

THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

MORE THAN 3,500 EXPECTED JUNE 22 FOR OMAHA GAY PRIDE PARADE, FESTIVAL, & RALLY

More than 3,500 people will descend upon downtown June 22 for Nebraska and western Iowa's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Pride celebration. The day-long event includes a 2 p.m. parade, which will begin at 16th and Jones streets and a 3:25 p.m. rally. Over 60 tables of vendors from around the region have registered to sell their wares from 1—8:30 PM on Saturday.

Deborah Cooper, the diva voice of C+C Music Factory's greatest hits, is scheduled to perform a special, one-time-only remix of her famous anthem, "Pride: A Deeper Love." Cooper will also present on the Omaha stage the world premiere of one of her three newest releases of the summer. Kansas City's trademark performer, Flo (www.kcflo.com) will emcee the entertainment portion of the celebration.

Local celebrities, activists and dignitaries will also take the Pride stage during the afternoon's rally. Included are Troy Haasis, Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001: Haasis had the special honor of representing the community as he ran the 2002 Winter Olympic Torch through downtown Omaha. John Carroll, alumnus of TV's "Survivor": One of five nominees for the Pride parade Grand Marshal. A registered nurse, John brings national TV star power to a worthy cause. D. Moritz, co-chair, Gay-Lesbian-Straight Educators Network—Omaha: Moritz will receive the National Education Association's prestigious Virginia Uribe Award, for "activities in human rights [which] significantly impact education and the achievement of equal opportunity for those facing discrimination." The award is named in honor of Uribe, who formed California's Project 10, the first school-based dropout-prevention program for students facing sexual orientation discrimination and harassment. Jenny Hinamen, Gay-Straight Student Alliance – A 2002 Millard North graduate, Hinamen co-founded North's GSA in 1999. The club's members have participated in pride walks, protests and fundraisers. Recently, Hinamen led a group of 30 in the Day of Silence Project. Hinamen will attend college, focusing on art, music, creative writing and political science. Patrick McNamara, Omaha Hate Crimes Project coordinator – He coordinates the city's anti-hate crimes efforts, initially funded by a U.S. Department of Justice grant to the city, and now an initiative of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's College of Public Affairs and Community Service.

The Max, 1417 Jackson, will host to a beer garden, which will open at noon. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available for sale starting at noon on The MAX patio. The day's events end around 8:30 p.m., when Club Joy, 1516 Jones, will host a VIP reception featuring the diva voice of C+C Music Factory's Deborah Cooper. Admission is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

This year's Pride celebration is being organized by Rainbow Celebrations, Omaha's community-based, non-profit organization formed to sponsor Pride and National Coming Out Day events.

"Pride" celebrations have their roots in New York City, when in 1970, the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Riots against gay and lesbian discrimination, was commemorated with a march of at least 5,000 people. Omaha's first Pride parade was celebrated in 1985, when the Imperial Court of Nebraska sponsored a candlelight pride walk along 16 St. at which about 60 people attended.

Mayor Mike Fahey has proclaimed June 22 Omaha's "Gay Pride Day" and officially recognized this year's Pride celebration.



Deborah Cooper



Flo

June 14 — June 28, 2002

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Pride Concert 2002 REACH FOR THE RAINBOW

Sat., June 16 & Sun., June 16

Strauss Performing Arts Center at UNO

Reach for the Rainbow will be our Pride Concert for our 18th season. As gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and straight allies, OUR unique colors have not always been given a chance to shine. No wonder that the most color-inclusive symbol of all, the rainbow, has spoken to us as a community. This concert uses songs about colors to give voice to every person to be themselves, songs like *It's Not Easy Bein' Green*, and *Fair Warning: When I Am Old I Shall Wear Purple*. The rainbow has also been a symbol of yearning and of hope in many traditions and cultures. Therefore, the slave song *Rainbow 'Round My Shoulder* tells of hope even in the midst of hard labor, and an excerpt from Benjamin Britten's opera *Noah's Flood* tells the story of the first rainbow from the Judeo/Christian tradition.

But rainbows are also just plain fun! Therefore, just for fun, we have assembled a set of seven songs, each containing one of the rainbow colors in its title. (I've already given two of them away — can you guess any others?) Also, be sure to watch as well as listen at the concert; the rainbow will be making several appearances?

Why are there so many songs about rainbows, and what's on Stories and legends tell us that it is possible to find the rainbow's end, or to cross over it, but we know that rainbows are in fact only a play of light. Still they beckon to us and call forth our hopes and dreams for a better tomorrow.

