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Calendar of Events



Jan 1		Happy New Year	
Jan 4	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	Online
Jan 6	6:30 PM	LGBT Center Board Meeting	Center/Online
Jan 11	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	Online
Jan 12	7 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
Jan 13	7 PM	Pozitive Attitudes HIV support	Center/Online
Jan 18		Martin Luther King Day	
Jan 18	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	Online
Jan 19	7 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online
Jan 25	7 PM	LGBT AA Group	Online
Jan 27	7 PM	Pozitive Attitudes HIV support	Center/Online
Feb 1		1st Day of Black History Month	
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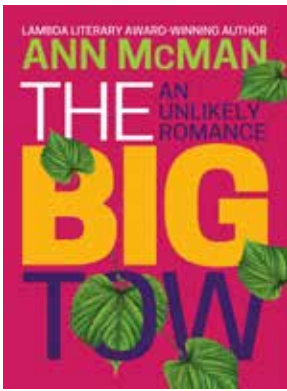
Book Reviews

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"The Big Tow: An Unlikely Romance" by Ann McMan c.2020, Bywater Books \$17.95 / higher in Canada 340 pages



Two wheels hooked.

That was your vehicle: two wheels on the ground, the other two in the air, safely attached to a bar hooked on both ends to a big truck. Oh, how you hate shredded tires, check-engine lights, busted radiators, dead batteries, and the guy with the rig, but in the new book "**The Big Tow**" by **Ann McMan**, a wired starter isn't the only thing that's hot.

Vera "Nick" Nicholson had put in her time.

After six years at Turner, Witherspoon, Anders and Tyler, Attorneys at Law, Nick thought she might've achieved partner, but *no*. Instead, because she was the firm's only "brown" employee and because senior partners figured "floor-scraping assignments" would be "second nature" to her, that's what she got – like, for instance, the latest case, a stolen car. Nick didn't know jack about stolen cars. She had no contacts there in North Carolina to ask for help. And that's how she ended up at National Recovery Bureau, a back-lot repo business run by a chain-smoking, no-nonsense older woman with zero patience, and a guy named Fast Eddie. For \$500, they helped Nick find the car.

When Fast Eddie enticed her with 10 G's in cash for "profit sharing," that was a big surprise. So was the offer of a part-time job from NRB. And so was the co-worker NRB assigned to Nick, a gorgeous blonde named Frankie. She had a killer body and enough imagination to figure out how to complete the toughest cases.

Meanwhile, Nick used her imagination to think about Frankie's killer body.

Despite the danger and the hassle, working for NRB did have its benefits: the money was great and the company was even better, and

Nick cautiously allowed herself to fall in love. She and Frankie were becoming more than just partners at work; they were a couple that happened to work together, and they did a good job.

But there was something *off* about Fast Eddie...

Despite that it leans a bit toward wordiness and could have used maybe one less caper, “The Big Tow” is a true delight – but not for the reasons you might think.

Author Ann McMan’s two main characters are certainly likable: Nick is one of those people you want in your corner, and Frankie seems like someone you’d have drinks with. The real appeal of this book, though, lies in the world surrounding these two. The dispatcher at NRB and Nick’s gay roommate are spit-out-your-coffee funny, and you *must* read this book to learn who Carol Jenkins is. There are dotty mothers, wise fathers, a goth girl at a funeral home, and a Yoda-type butcher who speaks in hints. Though he’s really basically a caricature, even Fast Eddie is someone you’ll look for as you’re reading this book.

This is the kind of story that, if it happened to you, you’d get plenty of mileage out of it at your next party. It’s got romance, action, humor, and theft – how can you go wrong? Start “The Big Tow” and you’ll be hooked.

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2020 ~ A Year In Review of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center

by Randy Phillips

I believe we can all agree that 2020 was a tumultuous year. As confusing and disorderly as it was, there were still some positive things that did take place. Things that once again show who the LGBT Center is, and why we are here.

For a few years we have had a program in which we work with our High Schools to begin and develop Gay-Straight Alliances, GSA's or diversity clubs. One such club we help develop the previous year when one of their members had begun to be confident in himself enough to come out to family. Unfortunately, that did not go well. He had long been told not to dream of going to college, because his parents would not pay for it. He did not have a job because his parents did not want it to interfere with his school work. So when he came out, his father stated he would not have a "fag for a son" so on his 18th birthday he was to move out of the house and as you can imagine, this left him almost despondent. His grades slipped further and he was sent to the school counselor's office where the situation was revealed. The school counselor called the LGBT Center and I met with both of them. We discussed the situation and during our conversation I ask about his dreams. "In a perfect world, what would you like to be doing in 5 years?" He struggled to answer this question because he did not dare to dream. He did not dare to think he could have a future, he felt lost. After some coaxing he finally shared that if the world were perfect, he would like to see himself living in New York City and working in television production. So now armed with this new information we were able to begin making plans to help this young man. We contacted our partners at Daybreak to set up a tour in case his housing did become an issue. We contacted a counseling group to not only work with the young man but to reach out to the parents to aid in acceptance to prevent the homelessness of actually taking place. We also reached out to Dayton Access Television and scheduled a tour of their facility where he received a membership scholarship so he could learn the tools and skills to work in television production so his dreams, which he did not dare to dream, could become a reality. (Update, his 18th birthday was in April of 2020 and he is still living at home and working toward his goals. His parents have been introduced to PFLAG.)

With the onset of COVID-19 many of our in-person programs moved to Online meetings. Of course many of our folks are also working and quarantining from home, so of course this has led to a rise in anxiety.

