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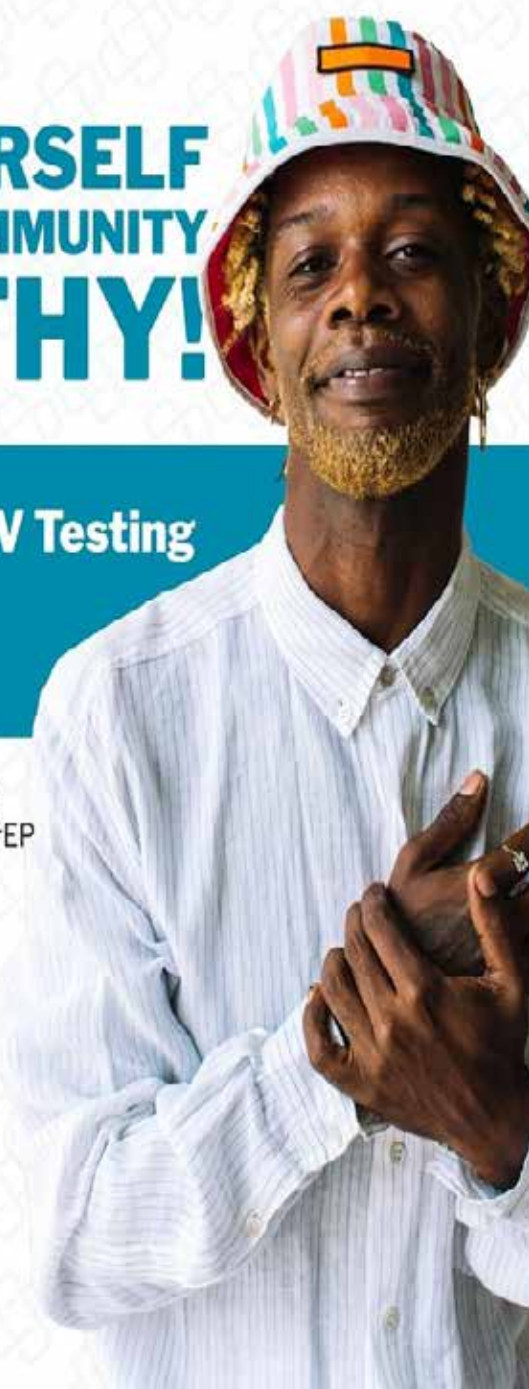
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Calendar of Events

March 01		First Day of Women's History Month	
March 04	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 04	07:00 PM	SOAR Survivors Overcoming Assault & Rape	Center
March 05	06:00 PM	Men's Dinning	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 07	06:30 PM	Monthly Board Meeting	Center
March 07	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
March 08	07:00 PM	Religious Trauma Group	Center
March 10		Daylight Savings Time Begins	
March 10	07:00 PM	TDOR Planning Meeting	Zoom
March 11	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 12	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 12	06:30 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center
March 13	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes HIV support	Center
March 14	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
March 17		St. Patrick's Day	
March 17	03:00 PM	PrimeTimers Potluck Dinner	Center
March 18	01:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 18	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 19	06:00 PM	Men's Dinning	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 19	07:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
March 21	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
March 22	07:00 PM	Religious Trauma Group	Center
March 24	04:00 PM	Pride Planning	Center
March 25	01:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
March 25	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
March 26	06:00 PM	Men's Dinning	Spaghetti Warehouse
March 27	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes HIV Support	Center
March 28	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
March 29	07:00 PM	Religious Trauma Group	Center

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Book Reviews

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"Interesting Facts about Space" by Emily Austin c.2024,

Atria \$27.99

320 pages



People just don't understand you.

They don't "get" you at all. Your sense of humor goes over their heads. If you're happy, you're weird; if you're angry, it makes no sense to them. You're an enigma to most people – even sometimes, as in the new book **"Interesting Facts about Space" by Emily Austin**, you're an enigma to yourself.

Enid Hughes wasn't entirely sure why she was at her half-sister's gender reveal party.