When we sing *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, we look forward to a place that until now we have only dreamed about, to a time when every person can let their true colors shine through.

Please join us on June 15 and 16. Celebrate the diversity of our color-filled world. Come and be a part of the hopeful future that all of us, together can create.

—Musical Director Mark Kurtz

To order concert tickets, call our SING line: 402.341.7464

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The R&R Bar, 2nd and Locust, Springfield

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GAYZETTE EVENTS

FRJDAY, JUNE 14

ICON CANDIDATES SHOW 9pm,
DC's Saloon, Benefit for ROC

SAT. JUNE 15 & JUNE 16

RCMC "Reach for the Rainbow" 7pm
UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

MCC-O PRAYER BREAKFAST
9am, 819 South 19

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

PRIDE PAGEANT, The MAX

MON, JUNE 17 — JUNE 19

"WHO WILL LOVE ME AS I AM?"
7pm, Stosh's Saloon, The MAX

THURS., JUNE 20

**PRIDE PIZZA PARTY AND VOL-
UNTEER ORIENTATION** 7 pm
Rainbow Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth

SAT. JUNE 22

PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

MR MAX JASON, The MAX

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

**TAMARA'S TWISTED POKER
CRAWL**, Start @ DC's @ 7:30pm

FRJDAY, JUNE 28

ICON CANDIDATE'S SHOW,
Benefit for Mpower, 9pm, JOY

SAT, JUNE 29 — JUNE 30

HEARTLAND RODEO, 12 noon,
Sarpy Co Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

MATT & AND MORE, The MAX

THUR., JULY 4

ICON PICNIC Hill Haven, 1-6 PM,
\$10adm

FRJ, JULY 6

ICON CANDIDATE SHOW, 9pm,
Connections, Benefit for Breast Cancer

SATURDAY, JULY 7

MR MAX JASON STEPDOWN

THURS., JULY 11

ICON'S IN-TOWN SHOW, Omaha
Mining Co., Time to be announced

FRJ., JULY 12

ICON'S OUT-OF-TOWN SHOW,
7pm, DC's Saloon, \$5 adm.

SAT. JULY 13

ICON CORONATION 6pm, Sokol
Hall. Doors open at 5.
Voting 10am — 1pm & 5-7pm

SUN., JULY 14

ICON VICTORY SHOW The MAX

MON, JULY 15 & THES. JULY 16

**SNAP! AUDITIONS FOR "THE
LARAMIE PROJECT"** SNAP! /
Shelterbelt Theater, 3225 California.
call Todd 968-5543 or 341-2757.

FRJDAY, JULY 19

**AMMIE ZAHN THREADBARERS'
SHOW** 6—9pm, Patio at The MAX

SUNDAY, JULY 21

**MISS GAY OMAHA XMAS IN
JULY** The MAX

**ICE BOWL 9 PIN NO-TAP TOUR-
NAMENT** 10:30am, Maplewood
Lanes, \$40 entry fee, Info: 556-5556

FRJ, JULY 26 — SUN, JULY 28

**INTERNATIONAL MS LEATHER
XVI, INTERNATIONAL MS
BOOTBLACK IV, "RUMBLE IN
THE JUNGLE"** JOY

SUNDAY, JULY 28

MR MAX CONTEST, The MAX

SAT. NOV. 23

**FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKS-
GIVING"** 5PM, MCC-O Social Hall

FRJ-SUN, DEC. 6-8

**FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRIST-
MAS,"** Raccoon River Retreat, IA

FEB. 14-16, 2003 ICE BOWL

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICES:

DIETZ UNITED METHODIST

1423 S. 10, 11AM

1ST UNITED METHODIST

7020 Cass, 8:30 & 10:45am

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA

819 S. 22, 9am & 11am

HEARTLAND UNITED METH at Union
Methodist 27 & R, Omaha, 9:30am; Sun-
day School 10:45 Phone: 682-9552.

FIRST UNITARIAN

3114 Harney Street, 11am

LOWE AVE PRESBYTERIAN,

1023 N. 40, Omaha 10am

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA,

3424 N. 90, Omaha, 9am, 11am

HASTINGS COLLEGE GSA 8PM

FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-7372

LAMBDA TV NETWORK Q.

Lincoln Cable Channel 13. 12 a.m.

