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Calendar of Events

Many of the scheduled meetings and events have been canceled or postponed. For information on attending an online video or phone chat group, please call GayDayton at 937.623.1590 or the Greater Dayton LGBTQ Center at 937.274.1776 be prepared to give your email address and phone number to join a group.

May 4th	6:00 PM	SOAR Support Group	Online
May 4th	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meets	Online
May 4th		Manufacturers, Construction, Business offices	Open
May 6th	6:30 PM	Center Month Board Meets	Online
May 11th	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meets	Online
May 12th		Retailers With Social Distancing	Open
May 12th	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
May 13th	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes HIV+ Group	Online
May 18th	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group Meets	Online
May 19th	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group Meets	Online
May 20th	7:00 PM	Project Identify Meets	Online
May 25th	7:00 PM	LGBT AA Group	Online
May 25th	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes HIV+ Group	Online

Sometimes people around you will not understand your journey. They don't need to, it is not for them. *Joubert Botha*

Never give up, because great things take time. Your body hears everything your mind says. Stay positive!

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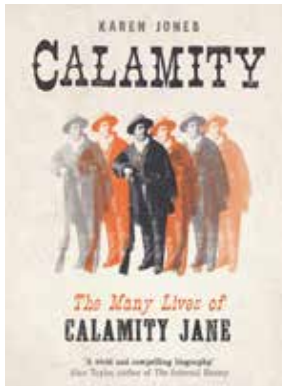
Book Reviews

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"Calamity: The Many Lives of Calamity Jane" by Karen R. Jones
c.2020, Yale University Press \$28.00 / higher in Canada 303 pages



You can call yourself whatever you want. Nobody says you can't have a different name every day, if that's your wish. Reinvent your life, create a new past, change your birth year, and tell new stories, nobody cares if you do. Become whoever you want to be but just know that, as in the book "Calamity: The Many Lives of Calamity Jane" by Karen R. Jones, the truth might catch up. When one thinks of women of the Wild West, the list is short. It's likely that Calamity Jane is toward the top.

Born the first of May in 1852, or possibly 1856, Martha Jane Canary was the oldest child of a "gambler and a 'woman of the lowest grade,'" says Jones. Her parents left Missouri when Martha was a child, and moved to Montana to take advantage of the gold rush there but they didn't even get a taste of its wealth before they both died.

Martha was a teenager then and, to her credit, she did whatever was needed to survive, never staying in one place for very long, living hand-to-mouth in what became a "pathologically itinerant lifestyle" that she maintained on and off for her whole life. It's how she likely got her nickname: calamity followed her from campsite to saloon to jail cell.

By the time she was out of her teens, Calamity Jane's reputation was as wide as the prairie. She boasted about having been a "female scout" but some claims don't follow facts. Canary said that she drove stagecoaches and rode for the Pony Express, but dates don't always match up. In early

adulthood, she got into a habit of wearing men's clothing, which caused scandal and titillation for much of her life and which leads to questions of gender fluidity today. There are so many instances where truth differs from legend, in fact, that we may never know the whole story about her...

It's this aspect of "Calamity" that will keep you on your toes: as author Karen R. Jones sifts through the myths and mysteries of Martha Canary's life, we, too, begin to see not just a complex woman but also fascinating (for a western-novel fan) slices of fiction-crushing facts about the Old West.

Perhaps not surprisingly, much of the former centers on Canary's cross-dressing, which Jones admits was common in Canary's day, and not just for her; the difference, perhaps, is that she was unabashed about it. Because she was an anomaly by way of reputation and fame, Old West denizens gossiped about Canary; newspaper accounts mention her mode of dress quite often, and Jones hints at unknowns in her gender identity. Since Canary loved to embellish and because she seemed comfortable with a foot in many worlds, concrete evidence either way is elusively slippery. Hollywoodization aside – and there's plenty of that, when it comes to Calamity Jane – it seems that the question may remain open. As for something that pulls this tale all together, though, and offers tantalizing reading, find "Calamity" and call it good.

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On April 9th we lost a giant in our LGBTQ community with the passing of Lesbian Pioneer Phyllis Lyon. Lyon was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma on November 10, 1924 and passed at the age of 95. After earning a degree in journalism from the University of California, Berkeley she worked as a reporter and journalist for several years. In 1950, she met Del Martin and the two became partners shortly thereafter. The couple moved to the Castro district in California in 1955 and helped found the

Daughters of Bilitis, which was the first lesbian civil and political rights organizations in the U.S.

In 1956 the two moved to Noe Valley and began publishing “The Ladder” the first nationally distributed lesbian publication in the country which continued until 1972. The couple also were among the first members of the Alice B. Toklas Democratic Club. They also authored the groundbreaking book “Lesbian Woman” which is considered to be the foundational text of lesbian feminism. They followed this with “Lesbian Love and Liberation” published in 1973.

