feet in height and will be visible from Washington Street East and Sidney Avenue. The noted sculptor of the "Red Ribbon" is Jeff Fetty of Spencer, West Virginia.

The other elements of the improvement project are the following items: refinish the surfaces of the 2 plaques in the Garden, the repair of the wood tables and benches, the installation of new armrests at the benches, the installation of new signs, the installation of new wrought iron fencing at the back of the Garden, the installation of sod, the installation of exterior lights to illuminate the sculpture, a new plaque for the sculpture and the installation of new speakers and sound system.

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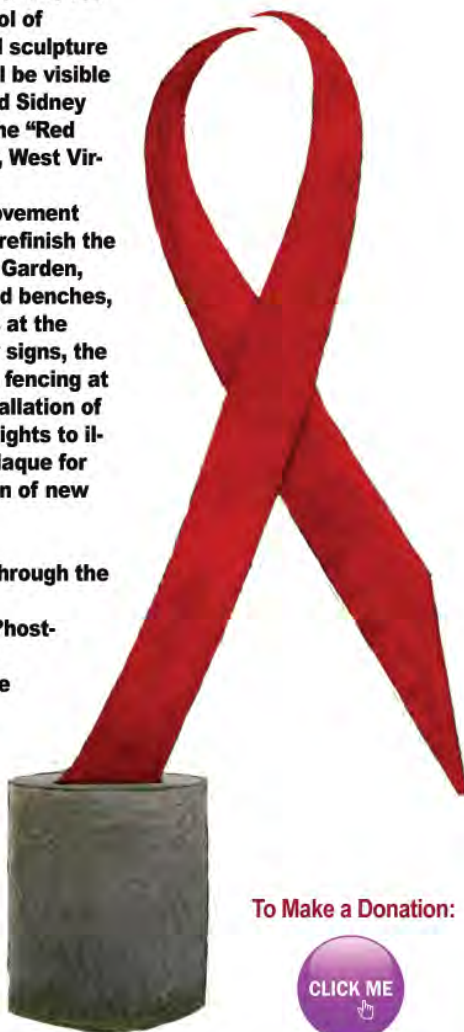
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During the onset of the AIDS pandemic they faced fearful backlash in their effort to establish three homes for persons with HIV who had nowhere else to go. This effort developed to encompass twenty-two counties of southern West Virginia yielding housing support including utilities, rent, and basic living supplies.

Later, additional funding led to the creation of a statewide effort to raise awareness of tobacco use and the malevolent targeting of LGBT folk by the tobacco industry. Through this grant they have created a website: drrainbow.org which allows for one to search for area physicians who are “gay friendly” and nonjudgmental. The site also offers help with tobacco cessation and general LGBTQ activities within the community.

Most recently they have begun a partnership with West Virginia Health Right and the Ryan White program to increase HIV testing throughout the region in light of the outbreaks of HIV infection fueled by the surge in IV drug usage. These plans will ultimately culminate in Covenant House becoming a LGBTQ health center with comprehensive health and behavioral health support offered five days a week.



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The expanded program is now offering dedicated healthcare services five days per week at the off-site satellite clinic at Covenant House, the city's largest drop-in service center for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness. The Covenant House location provides dedicated space for comprehensive clinic services as an alternate option for healthcare from the main clinic site. The new expansion of resources includes opportunities to staff the clinic with highly trained healthcare professionals providing a focus on the specific needs of the LGBTQ community, which currently makes up at least 27% of the patient population that call WV Health Right their medical home provider. The clinic works to increase healthcare services to the targeted population, reduce the harmful behaviors related to substance use disorder that disproportionately affects LGBTQ patients, and increases access to health education and prophylactic treatment among those affected, thereby reducing the incidence of sexually transmitted infections.

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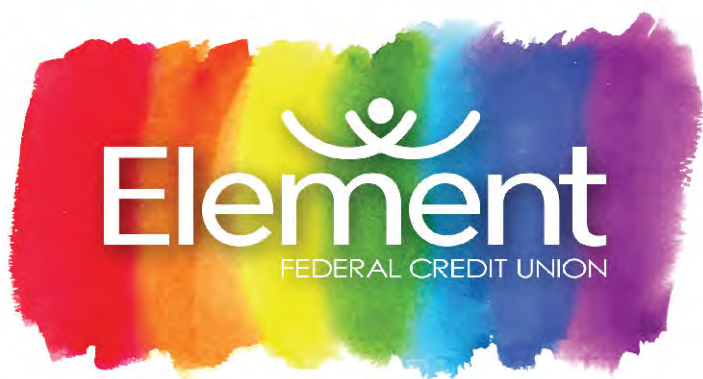
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