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Childhood

> Rosemary describes her childhood growing up in East Liverpool, Ohio. She includes descriptions of her family.

****Childhood, Ohio, Family****

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Homeschooling

> Rosemary describes starting homeschooling around 4th grade after an incident in the boy's bathroom at school. She describes her experiences and how she felt about homeschool in addition to its impact on her life.

****Homeschool, Education, Homophobia, School****

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Transgender Identity

> Rosemary describes what her childhood community was like growing up, specifically the lack of any out queer or LGBTQ+ people or representation. She also describes going to a therapist as a child and learning about what it meant to be transgender.

****Childhood, LGBTQ+, Queer, Transgender, Therapy, Identity, Trans****

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Parent Reaction to Transgender Identity

> Rosemary describes how her parents reacted to learning they had a transgender child. She describes how the lack of representation of trans individuals, especially success stories, lead to fear.

****Parents, Transgender, Fear, Love, Trans****

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Childhood Community LGBTQ+ Representation

> Rosemary describes how there was not a sense of openness in her childhood community in regards to queer identities. She describes an aunt who is a lesbian.

****Childhood, LGBTQ+, Community, Family****

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Childhood Barbie Story

> Rosemary tells a story about how she loved Barbies as a child, but her father didn't like her playing with Barbies. One Christmas, members of her extended family gave her a Barbie as a secret special gift. She remembers the story fondly as a moment of allyship and kindness.

****Barbie, Ally, LGBTQ+, Family****

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Coming to Wheeling

> Rosemary describes her family's house fire and why they moved to Wheeling, West Virginia.

****Fire, Disaster, Wheeling, Move****

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Description of Wheeling

> Rosemary gives a brief description of Wheeling, West Virginia and its history and community as a city.

****Wheeling, West Virginia****

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Moving to Wheeling as a Trans Person

> Rosemary describes what it felt like to move to Wheeling as a young trans person.

****Trans, Wheeling, Transgender****

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Going to College

> Rosemary describes how she ended up at college and what impact that had on her life.

****College, Community College, Higher Education, Wheeling****

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First Experiences Organizing Through Student Government

> Rosemary describes being part of student government at West Virginia Northern Community College and how that was one of the first ways she got involved in community organizing.

****Community organizing, College, Student Government****

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Trans Identity in Wheeling

> Rosemary goes into more detail about how it felt to be trans and grow her identity as a young person in Wheeling. She talks about experiences like clothing, ID cards, and the people she met.

****Trans, Identity, Adolescence, Transgender****

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Post-College in Wheeling

> Rosemary describes the various jobs and organizations she was involved with in Wheeling during college and post-college.

****Work, Community organizing, volunteer****

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Running for Office

> Rosemary describes what made her decide to run for elected office in City Council in Wheeling, West Virginia. She talks about how she and the rest of the people around her felt about the 2016 presidential election.

****Election, Wheeling, West Virginia, City Council, Politics****

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Running a Campaign

> Rosemary describes running a campaign and how she pulled together a group of different types of people throughout Wheeling. She also links it to other campaigns and political initiatives happening in other parts of West Virginia.

****Election, Politics, Wheeling, West Virginia, Campaign****

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LGBTQ+ Identity in Campaigns

> Rosemary describes how her trans identity impacted her campaign. She talks about how she didn't want to make the campaign about her trans identity, but wanted to focus more on the issues the Wheeling community was facing. She also notes that a lot of people generally had more issue with her young age than the fact that she is trans.

****Trans, Transgender, Campaign, Election, Identity****

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Impact of Rosemary's Election on LGBTQ+ Communities in Wheeling

> Rosemary describes the impact of her election to City Council on queer and LGBTQ+ communities in Wheeling and more broadly, West Virginia. She discusses balancing the celebration of making history (the first trans elected official in West Virginia) with not wanting to make her election or work about being LGBTQ+.

****Queer, LGBTQ+, Community, West Virginia, Wheeling, Election, Trans, Transgender****

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The Friendlier City Project

> Rosemary introduces The Friendlier City Project, an LGBTQ+ organization in Wheeling. She talks about how she founded the nonprofit with Mikaya Green and what types of activities they host.

****The Friendlier City Project, LGBTQ+, Wheeling, West Virginia, Nonprofit, Community****

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Reception of The Friendlier City Project in Wheeling

> Rosemary describes the mostly positive reception of The Friendlier City Project and its activities in Wheeling. She does describe criticism, but also talks about how she deals with that.

****Pride, LGBTQ+, Community, The Friendlier City Project, Wheeling, West Virginia****

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Larger Impact of The Friendlier City Project

> Rosemary describes the impact of The Friendlier City Project to the larger Ohio Valley region and West Virginia. She talks about how they are working to make it a model for other communities.

****West Virginia, The Friendlier City Project, LGBTQ+, Community, Ohio Valley****

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Intergenerational Differences in Wheeling's LGBTQ+ Communities

> Rosemary describes the differences between older and younger LGBTQ+ people in Wheeling. She talks about the trauma, violence, and harm that older generations faced with homophobia and the AIDS epidemic that younger generations never experienced and how that impacts sects of their communities in different ways.

****LGBTQ+, Homophobia, Community, Intergenerational****

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The Friendlier City Project's Upcoming Activities

> Rosemary briefly describes what is on the horizon for The Friendlier City Project.

****The Friendlier City, LGBTQ+, Community****

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Current Visibility of LGBTQ+ Communities in Wheeling

> Rosemary briefly describes being optimistic about the current visibility of LGBTQ+ communities in Wheeling, particularly in local politics.

****Politics, LGBTQ+, Community, Wheeling, West Virginia****

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Stereotypes Impact on LGBTQ+ Communities in Wheeling

> Rosemary describes how the stereotypes of West Virginia and Appalachia affect all people in Wheeling and West Virginia--from opportunities to self-identification to compounded misunderstanding

****Stereotypes, Appalachia, West Virginia, LGBTQ+, Wheeling****

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Next for Rosemary Ketchum

> Rosemary speaks a little bit to her future and her starting campaign for mayor of Wheeling.

****Election, Politics, Wheeling, West Virginia****

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Concluding Thoughts

> Rosemary adds her concluding thoughts about the future and impact of LGBTQ+ representation and visibility in Wheeling and West Virginia more broadly.

****LGBTQ+, Wheeling, West Virginia, Politics****