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The theme of Dayton LGBTQ+ Pride 2022 is "Here's to Us....." We want you to fill in the '.....' because Pride is YOURS. We are all unique individuals making up a diverse community and our Pride celebration should allow us to celebrate in our unique own ways! Happy Pride Dayton!



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June 3rd, 2022 The Affair On The Square

June 4th, 2022 Parade, PRIDE Festival, Gay Men's Chorus: "Flashback"

June 5th, 2022 PFLAG's "Running with Pride", Rubi Girls: "Miss Rubicon"

Calendar of Events

Jun. 02,	6:00 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Center
Jun. 02,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 03,	5:00 PM	Affair On The Square	Court House Square
Jun. 04,	8:00 PM	Dayton Gay Men's Chorus	Masonic Temple
Jun. 04,	11:00 AM	Parade Line Up	Cooper Park
Jun. 04,	12 to 4 PM	PRIDE Festival	Court House Square
Jun. 05,	8:00 AM	PFLAG "Running with PRIDE"	Eastwood Metro
Jun, 05,	1:00 PM	Rubi Girls Pagant	Top of the Market
Jun. 06,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center Center
Jun. 07,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 07,	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	ZOOM
Jun. 13,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Zoom
Jun. 14,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 14,	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Jun. 19,		Juneteenth	
Jun. 19,		Father's Day	
Jun. 20,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Zoom
Jun. 21,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 22,	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jun. 23,	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 27,	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jun. 28,		Stonewall Riot Anniversary - 1969	
Jun. 28,	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse

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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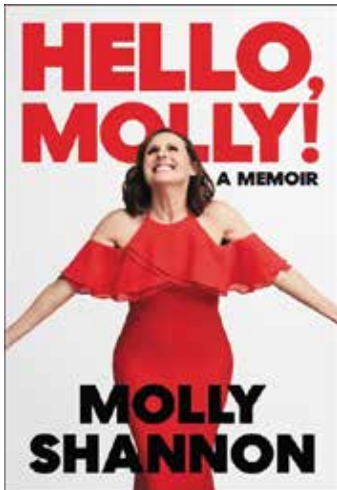
Book Reviews

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"Hello, Molly! A Memoir" by Molly Shannon c.2022,
Ecco \$27.99 304 pages



The audience roars.

That's music to a performer: the best you can ask from a group of people expecting to be entertained is approval for your efforts. Laughter, for a comedy. Gasps for a drama. Tears for a tragedy and tapping toes for a musical, that's what you want. But remember: as in "**Hello, Molly,**" the new memoir by **Molly Shannon**, not all of life's a stage.

For most of her life, Molly Shannon's mother stood off to one side, a main character with a big role but few lines. She was killed in a car accident when Shannon was just four, as if she made a cameo appearance and then was off the script. But not entirely. With the help of family and friends, Shannon's father, Jim, raised Shannon and her sister, Mary, to remember their mother and to seize life in every way possible, encouraging his girls to be bold and "wild." Once, when Shannon was thirteen and her best friend was eleven years old, Shannon's father planted the idea in her head to hop a plane. The girls ended up stowing away in plain sight on a flight from Cleveland (near their home town) to New York City. He paid for their trip back home.

And yet, being Jim Shannon's daughter wasn't all fun and games. He was an alcoholic, as was his father and his father-in-law; when he was sober, Shannon recalls parties, spontaneous trips, loving encouragement, and permission to skip school. When he was drunk, she says that she and her sister were always watchful for his mercurial moods and his propensity for

a different kind of “wild” behavior.

She couldn't wait to leave home.

And yet, through college, a fledgling career, and a popular spot on Saturday Night Live, her father was always there, always a touchpoint for her past but also an irritation; enormously proud of her, but with a short wall between them.


It wasn't until she was well into her adulthood that Shannon realized he harbored a secret, and then everything made sense...

You don't expect a terrible, gasp-worthy accident to be the foundation for a funny story, but there it is, the opening number in “Hello, Molly.”

Quickly-quickly, though, author Molly Shannon pulls readers in – somewhat awkwardly, at first, but in the same excited way that your fourth-grade BFF did when there was something important or interesting that you simply *had to* see. That, in fact, is the feel you'll get in the first part of this book: like you've been taken by the hand and pulled toward something that was going to make this the best day *ever*.

As you read on, that's not much hyperbole. If you like Shannon's work, you're going to adore this memoir, which appears a lot like her skits: hectic, heartfelt, hold-your-sides hilarious, honest, and always, always arms-wide charming. Bring your sense of humor here – but bring tissues, too.

So, take a look, fellas. Here's what you want in a book, fellas. “Hello, Molly!” is gonna make you roar.



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PRIDE In Dayton

The theme for Dayton PRIDE this year is: “Here’s to us*(fill in the blank)*....” yet the question is, how would you fill in that blank? We are all unique individuals and coming out of the pandemic and other challenges, how will you celebrate? PRIDE belongs to you! We are a diverse community and our PRIDE celebration should reflect our authentic selves so when we say Here’s to us..... We are simply celebrating you!

In the last few months our community has become under attack on many fronts such as HB 616, Ohio’s own “Don’t say Gay bill” that includes, “Don’t Mention Race” or “Don’t Say Trans” all rolled into one bill. Then there is HB454 which would ban safe treatments for our trans community, or HB322 and HB327 to prevent honesty in education and anti-critical race theories to be discussed in classrooms. Our community is being bombarded on the so many fronts it is hard for parents of queer children to not fear for their child’s well being. Therefore, celebrating PRIDE is all the more important. PRIDE has never been about who shares our bedrooms. PRIDE is about our resilience.

On Friday June 3rd we kick off Dayton PRIDE with the Affair On The Square at 6 pm. Local dignitaries will share a few words then Shane Hall Lightcamp will kick off the evening festivities with some great piano and song. Then the Kyleen Downs and group will take the stage to share their musical styling. Lastly on Friday night we close out the evening with the Rubi Girls as they share their wit, humor and song for one very entertaining evening that should not be missed!

On Saturday June 4th will be a very exciting day with all the hustle and bustle of PRIDE Day. Vendor will begin setting up booths at 9 am and at 11 am groups will start lining up for the Parade. Groups will meet in Cooper Park the corner of Second and St. Clair Street to check in and get their positions in the Parade. The Parade will step off at Noon! The parade will turn RIGHT from St. Clair Street onto Third Street and proceed to Jefferson St where the parade will turn RIGHT onto Jefferson. It will then march from Jefferson to Second Street where it will turn Left onto Second. From Second street it will proceed to Main Street and Turn Left onto Main. At Main the parade will then proceed to Courthouse square where the PRIDE Festival will be in full swing from noon to 4 pm with lots of food, fun, and entertainment.

Each year at PRIDE we have seen a growing number of parents that bring their Queer kids to Dayton PRIDE and often they have shared with us their fears for the safety and mental well-being of their children. This year in-between acts we are asking our out and proud, doctors, lawyers, and business people to share their stories so all will know it is going to be OK, we are survivors, and we are resilient.

Later that evening The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will present in concert, "Flashback" a fun musical retrospective of the 60's, 70's, 80's and more beginning at 8 pm at the Dayton Masonic Center. Tickets for this extravaganza are still available so grab them quick since it is sure to sell out!

On Sunday June 5th grab your running shoes and head out to Eastwood Metro Park for PFLAG's "Running with PRIDE" with registration starting at 7:30 am and the race starting at 9 am. The run/walk/bike is a great way to get the day started with PRIDE.

At 1 pm we introduce you to a new event for the PRIDE weekend lineup as the Rubi Girls present their "Miss Rubicon Pageant" at The Warehouse at Top Of The Market at 32 Webster Street in Dayton. With this fundraiser each of the contestants will be working to raise \$ to show their support of The Rubi Scholarships. Each \$5 vote will help them rake in points to add to their performance scores to crown the new Miss Rubicon. It is sure to be a hoot!

Then on July 9th, 2022 we return to Courthouse Square at 10 am for The Dayton Black PRIDE Parade from Courthouse Square to McIntosh Park where a PRIDE Festival will take place. At McIntosh Park there is a fun day of PRIDE celebration planned from 11 am to 7 pm featuring food, fun, and entertainment.

So pull out your PRIDE gear, plan your outfit and show your PRIDE as we celebrate PRIDE as a whole community!

Happy PRIDE!

Hi, I am Randy Phillips, and I serve as the Executive Director of the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. I'm so glad we can all celebrate PRIDE this year. I don't know about you, but I really, really needed this right about now. Events has taken place in our State, that I became so incensed by that I had to speak with you about them.

I've been an openly gay man for many years. I've been involved in planning Dayton's Pride events for 12 years. Planning Pride through not one, but two years of COVID was a pain, but it didn't faze me.

Conservative lawmakers have pushed harder than ever to limit teaching about LGBTQ+ people, they have tried to even limit acknowledging that we exist. Small minded bigots have tried harder than ever to limit books in libraries and in bookstores, to smother discussions on radio and TV about our lives, our real lives. And now in the dark of the night this very week, just before they left Columbus, the Ohio House snuck in an amendment to an unrelated bill that would limit transgender girls' participation in school athletics, totally circumventing normal procedure, and full process.

They have tried it before, many times, but this time, they are wearing. Me. Out.

And you know, that's exactly what they want. They know exactly what they are doing.

It's no accident that they proposed five sets of gerrymandered district maps-**EVERY ONE OF THEM UNCONSTITUTIONAL.**

It's part of their plan to sneak provisions into bills to limit our rights, our ability to seek medical treatment, our ability to raise our children in the best way possible.

While we are trying to build each other up, which is what PRIDE is all about; they are busy tearing down the foundations of individual choice, freedom to make decisions, and the opportunity to live authentic lives.

I'll admit, sometimes when I am alone, I think it's working. I think I might be cracking under all that they are doing.

But together, I believe we are stronger. Together, I know that we will survive and thrive. I have no doubt our history will continue to grow and be bigger and be longer and louder than ever.