So we began a program and called our members just to check on them to see how they were doing. When folks got laid off and had trouble with unemployment we secured a grant from Tito's Handmade Vodka to help folks get through and offer Kroger gift cards to those in need.

One of our challenges each year is Dayton PRIDE and the pandemic certainly made it challenging. Yet, we were able to produce a "Reverse Pride Parade" that was quite unique and fun for all who participated. Additionally we produced a TV program with many of the entertainers that you would normally see at pride, performed for you in the privacy of your own homes via TV, Facebook and YouTube.

Since masks have played such an important role in the fight of this pandemic, the Center has purchased over 500 masks this year that have been distributed to aid in the fight against Covid-19. We have also partnered with Equitas Health to offer cost-free COVID testing events so folks may have the peace of mind in knowing they are Covid free.

For 2020 the Center had planned do a monthly movie night at the Center. Of course the pandemic did put a stopper in such activities yet we were able to move them outside and offer movie nights as a drive-in theater experience and our local bars as our concession stands. This was a lot of fun for all those that participated.

As a part of our HERstory/HISTORY Project and library archives of course we, along with our partners, were able to honor groups and individual who contributed to our LGBTQ history here in the Greater Dayton Area. While we were not able to do an in-person awards banquet this year but, we were able to produce a video program to award our honorees with our Annual Rubi Awards for their contributions to our Dayton HERstory/HISTORY. Fourteen people were nominated in 2020 and awarded a Rubi. Finally in 2020 we began a new helping hands program for our LGBTQ community. We often get lots of folks willing to volunteer so we put them to work to aid some of our seniors and those that are disabled who have limited incomes to do some small chores around the house. They have done some trimming of bushes, minor gardening, and power washing. While these small little tasks do not seem like much, they are huge helps for those who are no longer able to do them or have the funds to be able to hire them done.

So while 2020 was a tumultuous year, we saw many great things come out of it. Now as we look to 2021 where we plan on expanding many of these programs and enjoying a brighter 2021.

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Are you HIV Positive and looking for support?

Positive Attitudes is meeting both online and in person at The Greater Dayton LGBT Center on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 7PM. This anonymous support group is a chance for those living with HIV/AIDS to receive peer driven support, community, and fellowship in an affirming and compassionate environment. You can join us in person at 24 N. Jefferson St., on the 2nd floor (masks required) or you can email JakeYousif@EquitasHealth.com and/or Info@DaytonLGBTCenter.org to get information on how to join the meeting virtually.

COVID- 19 Testing

Drive-in and walk-up COVID-19 testing available by appointment only for the public. COVID-19 antibody testing available in clinics for established patients. For more info, visit us [here](#).

Want to get involved?

The Dayton Associate Board assists Equitas Health plan their annual fundraiser Masquerage. Join current Equitas Health Dayton Associate Board members for a virtual happy hour to learn more about Equitas Health, Masquerage, and how you can get involved with the Equitas Health Dayton Associate Board! For Questions, please contact Jostin Schimmoeller at Jostinschimmoeller@equitashealth.com

Do You Know Someone Experiencing Domestic Violence?

Are you or someone you know in the LGBTQ community experiencing anti-LGBTQ violence, intimate partner or family violence, sexual violence, or stalking? BRAVO is here to help. Contact us by calling, 866-862-7286, sending a text message to 614-333-1907 or chat with one of our staff members at bravo-ohio.org. Our staff are ready to provide Safety planning, crisis intervention and much more. All reports are confidential and all services are free!

Looking for a support group?

If you are looking for support or just need to know where to go, give us a call at The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, (937) 274-1776 or email us at info@daytonLGBTcenter.org. We are always happy to help and offer a kind word.

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Mentors and Health Study

Seeking **Young Black Men who have Sex with Men** for a study on social support.



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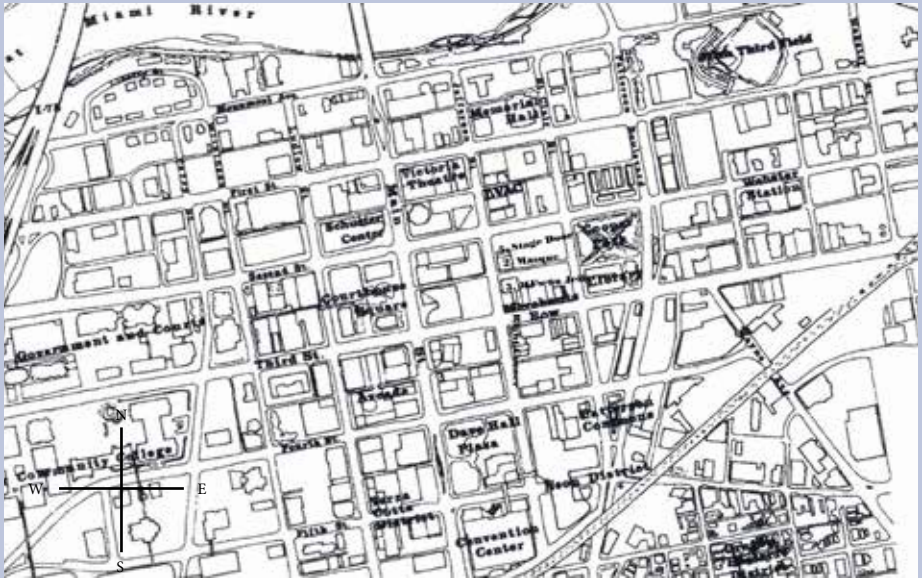
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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
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)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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