LINCOLN WOMYN'S POTLUCK

Cheryl 474-1937 11:30am-4pm

THE WIMMIN'S SHOW

KZUM 89.3. 12:30—3 p.m.

CABARET, Q, 226 S. 9th St., Lincoln

QUEER AS FOLK 9pm, The MAX, DC's

Every Monday

HIV TESTING, 7- 9:30pm, 139 S. 40th

ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS GLBT

"RAINBOW GROUP" Meeting Place,
28 & S, Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday

**UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING SUP-
PORT GROUP** 7-8:30pm, Women's Ctr,
Nebr Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 7:30pm

OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

ROC, 1719 Leavenworth 341-0330 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

WORSHIP SERVICES

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY

CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

UNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA, 7pm

HIV TESTS, 1-4 pm NAP, 139 S. 40

FRONTRUNNERS RUN/WALK 6:30pm

AkSarBen Lot 5, Omaha

LGBT AA 7:30pm, Alcohol Treatment Ctr

2116 W. Faidley, Grand Island. Peggy

(308) 226-8286, Center (308) 398-5427

KARAOKE W/ STACY 8:30pm DC's

Every Thursday

SAGE GOES OUT TO DINNER 6 pm,
ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity Ca-
thedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18 Info:
391-1950; dknoxsa@qwest.net.

GAYZETTE EVENTS

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40th

KARAOKE 9pm, Connections

Every Friday

SAGE POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,
ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,
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LAMBDA TV LOCAL EVENTS

Lincoln Cable Ch 13. 3pm

HIV TESTING, 5 - 10 pm, NAP
Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY 6-7:30pm;
Lowe Ave Presby Church, 1023 N. .

LGBT AA 8pm, Boys & Girls Home
Sioux City, IA (712) 252-4272,

Q DREAM BOYZ, Q, 226 S. 9 Lincoln

Every Saturday

LAMBDA TELEVISION

Lincoln Cable Channel 13. 3 p.m.

PROUD HORIZON YOUTH GROUP

4-6pm, 291-6781,
proudhorizons@yahoo.com

KARAOKE 9pm, The Panic, Lincoln

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Saturday

RIVER CITY GENDER ALLIANCE

Room Open: 4pm Meeting at 7pm,
991-8845 or email: rcga@tgforum...

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR

HIV+ MEN, 6-8pm, NAP, 220 S. 17,
Lincoln FFI: Mark Giesler 476-7000.

2nd Friday

**FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, ANONY-
MOUS HIV TESTING** UNL campus
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SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING,

(2 hour results) 5 - 10 pm, NAP Out-
reach Center, 1723 Leavenworth

2nd Saturday

LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA
Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

HIV TESTING UNL campus. Corner-
stone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

LEARNING TO EXCHANGE POWER

L2EP@aol.com 1pm; Rainbow Out-
reach GLBT Resource Center, 1719
Leavenworth

2nd Sunday

INTEGRITY GROUP 6-7:30pm,
St. Marks Episcopal, 13 & "R" Lincoln

2nd Wednesday

"OUT AND ABOUT NEBRASKA"
7pm Discussion Group, Rainbow Out-
reach Resource Center, 341-0330

FLAT WATER BEARS 7:30pm

The MAX, Omaha

2nd Thursday

PFLAG—OMAHA

7pm 1st United Meth, Mead Hall

2nd Saturday

GLSEN OMAHA, Board Mtg,
9—11am, South High School

GAY-FRIENDLY FOOD-NET

Quaker Meeting House, 3319 S. 46,
Lincoln Free Food, 11am-12n

3rd Sunday

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY 5—9pm,
CLUB OLIS

3rd Monday

IMPERIAL COURT OF NEBR MTG
MCC-O, 819 S. 22nd St., 6:30pm

GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP FOR

HIV+ MEN, 6-8pm NAP, 220 S. 17,
Lincoln . Mark Giesler 476-7000.

4th Tuesday

PFLAG-CORNHUSKER Unitarian
Church, 6300 A St., Lincoln, 7 p.m.

YOUTH HIV TESTING Lighthouse,
2530 N St, Lincoln For ages 13 to 18
only. FFI: 475-3220. 3-5:30 p.m.

