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TO FM PRIDE

AUGUST 11-14

PRIDE

FARGO-MOORHEAD

AUG 11-14

Thursday

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PRIDE SKATE NIGHT | 6:30PM

Skate City ND • 3302 Interstate Blvd S, Fargo

LGBTQ+ TRIVIA & KARAOKE | 8PM

Rhombus Guys Pizza • 606 Main Ave, Fargo

PRIDE VINYL NIGHT | 8PM

Front Street Taproom • 614 Main Ave, Fargo

Friday

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YOUTH PRIDE DRAG SHOW | 7PM

The Gaede Stage • MSUM • 801 13th Street South, Moorhead

PRIDE DANCE PARTY | 10PM

Millennium Ballroom • Avalon Events Center • 2525 9th Ave S, Fargo

Saturday

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PRIDE 5K FUN RUN | 8:30AM

Moorhead Center Mall Parking Ramp • 510 Center Ave, Moorhead

PRIDE IN THE PARK | 11AM

Island Park • 616 1st Ave S, Fargo

PRIDE PATIO PALOOZA | 2PM

Wild Terra Cider • 6 12th St N, Fargo

PRIDE BLOCK PARTY | 5PM

Fargo Brewing Company • 610 University Dr N, Fargo

Sunday

14

INTERFAITH SERVICE | 12:30PM

Fargo Theatre • 314 Broadway N, Fargo

PRIDE PARADE | 2PM

Downtown Fargo • Starting at NP & 4th St N

POST PARADE CELEBRATION

Broadway Square • 201 Broadway N, Fargo



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WELCOME!



The F-M Pride Planning Committee is excited to welcome you to our 2022 Summer Pride events! This weekend is a reminder of the community we have in our area and a brief respite from the craziness surrounding each of us every day. It's like building our own universe, where everyone belongs.

Outside of this warm and fuzzy bubble, we are fighting for our basic human rights. As we watch national, state and local politics, we must collaborate to fight for each other. I have been inspired by local community leaders, going out on the streets and speaking up. We are here, we will be seen and we are not going away... no matter what anyone tries to do to push us down, we will rise up.

On that note, our entire volunteer committee hopes you enjoy all that the weekend has to offer. Whether you are taking part in the 5K fun run or walk, spending the afternoon at Pride in the Park, or cheering at the Pride Parade, we hope you are able to meet new people and most importantly feel comfortable being yourself. Don't miss out on our NEW event, the Pride Patio Palooza at Wild Terra. This event is for all ages and will be a blast!

As you celebrate, be sure to thank F-M Pride's growing number of sponsors, vendors, venues and volunteers who continue to ensure that each year is a memorable one.

Happy Pride!

Chelsea Diederich
2022 FM Pride Planning Committee Chair

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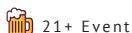
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7 PM

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PRIDE **DANCE**
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FRIDAY AUG 12
10 PM

Avalon Event Center
2525 9th Ave S, Fargo

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Meet Anna Johnson

2022 GRAND MARSHAL

Q How did you react when you were told you were selected as Grand Marshal? Were you surprised?

A *I was extremely surprised as I never thought in a million years that I would be nominated. I was super happy and can't wait to be the Grand Marshal for this year's Pride festivities!*

Q Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

A *I am originally from Bismarck, but I moved here in 2007 to go to school at NDSU. I am married to my wonderful wife Susan for the last 13 years and she was a big part of why I moved to Fargo. We have a son and his name is Milo- he is 19. I wear many hats around town, and in addition to being a local artist I also drive a Tandem truck for Aggregate Industries.*

Q What are you most excited for at the year's FM Pride Celebration?