Just look at Pride celebrations. I remember when Columbus had the only Pride event in Ohio. This year, Columbus has a Pride Celebration. And so do we. And so does Indian Lake. And so does Bellefontaine. Of course, Yellow Springs has Pride weekend-come on, we expect that. Did you expect Middletown to have a Pride event? Beaver Creek, in conservative, republican Greene County is having their own Pride celebration. Beaver Creek, y'all. Pride is going statewide, and there is nothing they can do about it.

You know I love THIS Pride event-we work all year on it. But just as much as I love this pride event, the Dayton Gay Men's chorus is singing again tonight, PFLAG will have its seventh Running with Pride at Eastwood MetroPark tomorrow morning, and the Rubi Girls are having their latest Miss Rubicon: the Royal Rumble tomorrow

afternoon.

Next month, Dayton Black Pride will be back for its second year, to highlight black and brown LGBTQ+ Pride with their own parade and festival. There used to be only one Pride Parade in the state and now Dayton is going to have two Pride parades.

This year we have had more sponsors than ever. Synchrony, CareSource, Hope Collective, PNC Bank, and Equitas Health with a total of 37 sponsors and raising over 70K for Pride and work right here in our LGBTQ community.

Let's have fun all weekend, and all month. And let's get to work. We HAVE to turn back these latest attempts to break us. We have to elect people who understand that this state is for all of us. All of us in the LGBTQ Community. Now I am not going to tell you who to vote for, yet I will tell you to make sure you are register and that you vote this fall because your freedoms depend on it. The governors offices us up for election this November. In 2019 our current governor came to our town after a huge tragedy and as he spoke the crowd challenged him to do something. He did, within the last month he signed a bill allowing anyone over the age of 21 to be able to carry concealed a weapon without training.

Now our own Nan Whaley is running for governor. She is in Cleveland today letting people know she stands with them, because she has already stood with us. Right here on this stage, last night and she has continues with us. This is the first time a woman has been nominated by a major party for Governor in Ohio. The first time there has been female Governor and female

Lieutenant Governor candidates on the same ticket with a real shot at winning in Ohio. And fixing Ohio, and these attempts of putting us back in the closet.

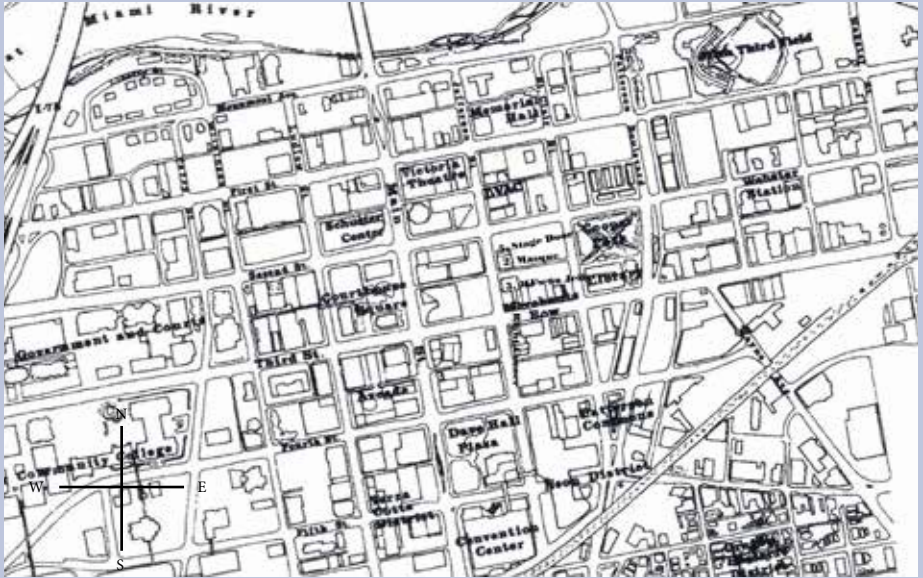
We need to fix the redistricting process so that constituents can truly pick their representatives, instead of representatives picking their constituents.

They are trying to wear us down with extra primary elections, extra IDs, extra steps to vote. And we are going to vote in every primary and general election. And we are going to have to take all the extra steps to make sure that we prove we will not stop, we will not turn back, we will not be denied.

It's going be hard work. It's going take money. It's going take people. All of us. ALL. OF. US. But so did fighting AIDS. So does fighting systemic racism. Fighting for equal access to medical care is going to be as hard a fight as fighting for equal access to marriage. Transgender kids who want to get on sports teams are going to need as much support as LGBTQ+ adults who wanted to get in the military.

Today is PRIDE, is exactly what I needed to remind myself that we are winning, we are Ohio, we are America and we are going to be proud, be strong, be fierce, be successful together. So Here's to Us, to all of us, and to all the ones before us and after us. I love you all, I am so thankful you all are here. Happy Pride! Take care of yourself, take care of each other, and let's continue to have a great weekend.

Gay Dayton Map



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. 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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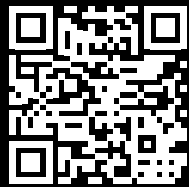
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