4th Saturday

QUAKERS FOOD-NET Quaker Mtg
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HIV TESTING UNL campus. Corner-
stone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm



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scheduled to run August 29 to September
22. The play deals with the attitudes and
emotions surrounding the Matthew
Shepard hate crime in Laramie, Wyoming.
The show contains a large cast with roles
for men and women ranging in ages from
early twenties to late seventies. The play
also has roles for a Muslim woman in her
twenties, an African American man in his
thirties and a Hispanic man in his twenties.
Auditions are July 15 and 16 at 7pm at the
NAP! / Shelterbelt Theater located at 3225
California Street. For more information
call Todd Brooks at 968-5543. You can
also leave a message at the theater 341-
2757.



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The 6th Annual Heartland Rodeo is scheduled for the weekend of June 29—30 at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, NE. More than 70 contestants from throughout the United States are scheduled to compete, with several International Champions among them.

What makes this rodeo different from other rodeos is that contestants do not compete on the professional circuits. They are men and women from all across the country who will compete in any or all rodeo events. Another important difference is that the goal of the rodeo is to raise money for charity.

Last year HGRA donated \$10,000 to the Nebraska AIDS Project, All Iowa AIDS Benefit, and St Monica's House in Lincoln. This year's charities are Child Saving Institute and NAP. The Heartland Rodeo is part of the Bud Light International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA) Series. IGRA is the second largest rodeo sanctioning organization in the United States. ICGA produced its first rodeo in 1985 and has raised over \$2 million dollars for charity.

The party starts Thursday, June 27, with Tamara's Twisted Poker Crawl. Registration opens at 7:30pm at DC's Saloon. On Friday we will host the "How Ya Doin'" party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Old Mill. On Saturday and Sunday the rodeo will begin at 9:30am with grand entry at noon. There will be a meet the contestant party after the rodeo at the fairgrounds. On Sunday we will wrap it up with dinner and awards ceremony at 7:00pm at Sarpy County Fairgrounds.

Tickets for the rodeo are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the gate. Children under 12 are admitted free. Tickets can be ordered by mailing a request with a check to HGRA PO Box 3354 Omaha NE 68103. Check out our web page at www.hgra.net or call the rodeo hotline at 1-800-561-6918.

Mark your calendars now to join in the fun and celebration. Come on out and LET'S RODEO!



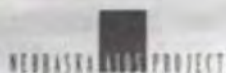
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Sunday, June 16th, at 7:05 P.M.
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BARS

Connections, 933-3033
1901 Leavenworth, Omaha

Club Olis, 934-4030
2801 N 16 St, Omaha

The Diamond, 342-9595
712 S. 16th St., Omaha

DC's Saloon, 344-3103
610 S. 14th Street, Omaha

Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147
1407 Harney, Omaha

JOY, 341-7337
1516 Jones, Omaha

The MAX, 346-4110
1417 Jackson, Omaha

Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,
1715 Leavenworth, Omaha

Panic, 435-8764, 200 S. 18th, Lincoln
Q, 475-2269, 226 S. 9th St, Lincoln

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MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR EMPRESS

LITA

Hello, my name is Angeles de la Guardia, better known as "Lita." I am a candidate for Empress XXII of the Imperial Court of Nebraska. I would like to provide some background information about myself and share my hopes and goals for the next reign. I have a broad cultural background. My mother Carmelita is from Sicily and my father Enrique is from Cuba, which gives me my linguistic background. I was born here in Omaha, raised in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Miami, Florida. When I was 14 my family and I moved back to Omaha where I attended Marian High School. After graduation in 1991, I was blessed with a beautiful son, Mikeil, born in August of 1992. My son and I moved back to Miami, where I became a Flight Paramedic and a Dive Master, teaching Scuba diving. In 1994, Mikeil and I came back to Omaha. I then enrolled at Creighton University and became a Pharmaceutical Rep. Now I am a private business owner, rolling cigars for a living at Casillas Cigars. It is interesting how life is. Cigar rolling started in Miami as a hobby when I was 13, and is now my livelihood.

I was involved in the GLBT community in Miami taking pictures for a GLBT publication, *The David Magazine*. After moving back to Omaha I became part of Omaha's GLBT community. I met a great friend, Roger Duitsman, who introduced me to the Imperial Court of Nebraska and its charitable attributes for the GLBT community. I started out behind the scenes learning what ICON is all about; in fact my first job was to hold the spotlight during Michael Lyons and Laura Lee's Coronation. During Reign 19 I learned the steps of campaigning by watching and helping Roger run for Emperor XX. Then I was asked to be on the Royal family by Paco and Feleena as Lady to the Emperor. Reign XX opened the doors to my entertainment and fundraising abilities. My requirement for Lady was to raise \$500 for the community, which was accomplished, and much more. Highlights for that year were out of town coronations and viewing other states' involvements with the GLBT communities across the country. During Reign XXI, I was Princess to Emperor, Matt Finken. In this reign I have successfully raised substantial amounts for charities and provided entertainment for the GLBT community. With these experiences and my knowledge, I am now going to put forth the same efforts and new ideas with my hopes to become your future Empress XXII.