A *I am most excited to lead the parade! Also Pride in the Park where I will have a booth to sell my art, including original prints, t-shirts, tank tops, hats, and other merchandise. I always enjoy meeting all the families who go to the park and running into old friends.*



PRIDE
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SATURDAY
AUG 13 | 8:30AM

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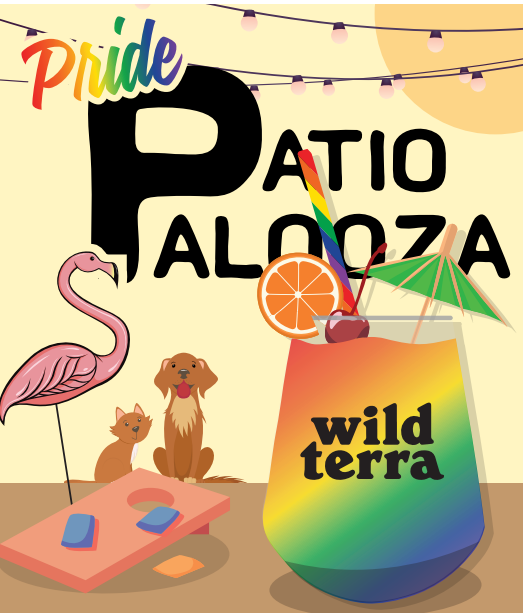


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SUNDAY, AUG 14 | 12:30PM

Fargo Theatre | 314 Broadway N. Fargo

ALL are welcome.

- Q** We understand you're an artist and are very passionate about bringing awareness of LGBT issues through art. Can you elaborate more on this?
- A** Yes, one of my most well-known prints is "I walk with Two Spirits", which is about my Native American culture and being LGBTQ. In our culture being two spirited was not looked down on at all, in fact those people in the tribe often became the revered medicine men or women of their tribes. I was recently honored to do a piece for New Story Counseling Services that incorporated a lot of LGBTQ imagery about our history, and it is one of my favorite pieces. It was very freeing to create.
- Q** You recently ran for Fargo City Commission and came VERY close to winning. What was the campaign process like for you? Did you receive much opposition?
- A** The campaign process was interesting to learn. I think meeting all the people that supported me was the best part. Connecting with people on a real level and trying to bring a voice to important issues is what I am all about. I didn't receive much opposition because of approval voting. I think because people could vote for who ever and as many people as they wanted there wasn't that much of trying to take each other down. Honestly, I feel like I had way more support and people behind me than anyone else and I really felt the love.
- Q** Are there any other organizations that you are involved in?
- A** I am currently the chair of the board for the Human Family which puts on the Environmental Film Festival, LGBTQ Film Festival, Human Rights Film Festival and the Human Rights Art Festival, which travels all over the state of ND, so we can hopefully open some minds in our very conservative state. I also just joined the board for The Arts Partnership. They were instrumental in supporting my career with grants to help buy equipment and are a vital part of our city's art scene.
- Q** What does Pride mean to you?
- A** Pride means being seen, being together as a group and seeing the young people in our community be themselves and be proud.
- Q** What advice do you have for those that are struggling with gender identity?
- A** Just to know you're not alone. I've been misgendered and I know what it's like to have people think you're in the wrong bathroom, or get tongue tied because they don't know how to address you. It's frustrating, embarrassing, and it gets old. But dress how you want to dress, express yourself and surround yourself with people that love you for you. And a good suit goes a long way!
- Q** If a movie were made about your life, what would the title be? Who would be cast as you?
- A** "From Turtles to Rabbits, The Anna Johnson Story". Fortune Feimster would have to play me!

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GREETINGS FROM THE RED RIVER RAINBOW SENIORS

BY STEPHEN OLSON

Happy Pride! The past two years we have been impacted, as has every group, by the pandemic. Like many groups, we have turned to Zoom to continue our monthly business meetings and socials. Lately, we have moved to zoom/in person business meetings and zoom or open-air socials.

We have two book clubs that meet monthly, usually in member homes or on zoom or both: The Gay Men's Book Club and the Leaping Lesbians Book Club. Contact rrrainbowseniors@gmail.com for more information.

We participate in, and help fund the annual ND LGBTQ+ Summit in Mandan. We are offering stipends to the three colleges in our area to help fund their Lavender Graduation Celebrations in 2023 as well as grants to help fund the local high schools' GSA/LGBTQ student support groups. We also support our umbrella organization located in Fargo, The Pride Collective and Community Center.

We are still working on a plan to educate and encourage long-term care agencies and providers in our communities about the needs of LGBTQ seniors and the ways in which their lives as residents can be affirmed.

In June, Oral History Committee members met with staff from the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County to share ideas and brainstorm about the exhibit for the Tenth Anniversary of Same-Sex Marriage in Moorhead. The exhibit will

run from July 29, 2023-March 3, 2024. Although we may still do some interviews connected with this historic event, the grant ended on June 30.

In November 2017, The Red River Rainbow Seniors began an oral history project, "Breaking Barriers: Harvesting LGBTQ Stories from the Northern Plains," focusing on older LGBTQ people and their allies. Over 159 people have been interviewed in 149 interviews. Thirty-one interviews are pending. The original digital files and the transcriptions of the oral histories will be available in the North Dakota State University Archives. You can contact us about Breaking Barriers by emailing RRRS or contacting the oral history project directly at: redriverrainboworalhistory@gmail.com or check it out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BreakingBarriersLGBTQ/>.

We invite you to stop and chat with our members at our RRRS booth on Saturday at Pride in the Park.

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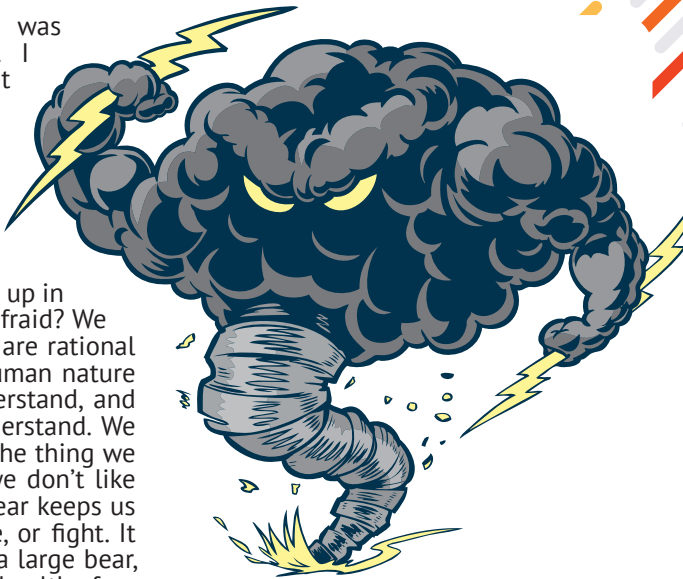
FEAR IN OUR DAILY LIVES

BY MARA WESSEL

When I was younger, I was terrified of thunderstorms. I used to panic every time it would start to rain, because I thought for sure a storm was coming. I would get so mad whenever I would hear thunder or see lightning. Where did that fear come from? I had never been struck by lightning or sucked up in a tornado. So why was I so afraid? We all have fears, whether they are rational or not doesn't matter. It's human nature to fear what we don't understand, and there is a lot we don't understand. We get angry and start to hate the thing we don't understand because we don't like to feel vulnerable. Healthy fear keeps us alive. It tells us to run, hide, or fight. It keeps us from trying to pet a large bear, no matter how cute it is. Unhealthy fear is a different beast. It keeps us from trying new hobbies, meeting new people, and even keeps us from loving others.

Unhealthy fear eventually turns to hate. I didn't understand storms. I didn't understand where they came from, how they were formed, or that they could display amazing beauty. As I got older, I started to learn more about storms. I asked questions, talked to people who shared the beauty they had experienced with lightning and thunder, and told me how calming a storm can be. I would go out on the covered deck at my parent's farm and I would watch the storms roll in and out. I started to understand. I no longer hated them. I appreciated the amazing uniqueness of the cloud formations, the power in the thunder, and the immeasurable energy from the lightning. We can learn a lot from fear and hate, but we can learn even more from understanding and love.

I have spent over a decade being out and proud, and twice as long hiding and being afraid. I've heard the comments, experienced the fear, and the



misunderstanding. I've spent so much time with young people in the LGBTQIA+ community and I work with middle schoolers every day. Trust me when I tell you, they are fully capable of standing up for themselves and telling someone to "go kick rocks" when they have offended them. They don't need us fighting their battles. What they do need from us, is for us to help our friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors understand them. We need to show the people in our communities that being different isn't something to fear. It is our duty and responsibility to help the unknown become known. We have to answer the tough questions, talk about how we live, and show the incredible love and beauty that we display. We have to provide understanding to the world and remove unhealthy fear from the equation. We need to allow others to be witnesses to our uniqueness, power and energy. I can't think of a better way to support young people than to live openly and authentically. Showing the world what amazing joy can come out of living with a curious mind and an open heart.



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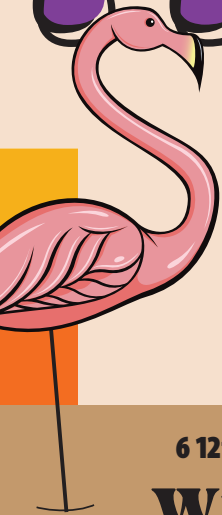
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MONKEYPOX AND OTHER TIPS TO STAYING SAFE THIS SUMMER

BY BRENTON NESEMEIER, EPIDEMIOLOGIST, NDDOH

Monkeypox is a rare disease and until recently rarely impacted those outside of Central Africa. It can cause a rash and painful blisters, and in some cases a flu-like illness. You can take steps to avoid infection. Monkeypox can spread to anyone through close, intimate, skin-to-skin contact. This can include oral, anal and vaginal sex or simply hugging, massaging or kissing someone who is infected with monkeypox. Having multiple or anonymous partners may increase your risk of monkeypox and other conditions. Limiting your number of partners and knowing the health status of your partner may help to reduce the risk of monkeypox.

PREVENTION TIPS

Awareness: One of the most important prevention tools in helping to slow the spread of monkeypox is awareness. If you notice a new or unexplained rash, avoid sex or being intimate with others until after you are checked out by a health care provider. As a reminder, condoms do not stop the spread of monkeypox, because it is not an STI, but condoms can help stop the spread of STIs such as HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhea or syphilis.

Screening: Regular STI screening is especially important for those who engage in intercourse with new, anonymous or multiple partners. When talking to your provider, it is important to be open and honest with them about the type of sex you are having so that they can properly assess your risk and screen you appropriately. In addition to regular

screening, tools such as HIV PrEP can reduce the risk of HIV. HIV PrEP when taken daily greatly reduces the risk of HIV infection. PrEP is available for anyone who feels that they are increased risk for HIV infection. With most insurances and state Medicaid plans covering PrEP and lab fees the cost has greatly come down in recent years. If you or anyone you know would benefit from PrEP, reach out to your primary care provider for more information. You can also find more information on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/basics/prep/paying-for-prep/index.html>. We also have begun to distribute at home tests for individuals who do not have easy access to services. You can order a free at-home test kit at nddoh.mybinxhealth.com.

Vaccination: Monkeypox vaccine supplies are low and anticipated to slowly increase through 2023. Please check out <https://www.health.nd.gov/monkeypox> for vaccine availability in your area. Keeping up to date on wellness immunizations is also important for your health and the health of others. Talk to your doctor about being up-to-date on your hepatitis A, hepatitis B, or the HPV series if you do not know or if you have not been previously vaccinated. In addition, gay or bisexual men that are planning to travel to Florida should talk to their provider about being vaccinated for meningitis due to a recent outbreak in the community. People who are immunocompromised, including those living with HIV may be recommended to receive additional vaccines.

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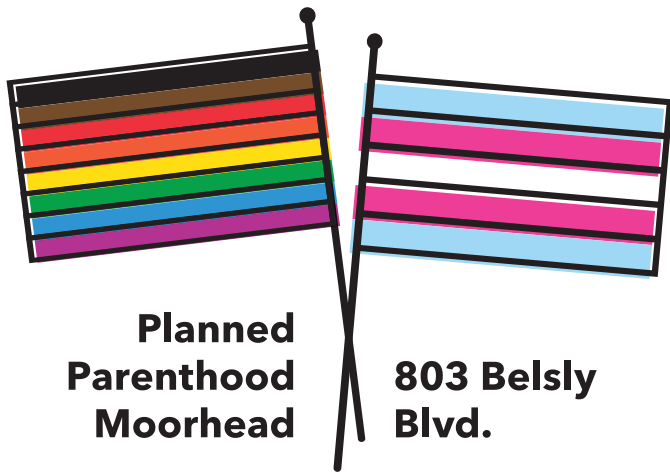
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AN UPDATE ON THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN MN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BY TAMMY SJ LANAGHAN

This past year, the Red River Rainbow Senior (RRRS) Oral History Committee, in partnership with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC), conducted 30 interviews with people involved in the historical first same-sex marriage ceremony on August 1, 2013, at the Clay County Courthouse. Those interviewed included LGBTQ couples, their witnesses, judges, police officers, and guests. “Pioneer” couples who married in Canada were also interviewed. The interviews have been transcribed and deposited with HCSCC Archives and NDSU Archives.

Several themes emerged from the interviews: the great excitement, joy, public affirmation, and growth in self-esteem that the LGBTQ couples experienced. The couples spoke also of the greater financial and healthcare security they gained from the legal recognition of their marriage. Others spoke of how the ceremony broadened their understanding of the LGBTQ community.

Nevertheless, given the current political environment, particularly the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, most of the narrators expressed considerable anxiety about the future of same-sex marriage. The importance of this project to provide a narrative of the value and importance of same-sex marriage in the United States cannot be overstated.

With the tenth anniversary of this ceremony occurring August 1, 2023,

the HCSCC and RRRS will develop an exhibit to share the story of how same-sex marriage has impacted the lives of these couples and the Fargo-Moorhead community. Please save the dates: August 1, 2023, through March 4, 2024. The exhibit is expected to travel after this run. Stop by the Red River Rainbow Seniors and the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County tables during Pride in the Park for more information! Also, follow @BreakingBarriersLGBTQ and @hcscc on Facebook. Further inquiries: redriverrainboralhistory@gmail.com.

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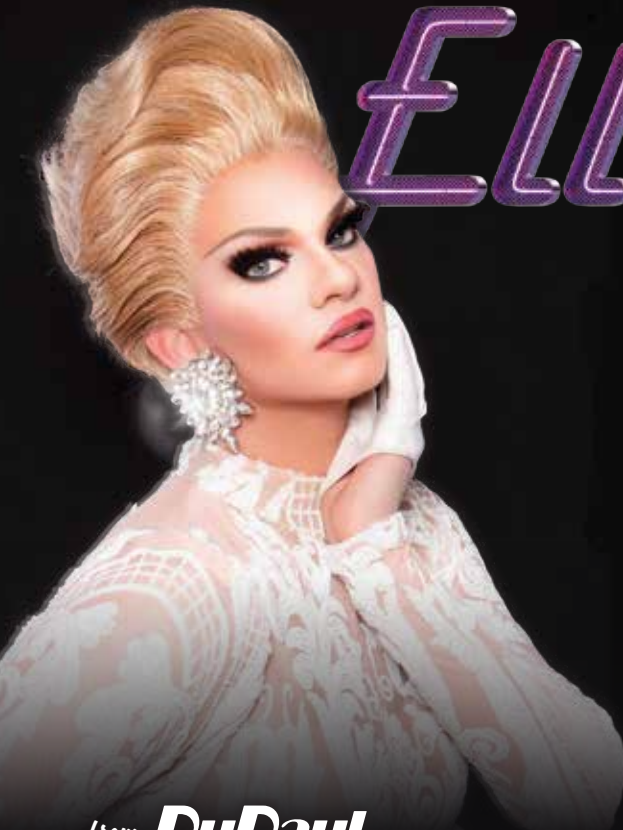
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Elliott with 2 T's

Elliott with 2 T's, is originally from Texas and now resides in Las Vegas, Nevada. As a contestant on Season 13 of RuPaul's Drag Race, Elliott captured the hearts of fans everywhere and now spends her time entertaining all over Vegas and the world. Elliott is excited to join the list of Ru Girls that have graced the Pride Block Party stage.



Nina Di Angelo

Nina has become a mainstay for the FM Pride Block party. She's been quoted saying that it's her favorite "gig" and one she always looks forward to. A 25 year veteran in the industry and coming from Minneapolis, Nina has spent the last 2 years working on opening Roxy's Cabaret, a new performance venue in downtown Minneapolis which will be open this summer. If you find yourself in the Twin Cities, be sure to check it out!



Frozaen Pissas

Frozaen is from Minneapolis, MN where she performs regularly across the twin cities and is a regular on the FlipPhone Drag Brunch Circuit. She's a creative force and amazing entertainer and is excited for her first appearance at FM Pride.



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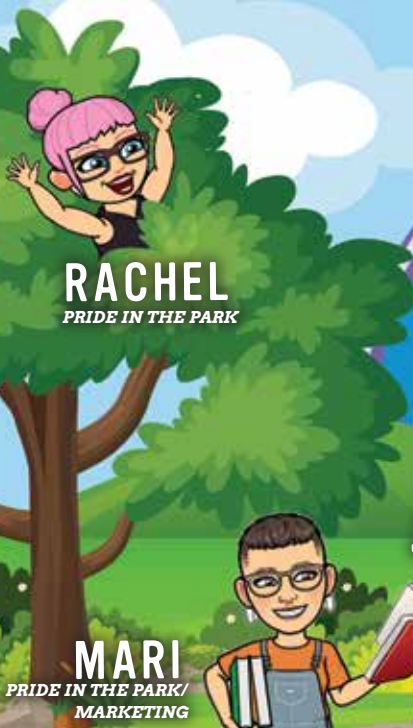
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ND LGBTQ+ SUMMIT

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Registration is now open! The fifth annual ND LGBTQ+ Summit is scheduled, in person, at the Baymont Inn, Mandan, ND for October 14-16, 2022. You can register by going to www.ndlgbtqsummit.com!

The idea of a statewide gathering grew out of a coffee shop conversation back in 2017 where it was recognized how disconnected our LGBTQ community was. The purpose of the summit is dedicated to addressing that need by providing a safe place for community members and allies to come together and connect. As importantly, the summit offers education and opportunities to organize for collective action.

While the content for this year's summit is still being developed, past summits have provided sessions on health care needs and access, mental health needs and access, relationships with education, health and law enforcement. As we approach an election and legislative session know that there will be sessions on how we can organize our voices. Although the summit is welcoming of all ages, special emphasis on including and engaging our youth will be front and center this year.

Plan now to attend. Members of the LGBTQ+ community and allies are encouraged to attend!

Major stakeholders and planners of the event include: Red River Rainbow Seniors, ND Human Rights Coalition, Dakota OutRight, Pride Collective and Community Center, Magic City Equality, Rainbow Rendezvous, FM Pride, and ND Two Spirit and Allies. National partners include National Center for Lesbian Rights, the Trevor Project, AARP, Equality Federation, and PFund.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

These local community organizations are working for LGBTQ+ people in our area and in our communities, so that we can grow and continue to be a safe, welcoming place for all!

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