Truth was, Enid found those kinds of parties rather repugnant but whatever, her half-sisters seemed to

want a relationship with her. She didn't know why that, either. It wasn't like *they all grew up together or anything; their father out-and-out abandoned her in favor of his second family. It was all just so awkward. That whole thing still depressed Enid's mother, years later, which Enid thought about as she spent party-time surreptitiously texting space facts to her mom. Space facts were comforting, and a way of checking in.* She also sometimes texted women she'd met online, random hook-ups she'd had with zero plans on ever seeing any of the women again.

Usually, that was a way to avoid a mess but she'd recently learned that she'd been duped into seeing someone who was married and things got complicated when the woman's wife found out. Yes, Enid was a lesbian, so what? When she was younger, she thought of boys and marriage but she eventually decided that love was for everybody else.

For real, who would put up with someone who thought her apartment was being cased, or who had a serious phobia of bald men and their *smell*? Nobody in their right mind would put up with a woman who was obsessed with true-crime podcasts or who loved the stars, planets, and the moon, or

who texted a pre-written message when she wanted to break up. Who'd want to date someone who was constantly being watched? Don't be surprised if you're mystified when you first start "Interesting Facts about Space." Don't be surprised if you squirm, either, because it's an uncomfortable read.

Which doesn't mean that you won't want to continue.

Enid's story is compelling but as a character, she's hard to categorize and author Emily Austin doesn't make that easy to figure out. Enid's not gregarious or particularly friendly; her odd-duck ways are charming and abrasive with the lightest whiff of humor, but she's also depreciative and sad and that doesn't abate – which may not make her very likable but you still won't quit her. So why not?

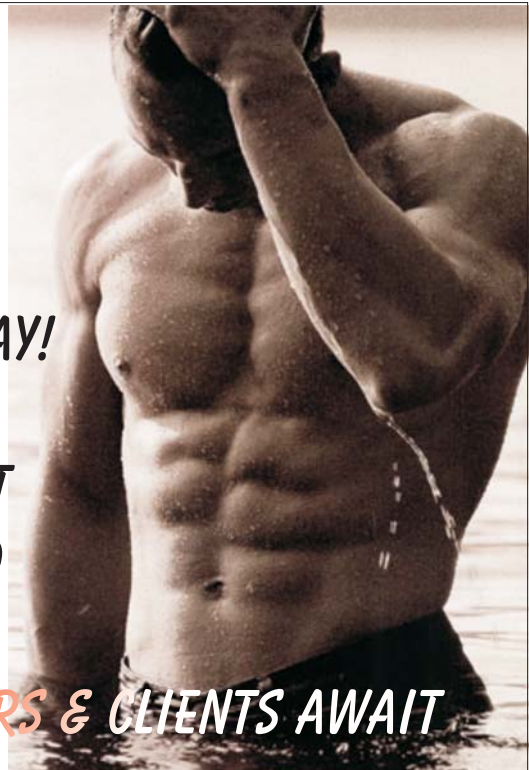
Because you know something's coming. Like or dislike, Enid's quite the conundrum until you get toward the end of this story and the whole thing pivots. Suddenly, everything you've read, every angsty comment and weird quirk is turned upside down and you will be, too.

It's a nice pay-off, if you can warm up to the quirkiest of this story and stick around. Until then, you may wonder why you're immersed in "Interesting Facts about Space." A few pages in, and you'll understand.

