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Happy Valentine's Day

"What a lover's heart knows let no man's brain dispute."



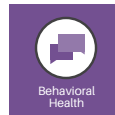
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Calendar of Events

- Feb 2 6:30 pm The Greater Dayton LGBT Center's monthly board meeting held at 24 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200, Dayton 45402
- Feb 11 7:00 PM The Annual Women's Valentine Dance held at the Dayton Women's Club 225 N. Ludlow St, Dayton 45402
- Feb 14 7:30 pm PFLAG Dayton's monthly meeting at Harmony Creek
- Feb 18 2 pm Transgender Support Group - Gatlyn Dame Group monthly social outing at the Air Force Museum
- Feb 19 Roundtable for Pride - Come help us plan our next PRIDE celebration here is Dayton. Meeting held at the Center 4 pm.
- Feb 21 7:00 pm Transgender Support Group - Gatlyn Dame Group for more info visit www.gatlyndamegroup.com
- Feb 25 1 PM The 10th Annual Bowling for PRIDE at Poelking Lanes 1403 Wilmington Ave, Dayton 45420 *see page 7*

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Maya Angelou

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Book Reviews

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"Beast" by Brie Spangler, read by Andrew Eiden c.2016,
Blackstone Audio, Inc. \$34.95 / higher in Canada 8-1/2 hours, 7 CDs



In its most basic description, it's a muscle. Nothing computerized, no easy-to-follow instructions or list of parts. Nope, it's a muscle – a dub-thumping, miraculous group of cells that was beating when you were born, due to simple electrical activity. It's just a muscle, although in the audiobook "**Beast**" by **Brie Spangler**, the heart knows who it loves. At six-foot-four and 260 pounds, fifteen-year-old Dylan Ingvarsson was a beast. And he hated it.

Not only did he tower over every single student and most of the teachers at St. Lawrence Prep, but he was also hairy as a fake-fur blanket. You might get teased, but you don't get bullied when you're like that. You don't have a lot of friends, either, and you don't get girls.

If it wasn't for his best friend, JP, Dylan wouldn't know what to do. They'd known one another since they were little and he was everything Dylan was not: well-off, well-groomed, and well-liked. Just walking the halls with JP made Dylan cool, though there was a bit of a dark side to JP's friendship. Dylan hated that, too.

He hated his entire life, come to think, so he took risks. Big, stupid risks, which is how Dylan ended up on a roof, which was how he ended up falling and busting his leg, which was how he got sent to group therapy for self-harmers, which was how he met the girl of his dreams.

Her name was Jamie, she was the same age as Dylan, gorgeous, tall, smart, and she had the same struggles with the way her life was going. She only wanted to be friends, but he wanted so much more – partly because Jamie was funny and he liked her, partly because *she liked him*, and partly because she would prove to JP that Dylan could get a girl by himself. But then everything fell apart. She *said* she told Dylan that she was transgender, but he didn't hear that. Was she a dude? He wasn't gay. She

hadn't hidden anything, hadn't lied, but Dylan couldn't get over facts. And he couldn't get over Jamie...

Two minutes. Get past the preliminary tracks in "Beast," and that's how long it will take before you'll be eager to know more about Dylan. Author Brie Spangler gave him the right words with the right attitude, Andrew Eiden reads them perfectly, and you'll genuinely like this kid with a tough exterior but a marshmallow center.

Spangler and Eiden make Dylan come alive in this boy-meets-girl-who-used-to-be-a-boy story, by giving him more than just one dimension. He's a warm, responsible, and complex, well-crafted character; with Dylan, Spangler beautifully tackles a could-be-thorny subject, wrestles with its conscious some, then lets it do its own soul-searching. That leads to a new-old-fashioned love story that really couldn't be sweeter.

Be aware that this audiobook includes a delicately-presented make-out scene that turns surprising, but not graphic. It might be controversial for some, but it *fits*, so don't let it deter you. Start "Beast," and you'll (heart) it.

Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
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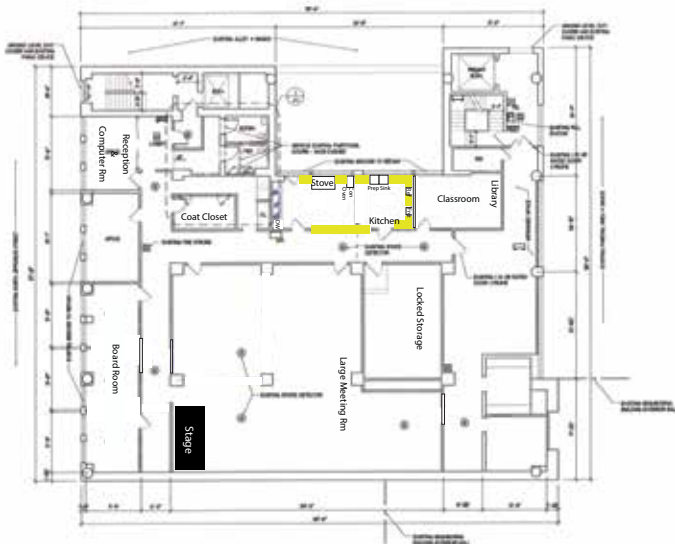
The Greater Dayton LGBT Center Marches ON

The Center is progressing with our build out project of the NEW Center. We have commitments of computers and furniture for use at the center and we have received cash donations. Yet we are a long way off from having all the things to outfit and build out the vision for the new center.

In today's political climate there has probably never been a greater need for a brick and mortar LGBTQA Community Center. A safe space where our community may visit and know they are accepted just for being themselves regardless of race, religion, nationality, sexuality, or gender identity.

We wish to thank those who have donated so far: each of our board members of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, Todd Figgans & R J Mckay, Sue Spiegel & Lisa Hanauer, Roger Glass, Parris Hobbs, Jenny Caden, Patrick Carroll, Dr. Bob Brandt, Kirk Stager & Miles Brazie, and Renee & Roger Westermeyer. We hope you will consider a donation also that the New Center can be a Home & Safe Space for our whole community.

The vision is real for our center and the fight is real for equality and non-discrimination. Join us as we work together to build a safe space and a guard for equality and rights.



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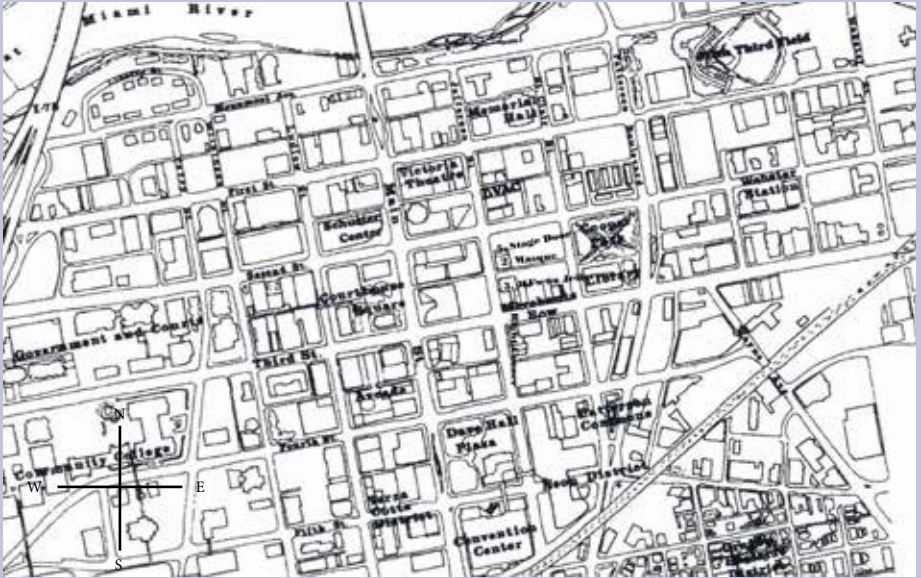
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C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+, Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
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