In 1978, the pair chaired San Franciscans Against Proposition 6 (Briggs Initiative). With Cleve Jones and numerous other LGBTQ community leaders, they also became founding contributors of the *San Francisco Bay Times*. The following year the activists founded Lyon-Martin Health Services which continues to today which specializes in non-judgmental healthcare to women and LGBTQ individuals.

The film *Last Call at Maud's*, released in 1993, chronicled the lives of Lyon and Martin, along and other Bay Area-based lesbian community leaders and members. The 2003 documentary *No Secret Anymore: The Times of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon* as well as the book and film *Different Daughters: A History of the Daughters of Bilitis* and the Birth of the Lesbian Right Movement are among other works that highlight their achievements.

In 2000 they made the brave decision to sign on as the plaintiff couple in the Marriage Cases against the California law enacted by the passage of Proposition 22. On February 12, 2004, launching the “Winter of Love,” Martin and Lyon were issued a marriage license by the City and County of San Francisco after then mayor Gavin Newsom ordered that marriage licenses be given to same-sex couples who requested them. Their marriage license along with those of several thousand other same-sex couples were voided on August 12 of that same year by California Supreme Court. On June 16, 2008 the couple was legally married once again presided over by the mayor making them the first same-sex couple to be married in San Francisco after the California Supreme Court decision concerning *In re Marriage Cases* in the state. Del Martin passes away with Lyon by her side just four years later.

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It was not until June 26, 2015, that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down all state bans on same-sex marriage making it legal in all fifth states.

Survivors are her beloved sister Patricia Lyon, her devoted daughter Kendra Mon, son-in-law Eugene Lane (dubbed by Lyon and honorary lesbian), granddaughter Lorrie Mon, grandson Kevin Mon, his wife Ellen, and Lyon's great granddaughter Kexin Mon.

The family requests that gifts in honor of Phyllis be made to the Lyon-Martin Health Clinic: <https://bit.ly/3b8C1bv>

April 9th, 2020 Dayton also lost a **Dayton Icon** in the passing of long time Dayton bartender Bruce Shafer, age 72. Shafer served in the Army and at age 24 began his career at the Stage Door Musical Bar. For the past thirteen years he has been serving it up at The Right Corner.



photo by Dana Thompson

“He was a complicated man,” said Dana Thompson, a friend of decades. “He was a hard man with a lot of compassion. He remembered everybody’s name, and he had a nickname for everybody. He remembered every drink that you ever consumed.”

The second youngest child of the late Ernestine and Harold Shafer Sr.’s six children, Bruce Shafer was born and raised in Dayton until the family moved to Beavercreek when he was about 9 years old, according to Chuck Shafer and Judy Lawson, his brother and sister.

“He made it a point to always show up to family functions,” Chuck Shafer recalled. Lawson likened her brother to the old tagline for a Wall Street stock brokerage. “He always had a story,” she said. “He was like E.F. Hutton. When he talked, you listened.” She said her brother was always his own person.

“He didn’t throw (any) punches,” she said. “If you liked him, that was OK, and if you didn’t like him, that was OK, too.” He was very unique, he was an Icon.

Shafer is to be buried at Woodland Cemetery. Thompson said that the bar will hold a memorial service for Shafer when the state ordered “Bar Closings” are lifted due to the pandemic.

SEX AND CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

All Ohioians should stay home and minimize contact with others to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

BUT CAN YOU HAVE SEX?

Here are some tips for how to enjoy sex and to avoid spreading COVID-19.



KNOW HOW COVID-19 SPREADS

You can get COVID-19 from a person who has it;

- The virus can spread to people who are within about 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 when that person coughs or sneezes.
- The virus can spread through direct contact with their saliva or mucus.

We still have a lot to learn about COVID-19 and sex;

- COVID-19 has been found in feces of people who are infected with the virus.
- COVID-19 has not yet been found in semen or vaginal fluid.
- We know that other coronaviruses do not efficiently transmit through sex.



HAVE SEX WITH PEOPLE CLOSE TO YOU

• You are your safest sex partner.

Masturbation will not spread COVID-19, especially if you wash your hands (and any sex toys) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after sex.

- **The next safest partner is someone you live with.** Having close contact — including sex — with only a small circle of people helps prevent spreading COVID-19.

- **You should avoid close contact — including sex — with anyone outside your household.** If you do have sex with others, have as few partners as possible.
- **If you usually meet your sex partners online or make a living by having sex,** consider taking a break from in-person dates. Video dates, sexting or chat rooms may be options for you.



TAKE CARE DURING SEX

- **Kissing can easily pass COVID-19.** Avoid kissing anyone who is not part of your small circle of close contacts.
- **Rimming (mouth on anus) might spread COVID-19.** Virus in feces may enter your mouth.
- **Condoms and dental dams can reduce contact with saliva or feces,** especially during oral or anal sex.
- **Washing up before and after sex is more important than ever.**
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash sex toys with soap and warm water.
- Disinfect keyboards and touch screens that you share with others (for video chat, for watching pornography or for anything else).



SKIP SEX IF YOU OR YOUR PARTNER IS NOT FEELING WELL

- **If you or a partner may have COVID-19,** avoid sex and especially kissing.
- **If you start to feel unwell,** you may be about to develop symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath.
- **If you or your partner has a medical condition that can lead to more severe COVID-19,** you may also want to skip sex.
- Medical conditions include lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, cancer or a weakened immune system (for example, having unsuppressed HIV and a low CD4 count).



PREVENTION

- **Prevent HIV, other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unplanned pregnancy.**
- **HIV:** Condoms, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and having an undetectable viral load all help prevent HIV.
- **Other STIs:** Condoms help prevent other STIs.
- **Pregnancy:** Make sure you have an effective form of birth control for the coming weeks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19, VISIT
[EQUITASHEALTH.COM/CORONAVIRUS-COVID-19-UPDATES](https://www.equitashealth.com/coronavirus-covid-19-updates)

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PANDEMIC POPCORN by true tilo

The world is in a holding cell sleeping with a quilt made out of facemasks a makeshift morgue takes rent payments bodies only people play wheel of fortune, with the invisible enemy, hoping that it doesn't land on INFECTED

If you make it to the bonus round, you might walk away with immunity, and an N95 mask. We hold hands through a touchscreen, but for some reason that touch doesn't feel the same, as of today 150,000 lungs have closed their curtains to a show that you can't even get a ticket to, I guess you have a front row seat to an encore under the night sky.

Our stars are masters at social distancing but darling you still burn brighter at six feet away than a galaxy does at six million hospitals become jenga towers and the doctors are the players, choosing which bodies to save and sacrifice.

Every single day ventilators are treated like poker chips in a war that wages wealth over wellness filling our faces with fear until our families fall from fake news, so fuck this, come on down! You're the next contestant on, you're probably going to die, because __INSERT EXCUSE HERE__

I'm sorry your 22 year old didn't make it to the ICU to play roulette with a life-line, a cancer survivor is now running faster with two legs before a vaccine can finally stand up and walk. Mickey mouse wears a facemask while the children of tomorrow use caprisun pouches because in America cartoons are more influential than a classroom.

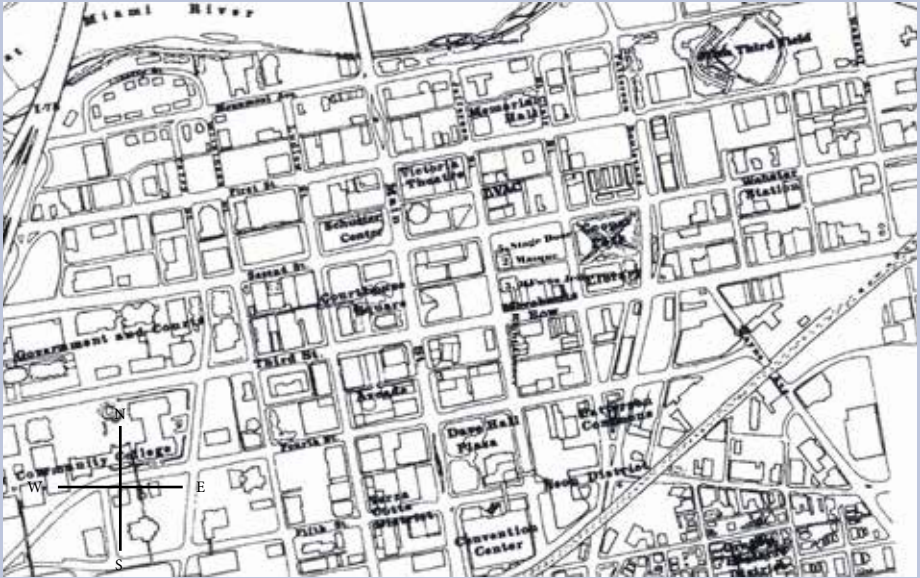
Countries shape shift into colossal bags of buttery hot popcorn we cook it for an hour, a day, a week, a month, possibly a year before we open up the god damned bag that's scorched with the scars from a serial silent slayer.

Each smoking hot kernel represents a life that chose to gather within a confined space can you hear that....? The microwave of the USA is open, but the popcorn bag full of bodiesis still popping



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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

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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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