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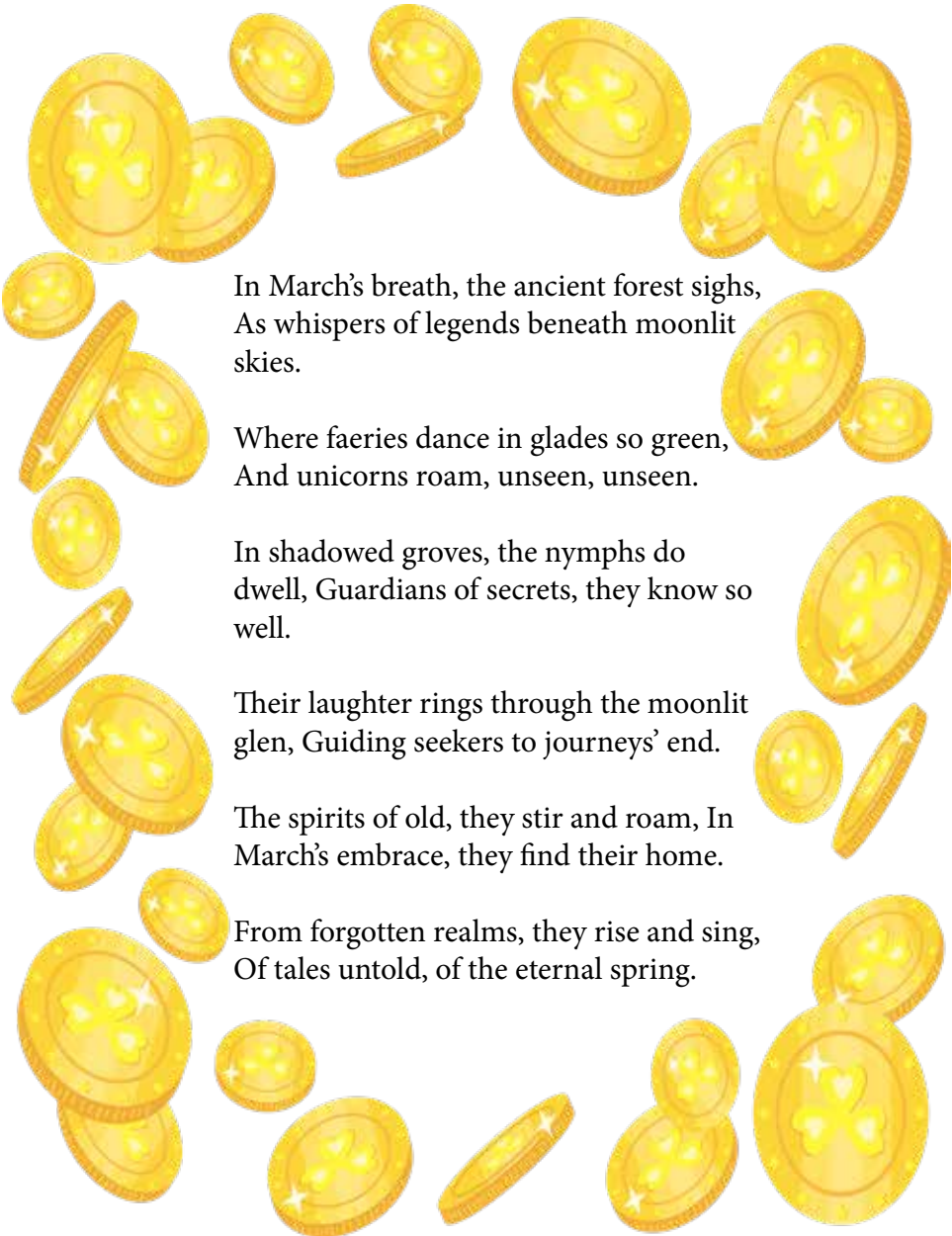
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Poets Corner

by True Hoffman



In March's breath, the ancient forest sighs,
As whispers of legends beneath moonlit
skies.

Where faeries dance in glades so green,
And unicorns roam, unseen, unseen.

In shadowed groves, the nymphs do
dwell, Guardians of secrets, they know so
well.

Their laughter rings through the moonlit
glen, Guiding seekers to journeys' end.

The spirits of old, they stir and roam, In
March's embrace, they find their home.

From forgotten realms, they rise and sing,
Of tales untold, of the eternal spring.

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APRIL 6, 2024

GREATER DAYTON LGBT CENTER
136 N. ST CLAIR STREET, DAYTON



SHOWTIME 7:30PM

- GENERAL ADMISSION: \$20.00
- CENTER MEMBERS: \$18.00
- VIP TABLE PACKAGE: \$175.00

VIP TABLE SEATING FOR UP TO 4 PEOPLE
COMPLIMENTARY TABLE NIBBLES
6 COMPLIMENTARY DRINK TICKETS PER TABLE



Serving the LGBTQ+ Community



Bowling For PRIDE

Bowling for PRIDE was an exciting event this year with 144 bowlers and all lanes sold out. Bowlers began to arrive at 1 pm and greeted by a our special check-in team who got them to their assigned lanes. While all reservations were done in advance via the Center's website, many were unaware of their lane assignments.

