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# Calendar of Events

Jul. 04, 2022		Independence Day	
Jul. 04, 2022	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA	Center
Jul. 05, 2022	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jul. 07, 2022	06:00 PM	LGBT Center Board Meeting	Center
Jul. 07, 2022	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jul. 09, 2022	12:00 PM	Dayton Black Pride	McIntosh PK
Jul. 11, 2022	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jul. 12, 2022	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jul. 13, 2022	11:30 AM	LGBT "Lunch-n-Learn"	ZOOM
Jul. 14, 2022		International Non-Binary People's Day	
Jul. 13, 2022	07:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jul. 14, 2022	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jul. 18, 2022	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA	Center
Jul. 19, 2022	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jul. 19, 2022	07:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Jul. 21, 2022	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jul. 22, 2022	08:00 PM	Movie Night At Center	Center
Jul. 25, 2022	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA	Center
Jul. 26, 2022	06:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jul. 26, 2022	07:00 PM	PFLAG Meeting	Center
Jul. 27, 2022	07:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jul. 28, 2022	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center

When all Americans are treated as equal, no matter who they are or whom they love, we are all more free. Barack Obama

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# Book Reviews

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"Burn the Page: A True Story of Torching Doubts, Blazing Trails, and Igniting Change" by Danica Roem c.2022, Viking 27.00 320 pages



Sometimes, the smallest things make you hot under the collar.

It doesn't take much: an idiot on the road, a disrespectful eye-roll, something muttered under someone's breath and that's it, you're torched. Sometimes, conversely, the smallest things can change your bad mood. In "**Burn the Page**" by **Danica Roem**, it was an email.

It seemed like Danica Roem was always crying.

To be fair, she had good reason: she was working two jobs and they weren't enough to pay the bills. Her car was a piece of junk, it was 2016, and her states' Republican delegates had just filed several anti-LGBTQ bills. For a trans woman like Roem, tears were perfectly appropriate until someone emailed her, asking why she didn't run for office herself.

Actually, *why not?*

So, in preparation, Roem hired a team to do "opposition research" to suss out any past behavior that her homophobic opponent might try to use against her.

Born in the fall of 1984, Roem was three years old when her father committed suicide in their back yard; soon after, her mother's parents needed care and moved into the Roem household. This, Roem admits, was stressful all around.

Even in fifth grade, Roem knew that she wasn't a "cis-het straight kid" but since she had no "positive representation of LGBTQ people," she stayed closeted. By 13, though, she knew she was trans but didn't want anybody

to know; to help hide it, she participated in sports; fell in love with baseball and heavy metal music; and admired girls, albeit in ways different than did her male peers. Eventually, she made a community for herself. But when she began to think about maybe having a relationship, Roem soon realized that she had some work to do. She couldn't expect someone to see her for herself until she did it first.

"I had to commit to being who I was..." she said. "It was time to transition."

If you ever need proof of the concept that little things make big differences, you'll want "Burn the Page." Same goes if you want to read a memoir that bounces with energy.

Indeed, this book is a bit like taking a small kid into a toy store: they run amok, touching and examining everything. That's not unappealing; author Danica Roem careens about, but she always lands on the heart of this book – being honest, open, and *authentic* – which is likewise what she encourages readers to do. Her passion for this is contagious, and she sweeps readers along with her enthusiasm on other aspects of her life, whether it's heavy metal music, travel, or politics. Be aware that, because of her excitement over her career and her heavy coverage of it, the latter might slam shut the eyelids of readers who are not politically-minded.

On that, this book is like no other political memoir, ever. It's fun, wildly entertaining, and it aims to mean more than just one woman's story. For readers who want a good activist tale with a smile, "Burn the Page" is on fire.




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Since receiving so many comments and concerns over the Supreme Court overturning the decision of *Roe v Wade*, perhaps it is time to speak just a little bit about this.

For the last 50 years *Roe v Wade* has provided women the right to health decisions that concern their bodies.



While *Roe v Wade* did provide abortion rights, it also provided much more with the protection health and health privacies in the form of HIPAA laws. With the striking down, it also took away portions of the Health

Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) protections. This means the state can intrude into your health records more than ever before. “I think this is a wake-up call about the limitations of HIPAA,” said Adrian Gropper, chief technology officer of the Patient Privacy Rights Foundations. Though abortion is a highly partisan issue, he sees the need for better patient privacy laws as one that both Democrats and Republicans could agree on.

Why is this important? The same medications that are used for chemical abortions are also used to treat miscarriages, to ensure that they are safely expelled from the body. People have already been prosecuted for miscarriages in a number of states, in cases of drug use during pregnancy, for instance, experts warn that those sorts of cases might become more common. That’s just one of the instances in which this Supreme Court decision may reveal the holes in American health privacy laws, and may result in some patients being afraid to seek medical care.

While abortion will remain legal in many states, 22 have laws on the books that will ban the procedure or lead to severely restricted access to it, according to the Guttmacher Institute. While Justice Kavanaugh has suggested that states will allow travel to another state to seek care, this has sparked many to suggest they are willing to provided transportation and support should someone need to go “camping” in a state that allows such care.

Now is the time to elect officials that will truly represent you and the people that you love. So now more than ever, register to vote and vote for good law makers!



2ND ANNUAL  
*Dayton*  
**BLACK  
PRIDE**

PARADE, FOOD TRUCKS, VENDORS, ENTERTAINMENT, & MORE

SATURDAY

**JUL**  
9

2022

12PM - 6PM

McIntosh Park

Edwin C Moses Blvd  
&  
W Riverview Ave

*Dayton*  
**BLACK PRIDE**  
*Majestic Melanin*

**PRIDE MARCH**

**JULY 9, 2022**

**11:30 AM**

**3RD STREET**

**(MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING)**

**TO**

**MCINTOSH PARK**

## Up Coming Events

There are many excited events coming up at the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. You will be able to find us at Dayton's Black Pride from Noon to 6 pm. Stop by and say hello!

The Center offers S.O.A.R. on a special day in July. This month the support group will take place on July 11th at 7 pm. Of course, we will still feature our AA group each Monday night at 7 pm including on July 4th.

PFLAG will meet for a special meeting on July 26th at 7 pm at the Center. This group typically meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, but with the holiday meeting on the 4th Tuesday makes a much better fit. Michael Knotte will be the featured speaker.

On each Wednesday of the month we also offer a HIV+ support group to aid folks in understanding and thriving with HIV.

We will also screen the film "HARRIET" on July 22, at 8 pm. This story is based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman who is haunted by the memories of those she left behind. She ventures back into dangerous territory on a mission to lead others to freedom. With allies like abolitionist William Still and the entrepreneurial Marie Buchanon, Harriet risks capture and death to guide hundreds to safety as one of the most prominent conductors of the Underground Railroad.

You should also mark your calendar for August 5 & 6th for "Dayton's Art in the City" event as the Center will be open both days to display our PRIDE Art Show. Come look at the art and vote for your favorite piece!

On August 27th the Center along with our partners at Equitas Health and the Dayton Montgomery County Public Health Department will offer another FREE HIV/STI Testing event from 8 pm to 1 am. The CDC recommends all active persons be tested at least twice per year, so come out for this free event and know your status and enjoy this summer with confidence and pleasure. You will be glad you did.



# H A R R I E T

**In Honor of Independence Day**

**The LGBTQ Center Presents:**

**"Harriet"**

**July 22, 2022**

**8 PM**

**The extraordinary tale  
of Harriet Tubman's  
escape from slavery  
and transformation to  
one of America's  
greatest heroes.**

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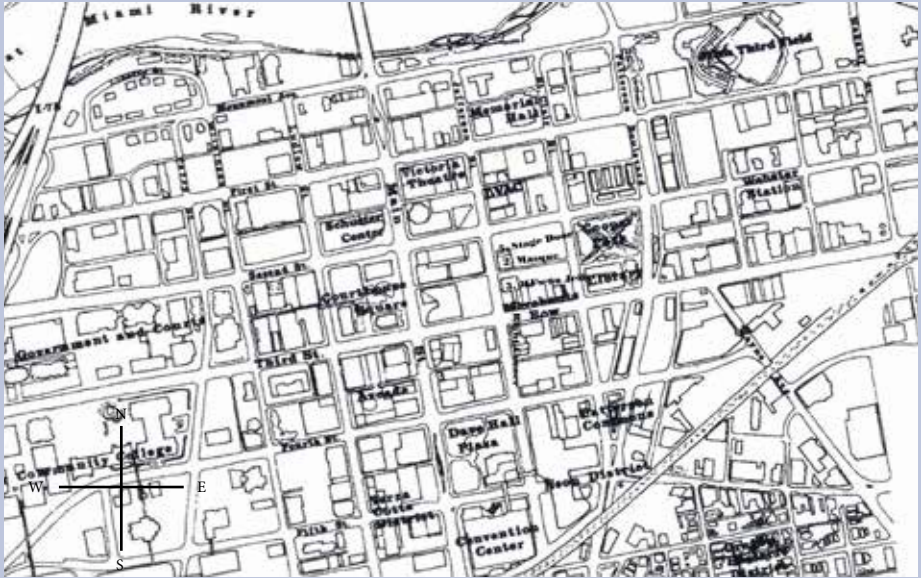
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A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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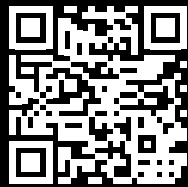
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Bourbon Menu