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9th Annual

# Running With Pride

Registration opens in January of 2024. To register please visit our website - Registration cost is now only \$30 per person and T-shirts are guaranteed through May 1, 2023. (\$35 after May 1) Proceeds from RWP will continue to fund PFLAG Dayton's Scholarship Program and educational programs.

This is a family fun event for those who want walk or run the 5k. If you want to be a part of the event, but don't want to race, please consider volunteering the day of the event. We can always use volunteers! Email to [pflagdayton@gmail.com](mailto:pflagdayton@gmail.com).

**We hope to see you at Eastwood MetroPark on  
June 2nd, 2024!**

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# Calendar of Events

May 01,		First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	
May 02,	6:00 PM	LGBT Center Board Meets	Center
May 02,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
May 04,	10:00 AM	Black Trans Men Legal Name Change Clinic	Center
May 06,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
May 06,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
May 07,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
May 08,	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
May 09,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
May 13,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
May 13,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
May 14,	6:30 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center
May 16,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
May 19,	3:00 PM	Primetimers Potluck Dinner	Center
May 20,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
May 20,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
May 21,	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
May 22,	7:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center
May 23,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
May 27,	1:30 PM	HIV Testing with Equitas	Center
May 27,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
May 30,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
May 30,	7:00 PM	Interfaith PRIDE Service	St. John's UCC
May 31,	6:00 PM	Friday's PRIDE Affair	St. Clair Street
June 01,	11:00 AM	Dayton PRIDE 2024 Parade and Festival	

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# Book Reviews

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"Unswerving: A Novel" by Barbara Ridley c.2024, University of Wisconsin Press \$19.95 227 pages



It happened in a heartbeat. A split-second, a half a breath, that's all it took. It was so quick, so sharp-edged that you can almost draw a line between *before* and *after*, between *then* and *now*. Will anything ever be the same again? Perhaps, but maybe not. As in the new book "**Unswerving**" by **Barbara Ridley**, things change, and so might you. She could remember lines, hypnotizing yellow ones spaced on a road, and her partner, Les, asleep in the seat beside her. It was all so hazy. Everything Tave Greenwich could recall before she woke up in a hospital bed felt like a dream. It was as though she'd lost a month of her life.

"Life," if you even wanted to call it that – which she didn't. Tave's hands resembled claws bent at the wrist. Before the accident, she was a talented softball catcher but now she could barely get her arms to raise above her shoulders. She could hear her stomach gurgle, but she couldn't feel it. Paralyzed from the chest down, Tave had to have help with even the most basic care.

She was told that she could learn some skills again, if she worked hard. She was told that she'd leave rehab someday soon. What nobody told her was how Les, Leslie, her partner, girlfriend, love, was doing after the accident.

Physical therapist Beth Farrington was reminded time and again not to get over involved with her patients, but she saw something in Tave that she couldn't ignore. Beth was on the board of directors of a group that sponsored sporting events for disabled athletes, she knew people who

could serve as role models for Tave, and she knew that all this could ease Tave's adjustment into her new life. It was probably not entirely in her job description, but Beth couldn't stop thinking of ways to help Tave who, at twenty-three, was practically a baby.

She could, for instance, take Tave on outings or help find Les – even though it made Beth's own girlfriend, Katy, jealous...

So, here's a little something to know before you start reading

“Unswerving”: author Barbara Ridley is a former nurse-practitioner who used to care for patients with spinal cord injuries. That should give readers a comfortable sense of satisfaction, knowing that her experiences give this novel an authenticity that feels right and rings true, no faking.

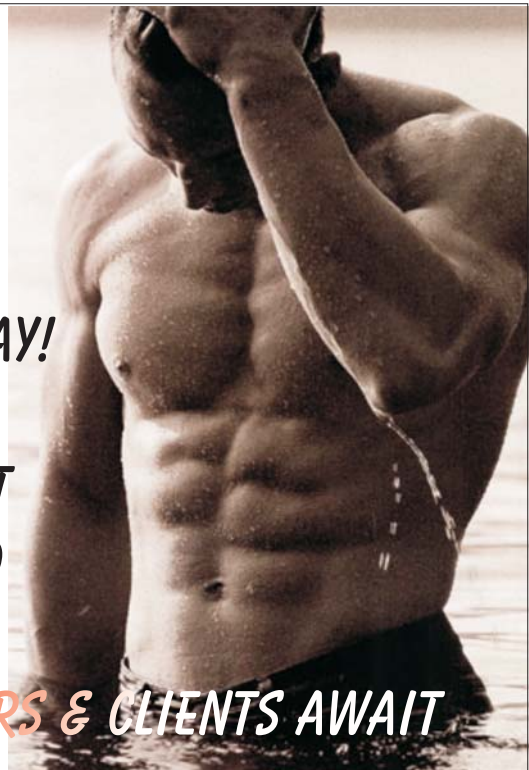
But that's not the only appeal of this book: while there are a few minor things that might have readers shaking their heads (HIPAA, anyone?), Ridley's characters are mostly lifelike and mostly likable. Even the nasties are well-done and the mysterious character that's there-not-there boosts the appeal. Put everyone together, twist a little bit to the left, give them some plotlines that can't be ruined by early guessing, and you've got a quick-read novel that you can enjoy and feel good about sharing.

And share you will because this is a book that may also open a few eyes and make readers think. Start “Unswerving” and you'll (heart) it.

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# Poets Corner

by True Hoffman

## **CALL ME BY YOUR NAME (2017) - THE DAD SPEECH**

*And then father continued:*

“We rip out so much of ourselves to be cured of things faster that we go bankrupt by the age of thirty and have less to offer each time we start with someone new. But to make yourself feel nothing so as not to feel anything — what a waste! Have I spoken too much?”

*The boy denied silently.*

“Then let me say one more thing. It’ll clear the air. I may have come close, but I never had what you two have. Something always held me back or stood in the way. How you live your life is your business, just remember, our hearts and our bodies are given to us only once.”

“And before you know it, your heart is worn out, and, as for your body, there comes a point when no one looks at it, much less wants to come near it. Right now, there’s sorrow, pain. Don’t kill it and with it the joy you’ve felt.”



**DAYTON  
PRIDE  
2024**

**FRIDAY, MAY 31, 6-10PM**

**AFFAIR ON SAINT CLAIR: ROCK THIS BLOCK**

**136 N. SAINT CLAIR STREET**

**FOOD TRUCKS, BEER GARDEN,  
TITO'S VODKA SPECIALTY DRINKS  
ENTERTAINMENT:**

**THE RUBI GIRLS, THEATRE LAB,  
AND MANY MORE**

# Dayton PRIDE Events of 2024

*by Randy Phillips*

The month of May is a count down to PRIDE here in Dayton. Due to the construction going on at Courthouse Square this year, Dayton PRIDE needed to find a different venue to hold the event. While many venues were looked at, a street party became the obvious choice. To hold the event in the street right in front of the new Greater Dayton LGBT Center also means many will now get introduced to the New Center at the same time. This year, the main stage will be built in front of the new LGBT Center on St. Clair, by 1st Street.

**On Thursday, May 30**, at 7 PM. PRIDE kicks off with an interfaith service hosted by the Rev. Adam Wurring at St. John's UCC and lead by various local ministers and lay individuals to offer prayer, peace, acceptance and understanding as this PRIDE season kicks off.

**On Friday, May 31**, at 6 PM Pride begins with The Affair on St. Clair as the Street becomes blocked off from traffic at 1st Street to 2nd Street for a wonderful PRIDE celebration block party featuring live bands, the Theatre Lab and headlining the evening is the one and only Rubi Girls! This family friendly event is always fun and growing each year. Do Not Miss It!

**On Saturday, June 1st** is the main event, line up for the Parade begins at 10 AM on Jefferson Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets. Promptly at Noon the Parade will step off traveling west on 2nd Street to Main Street and turn right traveling one block to 1st Street and then east on 1st Street to the main stage on St. Clair where the Parade will join the rest of the crowd for a wonderful day of PRIDE celebrations and vendors and booths line the street from 1st to 3rd Street celebrating PRIDE. From noon to 4:00 PM, live entertainment on the main stage will include singers, drag personalities, and local government officials, all to celebrate the queer people of Dayton and beyond.

**On Sunday, June 2nd** is the 9th annual ***“Running With PRIDE”*** sponsored by PFLAG Dayton and held at Eastwood Metro Park. Registration for the day begins at 7:30 AM, and the family friendly run/walk begins at 9 AM. ***(T-Shirts and Medals are ONLY GUARANTEED for participants if you register by May 1st, 2024)***

**On Saturday, June 8th** at 8 PM is the “Save A Horse” concert by the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus featuring the Grammy nominated gay recording artist, Ty Herndon at the Dayton Masonic Center.

This is a very exciting PRIDE season. Happy PRIDE!