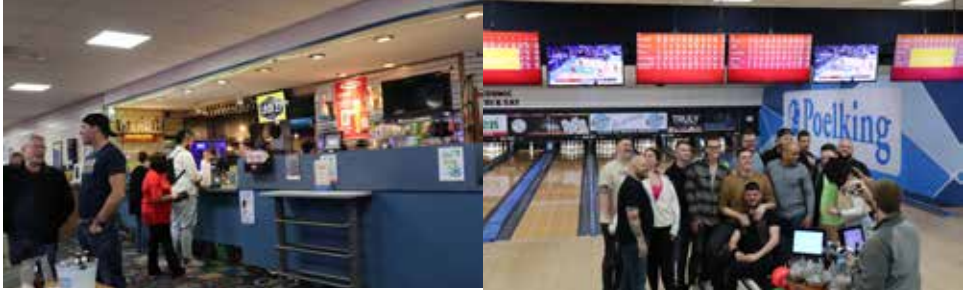


Of course we cannot forget our now infamous raffle that takes place each year as many local business and friends donate items to promote their business and groups to benefit our Dayton PRIDE Celebration. Two different "Adult Toy" companies sent prizes this year to spice up the prize list. Sometime you do not even know what the things are and what they are used for, which makes it all he more fun.



They become "conversation" pieces. There was plenty of food and spirits as

folks lined up to enjoy by the pitcher and buckets full.



Paul Heras and crew did a fantastic job keeping everything going and keeping track of scores to know who won cash prizes at the end of the day. Prizes are awarded to the top three bowlers with the highest scores and then the 10th, 20th 30th and so on to the bowler who came in last place with the lowest score who will always walk away with a small cash prize.



This year, PRIDE will be take on a different look and feel in that Courthouse Square, where PRIDE has been held for many years, will be under construction and will not be available to host PRIDE in 2024. An alternative site needed to be found, so PRIDE will be held as a huge block party in street in front of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center at 136 N. St. Clair Street in downtown Dayton. This will help to familiarizer all with the New LGBT Center and become the epicenter for PRIDE.

The Friday Night Affair will take place within the block between 1st and 2nd streets with all the food, beer and entertainment you have come to expect.

Saturday will expand to the next block where all will take place from 1st street to 3rd street on St. Clair. While things will be different, all should have a wonderful time as we celebrate PRIDE and the authentic individuals that make up the whole of the LGBTQIA+ community.

When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor. **Elon Musk**

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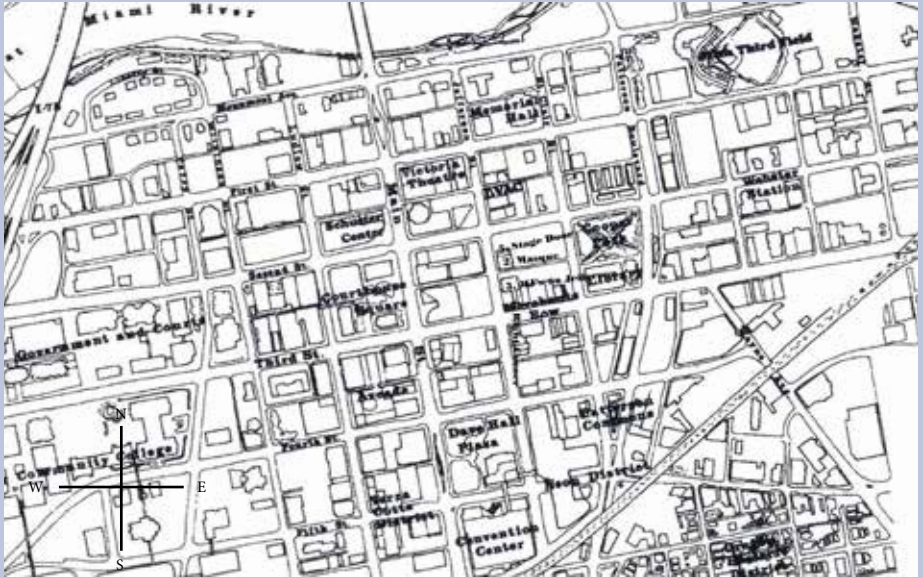


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1:00 PM to 2:30 AM

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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
3. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
4. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
5. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
6. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 136 N. St Clair 274-1776

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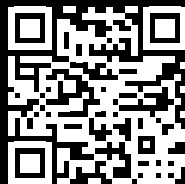


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Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu