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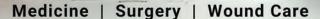


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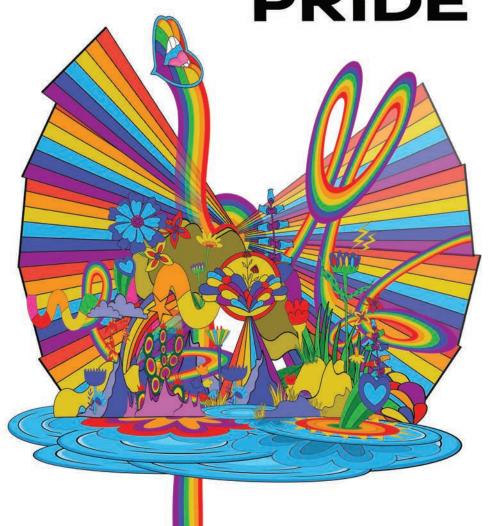
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Tuesday • May 31 • 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Tied, Dyed and Ferndale Pride Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois

Tuesday · May 31 · 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Queeraoke, 215 West, 215 W. Nine Mile

Wednesday · June 1 · 7 p.m.

Interfaith Service: Supporting the Health of Our Community, All ages and religions welcome, Affirmations Community Center, 290 W. Nine Mile. Alcohol free. Sign interpreted.

Wednesday · June 1 · 8 p.m.

First Wednesday 215 West, 215 W. Nine MI Rd.

Thursday · June 2

Mighty Real Queer Art Opening Affirmations, 290 W. Nine MI Rd. Alcohol free.

Thursday · June 2

Fursday Thursday Bears Party 215 West, 215 W. Nine Mile

Friday · June 3

Pride Prom, Affirmations, 290 W. Nine Mile, 7-10 p.m. Ages 12-18.

Friday · June 3 · 8 p.m.

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Ride the SMART FAST BUS on Woodward

Stopping at Woodward and 9 Mile, this service takes you right to Ferndale Pride. SMART also offers local routes that drop off at Woodward so you can ride the SMART FAST bus.

Ride the SMART BUS on 9 Mile

SMART offers a "Nine Mile Crosstown" option that stops in downtown Ferndale. The route travels east and west along 9 Mile.

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The 9 Mile route is detoured during the festival, check smartbus.org for detailed detour information.

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- W. Troy Street behind Candlewick Shoppe
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festival schedule

10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Affirmations open to the public

10-noon

SMART Recovery. Affirmations

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA), Affirmations

Noon-2 a.m.

Ferndale Elks #1588, open to the public, 22856 Woodward

12:30 p.m.

Opening ceremony Ferndale Project Mainstage, Keynote speaker Dana

Nessel. Sign interpreted. 1 p.m. Vendors open

1-6 p.m.

Blue Care Network of Michigan Children's Activity Area open

1-6 p.m.

Genisys Credit Union Rock Wall opens

1-8 p.m.

Mark McMillan, LMSW. CAADC Recovery Zone opens with activities presented by The Phoenix

1-8 p.m.

Vibe Credit Union presents the Canine Companion Animal Adoption area open

1-8 p.m.

Free Covid-19 vaccinations by the Oakland County Health Department, Food Truck Area

1-8 p.m.

Free Blood Screenings and STI testing by Unified Health, Food Truck Area

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Weddings. Gage DJ Dance Stage

1:30-3 p.m.

AA Brownbaggers Affirmations

2-4 p.m.

Transgender & Non-Binary Discussion, Affirmations

8 p.m. Vendors close

8-8:45 p.m.

Motor City Casino Hotel presents Tunde Olaniran at the Ferndale Project Main Stage

8:30-10 p.m.

MKX Oils presents Jace M at the Gage Cannabis DJ/Dance Stage

10 p.m.

Street entertainment ends

10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sponsoring bars and restaurants celebrate Pride

10:05 p.m.-2 a.m.

Thots and Prayers Pop Up. 215 West, 215 W. Nine MI Rd.

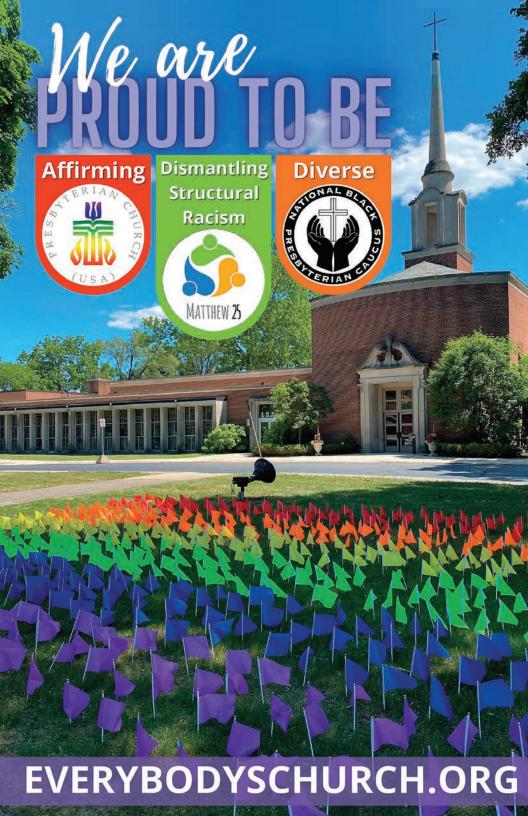


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main stage schedule



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12:30 pm Opening Ceremony

1:00 pm Furillostar2:00 pm Blow Pop

3:00 pm London Beck

4:00 pm Valerie the Vulture

5:00 pm LVRS

6:00 pm Freshman Drag Show

6:45 pm Motor City Drag Kings

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8:00 pm Tunde Olaniran

9:00 pm Jackie Faye

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8:30 pm Jace M



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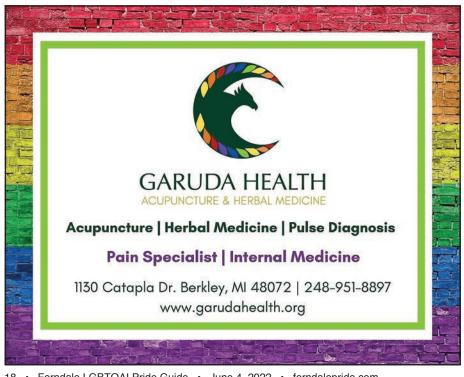
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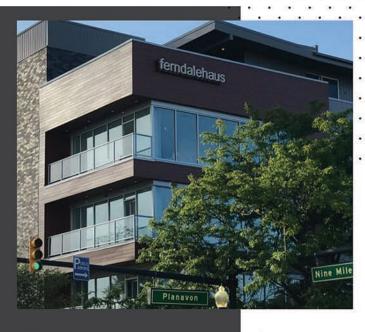
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Gratitude embraces Ferndale Pride

by Heather Aymer

"I bet you aren't gonna hug me," challenged the harnessed and studded out Pride attendee to Ferndale Pride Hugs Coordinator Liz Pfleger on a sunny fall day in October 2021. Undeterred, Liz wrapped her arms around her challenger, pulling them in. Hugs at Ferndale Pride is for everyone, even metal and leather-clad skeptics.

Hugs began as a labor of gratitude by Liz, whose daughter came out while in high school in Greater Ferndale. "My daughter told me she was comfortable and embraced by the community here, and I had to give back." Normally not a "put myself out there," person Liz connected with Ferndale Pride Executive Director Julia Music to begin Hugs for Pride in 2019.

In 2020 the pandemic forced isolation and social distancing for the public at large, the impact upon the already largely isolated LGBTQAI+ Community more devastating. In-person support and activity groups for the community moved online, where able, and Ferndale Pride was canceled.

The pandemic exponentially increased loss and grief which spurred the need for community. Conversations about the importance of social contact and touch for mental and physical health became mainstream, and the need for Ferndale Pride and Hugs became more urgent.

In October 2021, Ferndale Pride returned during a safer lull in the pan-

demic, and Liz and her Hugs Volunteers set to work.

"All ages ask for a hug, and the reaction is universal; everyone needs it," Liz stated while chatting with me after a Ferndale Pride Committee Meeting in March 2022. "I feel it's very important that our Hugs group is not restricted by gender or role as a parent. Ideal huggers are able to give comfort and compassion from the heart."

On why you should sign up to be a Hugs Volunteer: "It's a two-way thing, and the most fulfilling thing you will do in your life. You never know the importance of your hug until someone is crying in your arms."

"You don't know what this means!" a Pride attendee told Liz while receiving a hug, both masked for safety. Another, she held onto for five minutes while they sobbed. "I haven't been hugged by my father in 20 years," a young man told an older male Hugs Volunteer as he was held and cried. And so many more.

Consent is key, for Hugs, as it is for everyone at Ferndale Pride. "No pictures, Consent is essential. Not everyone who comes to Pride is out. This has to be a safe space."

Liz is always open to give a hug, even if you are unsure how to ask. Just show up and she or one of the Huggers will wrap their arms around you, give an affirmation and be there to make your day.

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Ferndale Pride will host a number of health-related services that are FREE to event-goers.

Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services

Mark McMillan, LMSW, CAADC Recovery Zone. Activities presented by The Phoenix. Location: West of Allen Street on north side of W. Nine MI Rd.

Affirmations Community Center

The Center hosts a number of recovery related groups throughout the day: 10 a.m.-noon - SMART Recovery 10:15-11:30 a.m. - Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (ACA) 1:30-3 p.m. - AA Brownbaggers Location: 290 W. Nine MI Rd.

Gender Affirming Clothing Closet

Affirmations in partnership with Stand With Trans will host a gender affirming clothing give away from noon to 6 p.m. Interested folks can come browse the selection of new and gently used donated items. Fitting rooms will also be available inside Affirmations. 290 W. Nine MI Rd.

Physical Health

STI/HIV/Hep C

UNIFIED HIV Health and Beyond will provide HIV/STI/Hep C testing via its mobile unit. Find out your status so you can make informed decisions about your health. Location: south side outside of Candle Wick Shoppe.

Sensory Station

This area will be a space for people who experience sensory overstimulation to decompress. Ear plugs, fidget items, snacks and beverages will be available here, as well. Folks from the Ferndale Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Commision will be available to help monitor or help address accessibility needs. Location: Western endpoint of festival on the north side of W. Nine MI Rd.

Suicide Prevention

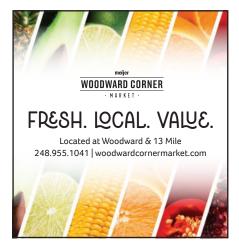
Six Feet Over will provide suicide prevention and general mental health outreach and education, suicide loss postvention and postcare support via informal conversations with trained and qualified volunteers, consisting of an ear for anything the festival-goers would like to ask or talk about, resource referrals and a place to be heard and seen. Location: Near The Broock on the south side of W. Nine MI Rd.

Vaccinations

COVID-19

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MI Drag Brunch: Ferndale Pride Queens, Bobcat Bonnie's, 240 W. Nine Mile, 10:30-4. Ticketed event. Disco Tea Ferndale, 215 West, 215 W. Nine Mile, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. 21+

Tuesday · June 7

Film Club Discussion Group, "Moonlight," Ferndale Public Library, 222 E 9 Mile Rd., 7 p.m. Alcohol free. 18+

Friday · June 10

Reunion, The Olympus Theater, 940 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit 10 p.m.-5 a.m. 21+

Saturday · June 11

Bears in Speedos Car Wash fundraiser for Affirmations and

Ruth Ellis Center, Level One Bank parking lot, 22635 Woodward Ave., 11a.m.-3p.m. Alcohol free. **Pride**, Marble Bar, 1501 Holden St., Detroit, 10 p.m.-5 a.m. 21+

Sunday · June 12

Drag Queen Story HourFerndale Project, 567 Livernois, 10 a.m. All ages.

Queer Arts and Crafts Show Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois, 11 a.m. All ages.

THOT Tea, TV Lounge, 2548 Grand River Ave, Detroit, 4 p.m.-12 a.m. 21+

Monday · June 13

Paint Project, Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois, 6 p.m. All ages.

Monday · June 20

Open Mic StorytellingFerndale Project, 567 Livernois, 6 p.m. All ages.

Saturday · June 25

Celebrity Bartending, Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois, noon-5 p.m. All ages.

Affirmations Community Center Telethon

GoAffirmations.org/Telethon, Facebook Live, Vimeo, YouTube, noon-6 p.m.

Monday · June 27

Drag Dinner, Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois, 6 p.m.

Tuesday · June 28

Book Club, "Let's Get Back to the Party" by Zak Salih, Ferndale Project, 567 Livernois.





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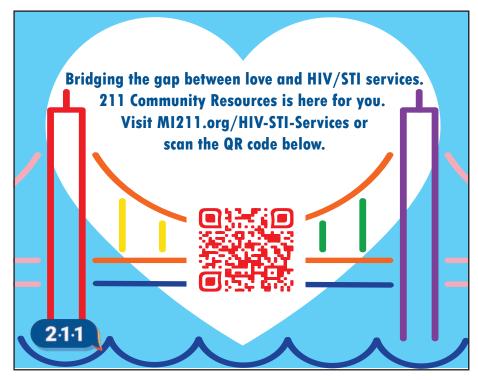






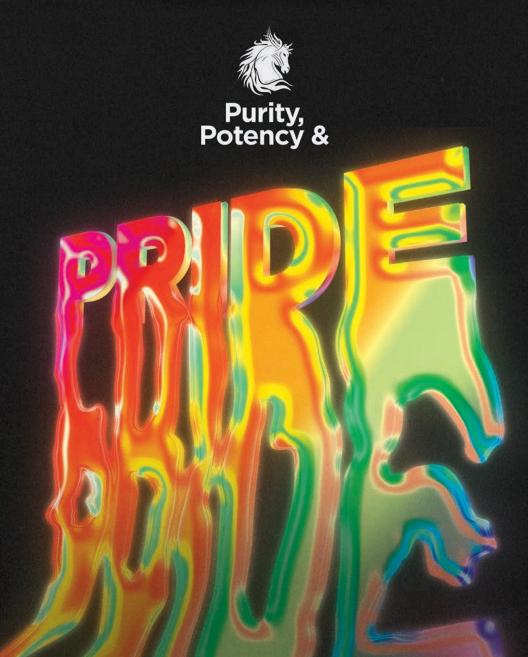








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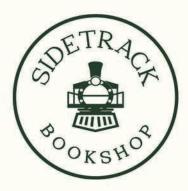
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