DAYTON  
PRIDE  
2024

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 11AM

DAYTON PRIDE PARADE

DOWNTOWN DAYTON

LINE UP STARTS AT 10:30 ON JEFFERSON STREET BETWEEN 2ND AND 3RD STREETS

PARADE KICKS OFF AT 11AM

THE PARADE TRAVELS WEST ON 2ND STREET TO MAIN STREET, ONE BLOCK NORTH TO 1ST STREET AND THEN EAST ON 1ST STREET TO THE MAIN STAGE ON SAINT CLAIR



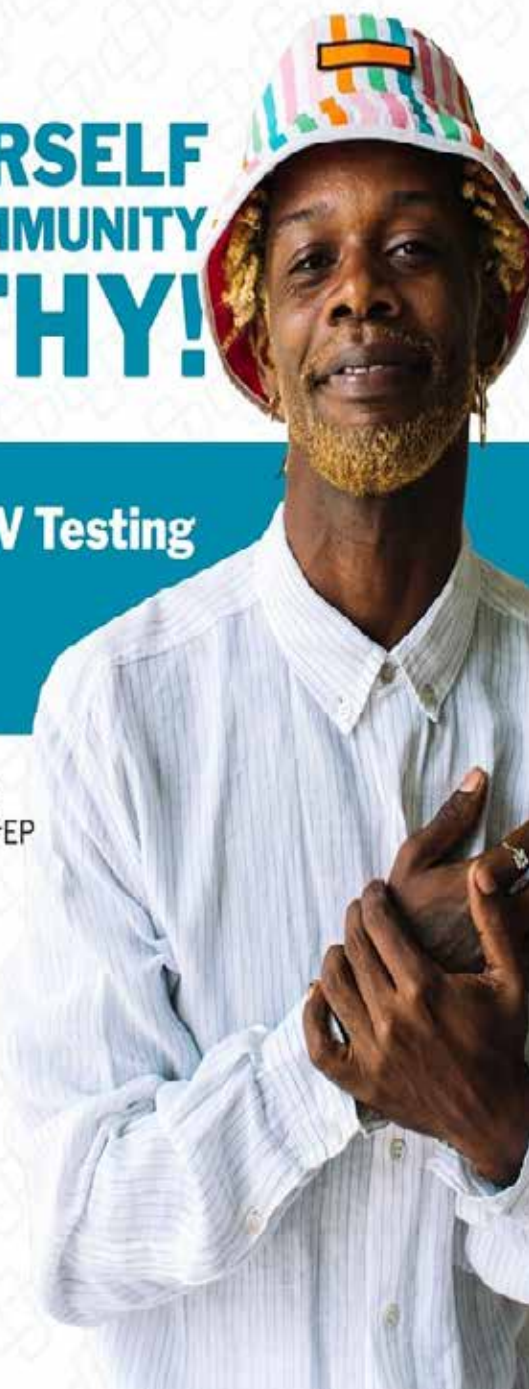
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**FREE Walk-in HIV Testing**  
Every Monday  
1:30 – 4:30 PM

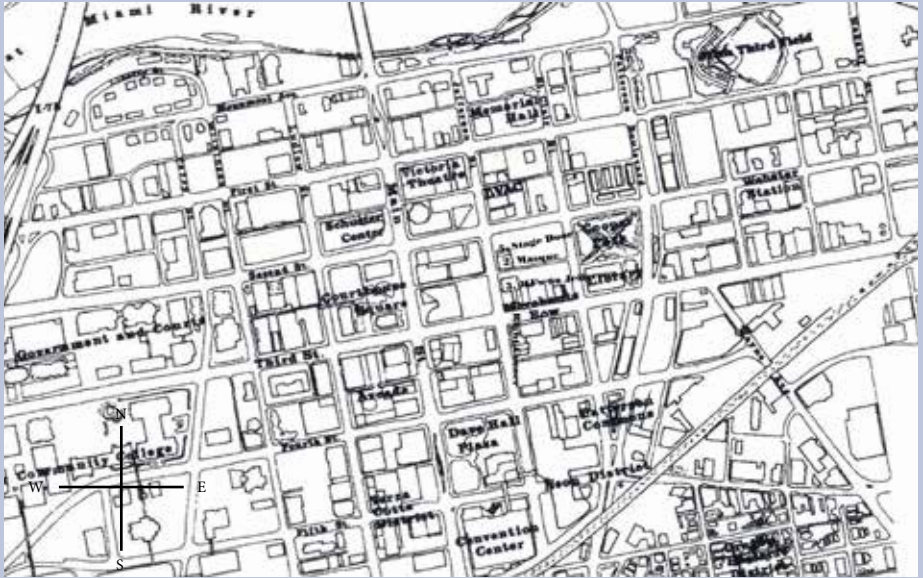
- FREE confidential HIV testing
- Help getting and paying for PrEP
- No appointment needed.\*

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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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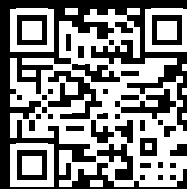


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Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu