

# North Carolina News Notes

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Everyone is welcome. This is a change of venue over going to the usual "alternative" places. Prepare for great Italian food. There is casual fine dining, a full bar, patio and room to dance. Best part is that there is no cover.

To make a reservation, visit TPL's site at [lgbtfriends.meetup.com/153](http://lgbtfriends.meetup.com/153). Deadline is May 22 at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 919-462-8001 or visit [www.bellanapoliitalianrestaurant.com](http://www.bellanapoliitalianrestaurant.com).

## WESTERN

### Pride rebrands

BOONE — The mountain community's annual Pride festival has announced a rebranding, changing its name from Boone Pride to High Country Pride. The event, which is still in planning stages, will be held June 13-14. The theme this year is "Your Rights, Our Rights, Human Rights."

Discussions for activities have included a movie matinee, a generations DJ dance for all ages and a family picnic with live music.

Event locations and times have yet to be announced for this year's festival, but tickets, which will be good for all events, are \$10 and can be bought online at [www.boonepride.org](http://www.boonepride.org).

The group also recently announced a donation of \$200 in books and DVDs for young readers with LGBT themes to the Watauga County Public Library. The library's mission celebrates, unites and

supports equality in the community.

A wine tasting benefit will be held on May 23 at Christopher's Wine & Cheese of Blowing Rock, 110 Sunset Dr., from 5-8 p.m.

Spouses, partners, prospective members and friends are welcome to attend. Wine flights will be sold for \$10 that you can use on three wine tastings of your choice from special selections. Light hors d'oeuvres will also be served.

The organization will receive a contribution from profits on all wine sold through the event. These funds, along with others raised, help make annual donations to the local public library, give student awards, produce a High Country Pride community event and continue to support local programs.

Space is limited. Call 828-414-9111 for more information and to reserve a space.

High Country Pride is a volunteer-staffed, 501(c)4 non-profit civic league.

For sponsorships, volunteer opportunities or vendor options or to make a contribution, email [209@boonepride.org](mailto:209@boonepride.org).

## CAMPUS SCENE

### Go gayly forward to camp!

BALTIMORE, Md. — Campus Pride will host its third annual Campus Pride SummerLeadership Camp geared toward LGBT and ally student leaders from colleges and universities across the nation from July 21-26. The five-day-long leadership camp is the

only national program of its kind and will take place on the campus of Towson University in Towson, Md.

Judy Shepard, the mother of Matthew Shepard, will be among the keynote speakers at camp. She will also be honored with the Campus Pride Voice Action Award for LGBT youth issues during the closing banquet.

"Who better to honor and recognize Judy Shepard than Campus Pride and our LGBT

and ally college student leaders," said Shane Windmeyer, executive director of Campus Pride. "The Voice Action Award recognizes Judy for her love, passion and support she has given so many the last 10 years. Judy is a shining example of how national leaders can give 'voice and action' to LGBT young adults — to educate and inspire."

For over six months, Campus Pride staff and volunteers have been planning the five-day camp curriculum of skill building in leadership development, social justice and civic involvement. Maximum attendance capacity is expected again this year. Any college student 18 years old or above may attend camp. Limited number of scholarships are available until June 1.

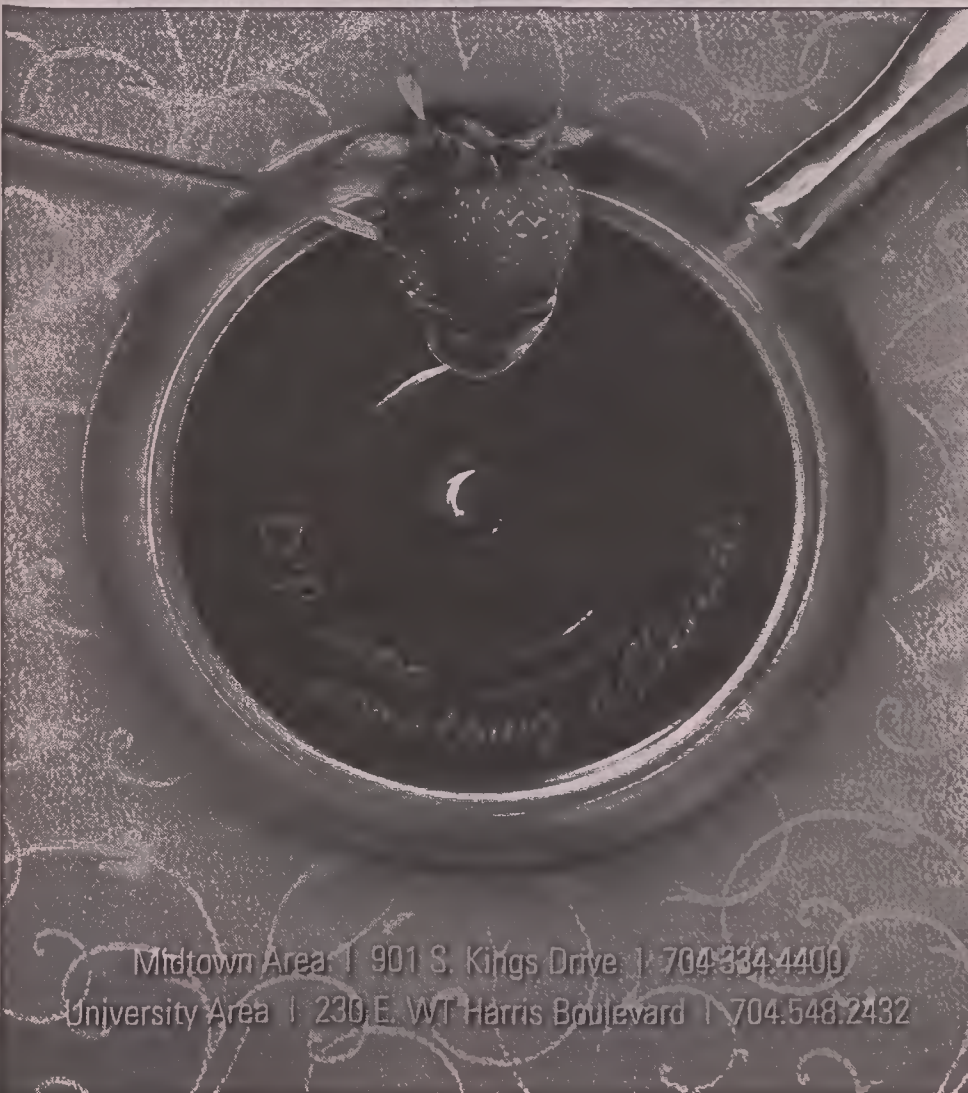
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