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The Ketchikan Queer Collective is a group of LGBTQ+ individuals who have come together to inform, inspire, and build community through our quarterly publication Loud and Queer! Based in Ketchikan, we work locally and regionally to make LGBTQ+ experiences visible and our voices heard.

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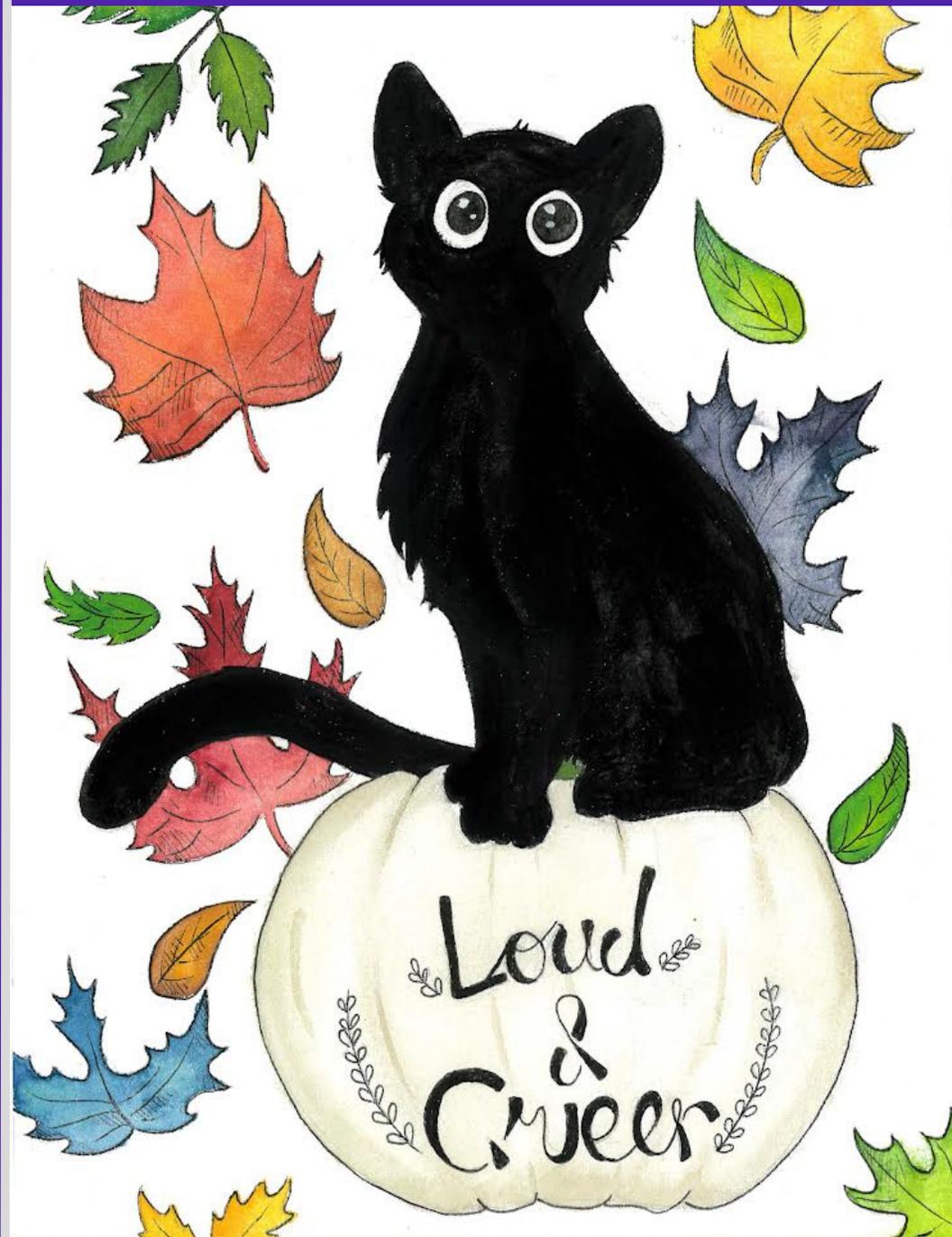
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LOUD & QUEER!

Loud and Queer! is a quarterly zine published by the Ketchikan Queer Collective featuring visual art, articles, and resources. **Loud and Queer!** connects LGBTQ+ people of Southeast Alaska to inform, inspire, and build community. This publication tells our stories by and for each other.

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8. An irrational fear, hatred, discomfort of, or discrimination against people who are attracted to members of the same sex.

13. How you feel inside, your own understanding of self and gender. This has nothing to do with societal expectations of gender. It can be the same or different from your sex assigned at birth. (2 Words)

17. An irrational fear, hatred, discomfort of, or discrimination against people who are trans. Intersex people, nonbinary people and gender nonconforming people can also be victims of this.

18. A person who does not experience sexual attraction towards other people, or a person who experiences no or little desire for sexual activity. This does not mean that they do not desire romantic relationships. (sometimes shortened to "Ace")

21. A term used to describe when someone's sex assigned at birth (or biological sex) is consistent their gender.

Down

1. A term used to describe people who are in the process of exploring their sexual orientation or gender identity.

2. A term people often use to express fluid identities and orientations. Often used interchangeably with "LGBTQ+."

3. Who a person is attracted to, emotionally, sexually, and/or romantically. Has nothing to do with gender. (2 Words)

5. Describes a person whose gender identity falls outside the traditional gender binary.

Down Continued

9. Someone who is capable of being attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to any gender; or someone who is attracted to people regardless of their gender or gender expression.

10. An acronym for "lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer."

11. A set of expectations from our culture and society about behaviors, thoughts, and characteristics that go along with your assigned sex. This varies across cultures, over time within any given society.

12. Someone who is capable of being attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to more than one gender.

14. A term used to describe when someone's gender differs from their sex assigned at birth (or biological sex).

15. A man who is attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to other men. Sometimes also used by lesbians and other members of the LGBTQ+ community.

16. A woman who is attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to other women.

19. A person who is not LGBTQ+ but shows support for LGBTQ+ people and promotes equality in a variety of ways.

20. A label that you're given at birth by a doctor based on medical factors, including your hormones, chromosomes, and genitals. Most people are assigned male or female, and this is what's put on their birth certificates. Not everyone's anatomy fits into the two categories of female and male.

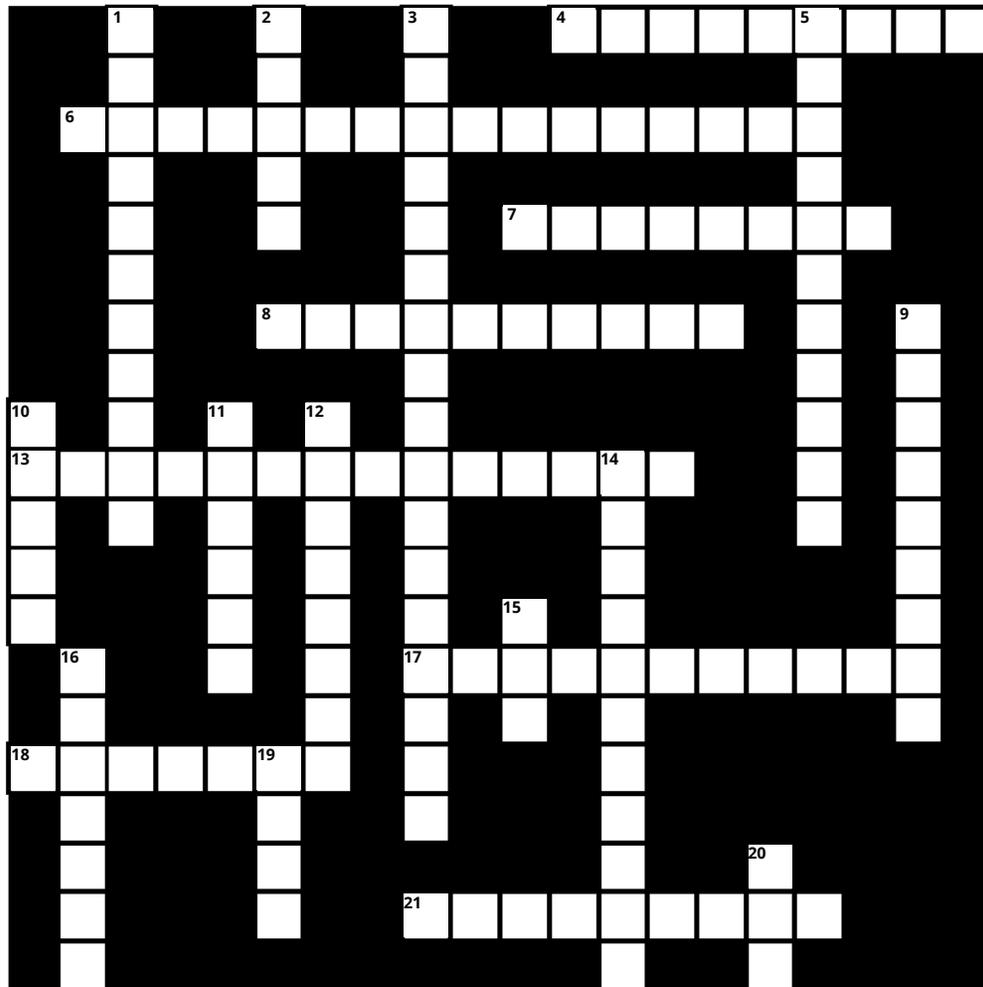
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for a chance to win a prize!**

The winner will be announced in our next issue.

1 Share Your Queer Joy With Us!

Puzzle Me This

LGBTQ+ TERMINOLOGY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

4. The process in which a LGBTQ+ person acknowledges, accepts, and appreciates their sexual orientation or gender identity and begins to share that with others. Often thought of the first time a person begins to disclose their gender identity or sexual orientation, but not always. (2 Words)

6. How you express your gender through clothing, behavior, and personal appearance. This does not have to align with societal expectations of gender and gender roles. (2 Words)

7. A general term used for a variety of situations in which a person is born with reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't fit the boxes of "female" or "male."



Kichxáan Heení
(Ketchikan Creek)
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Send your photos from across Lingít Aaní to
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THIS IS LINGÍT AANÍ

The Land of the Tlingit

We are located on the current and ancestral lands of the Tlingit, who have been living here since time immemorial. Kichxáan (Ketchikan) remains the territory of the Taant'a Kwáan (Sea Lion Tribe) of the Tongass Tlingit. We are grateful for the opportunity to live and learn here in mutual respect and appreciation.

How have you benefited from this land?

Maybe you have a house, a job, a car, or a family. Maybe you have enough food in your kitchen. Maybe you're able to rest from work. Maybe you have savings.

Unless you are Indigenous, you couldn't have these things without the stolen land you stand on.

BACK TO THE BASICS

SEXUAL AND ROMANTIC ATTRACTION

Sexual and romantic identities are complex and often fluid. Each individual is the only one who can define their own identities. It is completely fine if these identities change and fluctuate over time.

In the simplest of terms, sexual orientation is who you are attracted to. This attraction often includes gender, gender expression, behaviors, and aesthetic. Sexual orientation is most often used to describe who a person wants to be emotionally, romantically and sexually intimate with. Romantic attraction and sexual attraction are separate. Romantic attraction is the emotional response that results in a desire for a deeper bond with that person. This often includes a desire for physical intimacy, typically including sexual behaviors, but not necessarily.

The following terms and definitions may be helpful for you to find words to describe your feelings with regards to sexual and romantic attractions.



Lesbian

A woman who is attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to other women.



Gay

A man who is attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to other men.

This term can be used as an umbrella for anyone who is sexually or romantically attracted to someone of the same gender.



Bisexual

A person who is capable of being attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to more than one gender.

LOUD & QUEER! PLAYLIST



My Zero - Ezra Furman

Michael Sam - Figgy Baby

God is a Woman - Rett Madison

Drive Me Crazy - Orville Peck

Erase Me - Quinn Christopherson

LISTEN NOW



Open Spotify and scan the code to listen to our Queer playlist or search "L&Q Ketchikan" on Spotify!



THE PAN-DEMIC ISN'T OVER.

**GET VACCINATED - WEAR A MASK
BE A DECENT HUMAN BEING**



Pansexual
A person who is capable of being attracted emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually to any gender; or someone who is attracted to people regardless of their gender or gender expression.



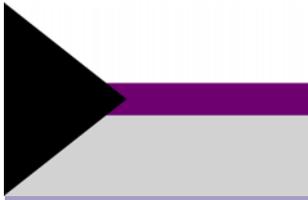
Asexual
A person who does not experience sexual attraction. Or a person who experiences little or no desire for sexual activity.

Sometimes shortened to "Ace."

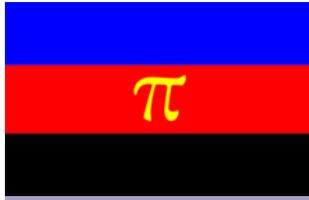


Aromantic
A person who experiences little or no romantic attraction to others.

An aromantic person can fall into one of two groups: aromantic sexual people or aromantic asexual people.



Demisexual
A person who does not feel sexual interest towards others unless a strong emotional connection is formed first.



Polyamorous
Polyamorous or polyamory is a form of consensual, ethical non-monogamy that emphasizes emotional connection among multiple partners.



Polysexual
A person who is emotionally, romantically, and/or sexually attracted to many, but not necessarily all, genders. It could be considered an umbrella term under which you'd find Bisexual and Pansexual.

This list is nowhere near exhaustive, but merely describes some of the better-known sexual and romantic identities. Learn more about these identities and others at loudandqueerketchikan.com

HOW TO HAVE AN INCLUSIVE CONVERSATION ABOUT ABORTION ACCESS

When we have conversations about abortions, women are often at the center of that conversation, which is understandable. Abortion bans are a deliberate and calculated attack on women's rights. There's no denying that the intention behind every protest outside of an abortion clinic, every piece of legislation trying to ban abortion, and ultra conservative judges for the Supreme Court is our country's way of limiting a woman's freedom. The problem is, the conversation should not end with women. Women's rights are the starting point but not the whole picture. There are so many people who are not women that need access to safe and affordable abortions.

Who needs access to abortion? Any human with a uterus who has the potential to become pregnant. In addition, it's not just the people with uteruses who are benefiting from abortion. Anyone who is in a relationship with someone who can become pregnant and does not want to carry that pregnancy to term can benefit from their partner having an abortion. Couples, casual hook-ups, and people wanting to leave relationships can benefit from having access to abortions. Sometimes, abortion is the difference between affording food for yourself or the children you already have. It can prevent life-threatening body dysmorphia in those who cannot cope with being a gestational parent. It can grant a person freedom from being legally tied to another person or abuser for the rest of their lives.

Every reason a woman may need an abortion is applicable to ANY PERSON capable of carrying a pregnancy.

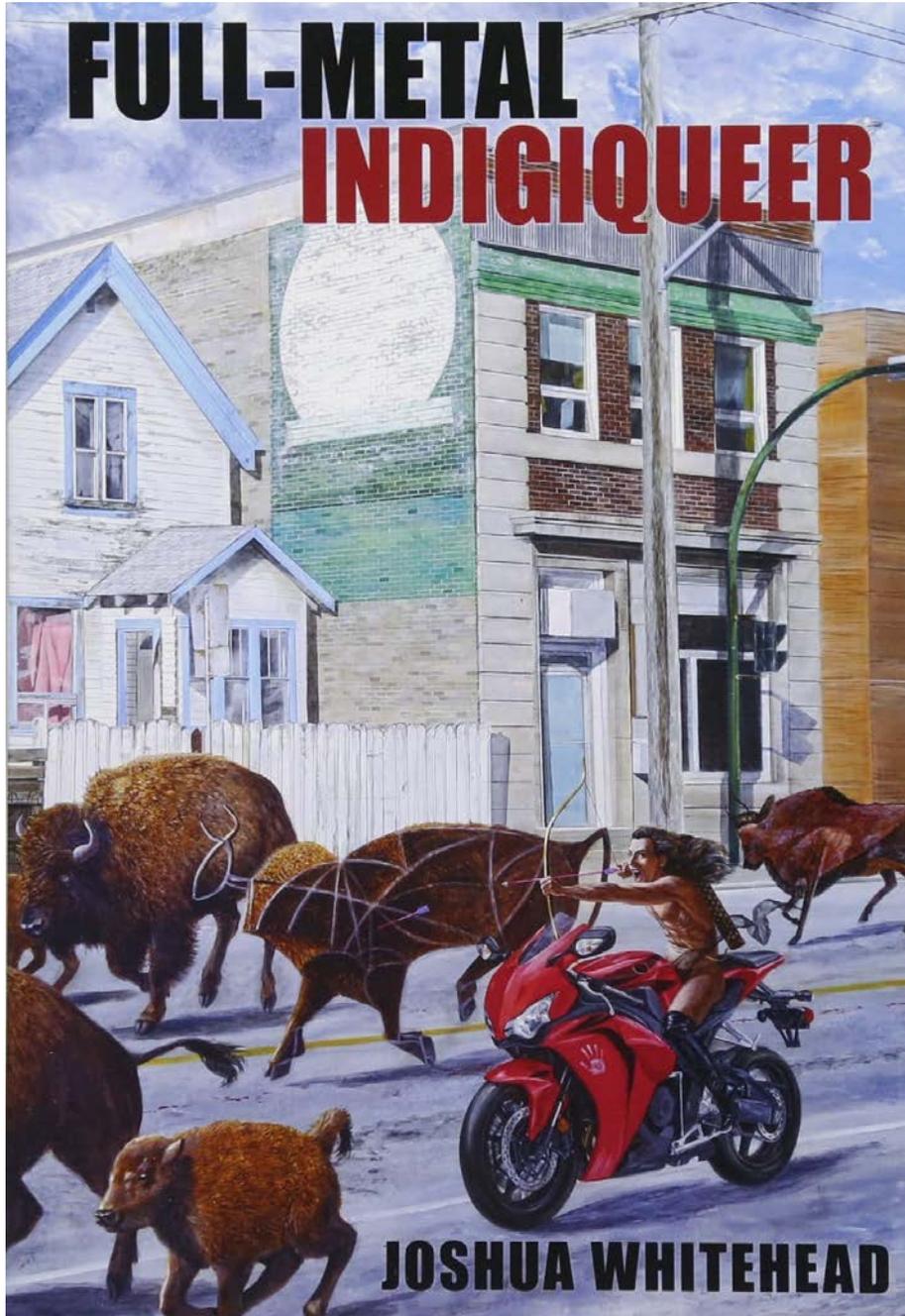
Yes, anti-abortion laws are targeting women.

No, women are not the only people who are losing autonomy.



Zora Navarre
She/Her
Queer
Ketchikan, AK

QUEER READS



Find *Full-Metal Indigiqueer*, a poetry collection by Joshua Whitehead at the Ketchikan Public Library or your local public library.



Hannah Bayles - They/She - Pansexual - Ketchikan, AK



7 **Photographer:** Thomas Brooks - He/Him - Gay - Ketchikan, AK
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After high school, like everyone, I entered the work force. Average jobs at first, then I was hired as a firefighter in Ketchikan. I knew that my femininity would have to be suppressed fully in order to make a career and provide for my family.

Fast forward 23 years. Now a fire chief for a department around Ketchikan. I was secure in relationships, a pension, employment (so I thought) to come out to my friends and coworkers. I was mistaken. This was one of the most trying times of my life. I was suspended from the fire department, laughed at by coworkers and ignored by friends. I was at the lowest point in my life. It was only through the pillar of support from my wife was I able to get through the following weeks, months and final years to secure my position once again. It was during this time the words of Morgan Freeman seemed to help; "Get busy livin', or get busy dyin'."

All I knew was that I hoped no one ever had to go through what I did in coming out ever again.

Sheen Davis
She/Her
Ketchikan, AK

**"I TURNED AROUND
EXPECTING TO SEE
A PRETTY GIRL
WITH RIBBONS
IN HER HAIR
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BUT INSTEAD,
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AND THERE IT WAS."**



JUST BE YOU

Since at the very young age, people already knew that I was gay and I am not ashamed of myself. In the Philippines, being a member of LGBTQ is a big issue until now. Maybe because of Christianity, people taught that it's sinful. I respect that, but, is it really sinful to be true to yourself?

Life was hard back then, my parents are separated and my grandma passed away when I was in grade school. I am not that good looking as well. I was so fat and my skin was not fair. I received a lot of hate.

I'd experienced being bullied by my classmates, neighbors and even by my relatives. I couldn't do anything back then, I lived separately from my mother and grew up by the care of my beloved grandmother. Even though we're poor, I am so rich with her love. I love her so much. She's the very first person in this world who accepted me for who I am. She told me that there's nothing wrong about me. I should be proud of who I am. I love you so much Grandma. I miss you, every day.

After her passing, I started living with my mom and her new family. I now have a great uncle as my dad, two beautiful sister and cute little brother. Living with them is one of the greatest blessing in my life. Also the new neighbors were so kind and loving. I expected that they would never accept me. That I would be an outcast but no, I felt special. Even though I was new to that place I felt like a family to them. Looban (name of the compound) I met my best friend and my amazing childhood friends. It was just for a very short period of time. Maybe just for 4 years before our family moved here in Alaska. I realized that not everyone will see me as a disgusting person just because I am gay. There are still people out there that are willing to accept you for who you are.

Now, here in Alaska. My heart is so full of love. Being LGBTQ here is so open. I am so happy. Life must be tough, but come on Sis! Never be afraid to raise our flag! I am proud of you! Just friendly reminder to all people out there don't be scared to show what you feel. Just be a QUEEN and Be You.

Kenneth Del Mundo
He/Him
Gay
Ketchikan, AK

COMING OUT:

ONE PERSPECTIVE FROM A RETIRED FIRE CHIEF

My name is Sheen Davis. This wasn't always my legal name, but knew that one day it would be ever since the age of 6 or 7.

I was raised in a small town on the Southern Oregon coast. A town that was certainly backwards in most ways and still reeling from WWII and the Vietnam war. There was a huge sense of family and community. Just so long as you weren't different than the average American in the area. To give one an idea, I recall my grandparents marching on city hall in opposition of interracial marriage. This type of attitude certainly would prevent any LGBT rights or consideration of any kind.

My first memories are of the school yard. A sunny day, having just rained and the perfect day for recess on the playground. At this point in my life I was unaware of the differences of boys and girls. All I knew was why couldn't I have long hair, dresses, and a pretty name.

I was thinking about this when I heard a teacher in the background say, "Oh look, what a pretty sheen!" I turned around expecting to see a pretty girl with ribbons in her hair in the sunlight. But instead, the teacher was referring to an oil sheen that made a rainbow on a puddle of water. And there it was.

Around this time, I had an unexplained abdominal surgery and genital surgery. A month stay in the hospital to heal up and get back on my feet. Much of that time was spent in the long term trauma section of adults in rehabilitation for extensive injuries. In both cases, unexplained or dismissed by my parents.

Later through my school years I dreaded PE because I was always afraid to be the team that had to be 'skins'. That is taking my shirt off. I didn't know why. The same was taking a shower afterwards. Terrifying. I'd occasionally been able to get pretty girl clothes, gloss and other things for a very short time. Whenever I'd get something cute, the next day after school it was gone.

With the exception of a few bumps, I made it to puberty and the feminine tendencies were easier to suppress. This was a particularly difficult time because my body was changing in the exact opposite way that my mind could process. High school years were good for the most part and went very fast. It was during this time in high school that I started dating my soul mate. One I'd known since the age of 6. Her mom was my first grade Sunday School teacher. Traci and I have been together ever since. She has always been my strength. We moved to Ketchikan shortly after being married.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender and gender diverse people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

2021 is set to be the deadliest year for trans and gender diverse people since records began in 2013. Since the start of this year, 375 transgender and gender diverse people have been killed globally, a figure that has risen since last year's record of 350.

“With so many seeking to erase transgender people - sometimes in the most brutal ways possible - it is vitally important that those we lose are remembered, and that we continue to fight for justice.”

- Gwendolyn Ann Smith,
Transgender Day of
Remembrance founder

This violence is fueled by misogyny, racism, toxic masculinity, xenophobia, and hate towards sex workers. A majority of the victims were Black and migrant trans women of color, and trans sex workers.

Since the start of the year, at least 47 transgender and gender diverse people have been killed in the U.S. - doubled from last year.

This year, we also saw a coordinated attack on trans rights. Anti-trans lawmakers passed record numbers of discriminatory bills, banning transgender and non-binary youth from accessing medical care, playing school sports or using restrooms.

As we honor our siblings lost to anti-trans violence, we must continue fighting for the full equality and liberation of transgender and non-binary people. We need everyone to join in empowering transgender leaders, building safer, stronger communities, and reducing stigma.

Joyful Onlooker
Sharon Gronlund
She/Her
Wrangell, AK



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