



They/Them

I keep hearing that using "they/them" as a singular pronoun is grammatically incorrect. But, many of the younger generation use "they/ them" as their chosen pronouns. The use of neopronouns is even harder to comprehend, such as xe/ xem or It/ Its. So, let's delve into this subject.

The definitions of "they" include both plural and singular uses of the word. "They" can be used to refer to a singular individual whose gender is unknown. "They" is not the only pro-

noun that has both singular and plural uses. Did you know that "you" was the plural of "thou"?

The singular use of "they" can be traced back to 1375 in a medieval romance, *William and the Werewolf*. It has been used in other works as well. Shakespeare, Dickens, George Bernard Shaw, and even Jane Austin used a singular form of "they". It has been used for generations.

If someone identifies as neither gender or both genders, the use of "they" is grammatically correct. If an individual doesn't identify as either gender, how can we label them with one? I personally have a difficult time referring to a person as "it", I would rather use "they". But if "It", is their choice, I will call them "It." My point is, when people share how they would like to be addressed, it's up to us to honor that. – *Johna Melius, SAGE Upstate Trans Ambassador*

We've all used the singular "they" at some point – for example:

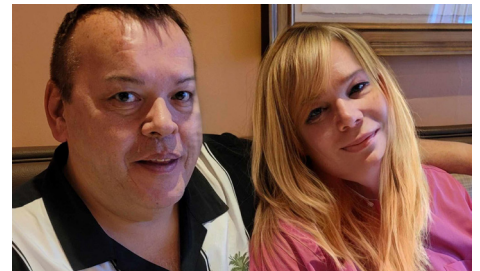
Someone left their umbrella.

I wonder if they'll miss it?

Of course they will, it's raining.

I guess they'll come back to get it when they realize.

If they don't, they're going to get wet!



Watertown Group

Hello, Watertown and Sagars all over the area. We have a lovely new couple who has recently joined us: Billy and Stacie Monica. They have a passion to grow the LGBTQIA+ community of Watertown and the surrounding Jefferson County. We are excited to announce they have a SAGE Upstate Potluck scheduled for June 22, at 2 pm at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Watertown. They have worked and lived in the area for some time. If you are an LGBTQ+ community member in the North Country (or anywhere) please join us at All Souls, at 1330 Gotham Street in Watertown.

PRIDE

May 31- June 2

Skaneateles Pride Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/SkaneatelesPride>

June 1

Auburn Pride Festival: <https://www.facebook.com/equalrightsheritage>
<https://www.auburnnypride.com/>

Manlius Pride Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/events/363282026535252>

Utica Pride Festival, Oneida County Pride
<https://www.facebook.com/events/802274951929256/>
<https://www.facebook.com/OneidaCountyPride>

June 2 Dewitt Pride

https://www.townofdewitt.com/departments/recreation/special_events/pride_celebration.php

June 8 - 9

Ithaca Pride Festival
<https://www.ithacapridealliance.org/ithaca-pride-2024>

June 14-16

Watertown Pride Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/WatertownNYPride>

June 15

Cazenovia Pride Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/CazenoviaPride>

June 22

CNY Pride Parade and Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/cnypride>
<https://www.cnypride.org/>

June 21 and 22

SGLC Concert at May Memorial, 7 pm