With the support of the community, my focus for reign XXII is to bring new ideas in effect for a strong reign, which will in turn have an outcome of high emphasis in fundraising and volunteer work. Although we have an exceptional style of entertainment for fundraising, I will strive to increase the crowds by enhancing the formats of entertainment. I will also try and create new volunteer programs to help the teen GLBT community. With my dedication and leadership skills and with the support by you as a community, these goals can be accomplished. Thank you to all who have given me their time and energy in the belief that I would be able to succeed as Empress XXII if chosen by the community.

Aspirant to the Throne,
Lita de la Guardia

MONROE

Hello to All....

I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Monroe, Candidate for Empress XXII. My "off-stage" name is Conway. This is my given name and who I am first and will continue to be throughout my life. Sometimes we forget who we really are. I have been "out" and living openly gay since I was in High School. I was raised in Texas, where my family still lives. I have been in nursing for over 7 years. Formerly, I was a student of UNK and UNL here in Nebraska. I have been involved in ICON for a few years and have had the honor of being on the Royal Family for the last three. I would like to continue as Empress XXII at this time.

Over the last year we have had a year of reconstruction, reorganization, and a great need for public relations. We have had a great start on this, that was very much needed. During the coming year, I would like to continue this, along with getting down to much needed business and issues that need addressed. With each year comes a little more change and, hopefully, a little more understanding. Not only as individuals but as an organization to grow with the needs of the community. ICON is no longer the only fundraising venue to our GLBT community. Our effort needs to be more focused on helping and working with other groups along with our major fundraising events, to maintain a level of integrity throughout our community.

Over the last few years I have had the honor of being a part of ICON and have had the honor to meet and work with many outstanding organizations and individuals in and out of our GLBT community. Along with this comes different ideas and outlooks, not only about our own community, but for society in general. When it comes to representing ICON, it's a far larger global impact than just our Omaha base organization. It seems that many of us tend to overlook

that we are representatives of not only the whole state of Nebraska, but also on an international level. With this comes a conduct level that also needs to be reached and maintained. I feel that as Empress you should be able to work with a vast number of groups and personalities. One should be able to keep her own personal views objective and unbiased for the greater outcome of the organization. It must always be kept in mind that, no matter what your personal opinion is, you are a representative of all of Nebraska's GLBT community. Once in a while this can entail a part of our "lifestyle" or "venue" we personally are not comfortable with. We must always remember this is part of our community and should be respected as such. Much as we strive for acceptance in the general public we must first understand and embrace our differences among our own community.

I would like to thank all that have nurtured and encouraged me over the last few years to get to this point, both here in Nebraska and throughout the International Court System. I will continue my service with ICON in the challenges it will face, not only in the next year, but many years to follow as Empress XXII.

Monroe
The Art Deco—Red Garnet Empress Candidate
of Guidance, Grace, and Grandeur

CAST YOUR VOTE Sat., July 13

Sokol Auditorium
13th & Martha St.
10AM—1 PM or 5-7PM

Voter Requirements:

1. Resident of Nebraska or an Iowa county bordering Nebraska.
2. Not under sanctions with the Imperial Court of Nebraska.
3. Not a member of another Court.

Bring an ID to verify residency!

RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

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BiChoice Nebraska, QUEST15@juno.com
BiMenNebraska, Social Support for Bi and BiCurious Men <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BiMenNebraska> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Bi-MEN-MIDWEST>
Citizens for Equal Protection 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/~cfep>
Flat Water Bears, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 flatwaterbears@yahoo.com Hirsute men and admirers, 2nd Wed, The MAX, 7:30pm
Front Runners/Walkers, Box 4583, Omaha 68104 (402) 496-3658 Fun Run/Walks 10am Sun, 6pm Wed
GALO (Gay & Lesbian Org at UNO) www.angelfire.com/home/GALO contact: unogalo@hotmail.com "Building Bridges Through Education and Acceptance" or SPO (Student Organizations) at 554-2711.
Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network-Omaha, Box 641676, Omaha 68164, 596-2596
Website: <http://www.glsenomaha.org>
Heartland Gay Rodeo Association Box 3354, Omaha 68103 800-561-6918
Ice Bowl Invitational Bowling Tournament (IBIT) P.O. Box 31838, Omaha, NE 68131, e-mail icebowlomaha@hotmail.com
Imperial Court of Nebraska, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3rd Mon, 819 S. 22
Learning to Exchange Power, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle
Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO) Call 341-0330 for address, Gay men in leather lifestyle, Meet 2nd Sat Gilligan's 7pm
LinOma Bares, Box 8493, Omaha 68108 Nudist/ Nudist Club for gay/bi men Info: Eric (402) 553-5944; Jerry (402) 553-6626
Mpower, c/o Nebr AIDS Project, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131 www.mpower-nap.org. Men teaching men about HIV
Men's Support Group-Omaha, c/o MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., 345-2563; Tuesday 7:30pm <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/msgomaha/>
Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha, 819 S. 22 St., Omaha 68108 345-2563, mccomaha@radiks.net
Website: www.mccomaha.org
Sunday Worship 9 & 11am, Wed Eve 7pm
Nebraska AIDS Project, 552-9260 Watanabe Wellness Ctr, 139 S. 40, Omaha 68131, Testing Mon, Thurs Eve, Wed aft
NAP Outreach Center, 1723 Leavenworth, Testing & Counseling: Fri Nights
Nebraska Advocates for Justice & Equality, 1102 Howard St. Suite 2, Omaha NE 68102, 402.346-5960 naje_now@hotmail.com

Nebraska Gay Dads group list exchange emails posted to the list for discussion <http://mike2tom.home.radiks.net/nebraskagaydads/>
Omaha Nebr Gay Pride WebPage <http://members.cyberwolves.com/omahanebrgaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 omahanebrgaypride@cox.net
Onyx Images, Box 31026, 68132-9998 Onyximages@hotmail.com Fraternity for African American Men
Out and About in Nebraska, During the summer meets 2nd Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, website: www.travel.to/outabout Email: NeOutAbout@yahoo.com
Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: www.pflag-omaha.org, email info@pflag-omaha.org Meet 2nd Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass,
Proud Horizons Youth Group, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email proudhorizons@yahoo.com
Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: www.ROCC.org, email: rainbow@rocc.org
Info Line, Library, Movies, Gayzette
Rainbow Bible Study, Fridays, 6-7:30pm, Lowe Ave Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 St.
Rainbow Celebrations, Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 402.502.1577 Pride Parade & Festival, National Coming Out Day (NCOD) Event info@rainbowcelebrations.org
Pride 2002 Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
National Coming Out Day 2002 P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org
River City Mixed Chorus, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING
Website: www.rcmc.org
River City Gender Alliance, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: rcga@tgforum.com, Website: www.genderalliance.com
Social/Support Group for transgender/transsexual/cross-dressers and supporters
River City Mixed Bowling I, 12:45pm, Sundays, Mockingbird Bowl, Omaha:
River City Mixed Bowling II 3pm, Sundays, Broadway Bowl, Council Bluffs, IA: Dan White (402)734-7055
SNAP Productions, Box 8464, Omaha, NE 68108 www.snapproductions.com
Unity Church of Omaha 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; www.unityomaha.org

Women's Support Group, Tuesdays 7:30pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, 1719 Leavenworth, 342-0330
WomenSpace, Box 24712, Omaha 68124 Newsletter, Concerts

LINCOLN BASED

Alias Jane Band, (402) 435-8764 Kara & Kelly at The Panic
Boonodgges 122 N. 14 St. (under Zero Street Records, Entrance in alley) shop online <http://www.ideviate.net> Email boonodgges@ideviate.net
Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Straight Alliance 2229 J St., Lincoln 68510 (402) 436-1301 ext. 232 Ruth Kupfer
Gay/Lesbian Film Fest, Deanna Zaffke, cca@unlserve.unl.edu
Gay Men's Support Group, UNL Health Center, Counseling & Psychology, Rm. 214, Lincoln 68588-0618 472-7450
Lesbian, Bisexual and Questioning-Women's Discussion Group, University of Nebraska, Lincoln Women's Center (sponsor), Room 340, Nebraska Union, Lincoln 68588-0446, 402/472-2597.
Nebraska AIDS Project, 220 S. 17th St, Lincoln, NE 68508. (402) 476-7000
Nebraska Coalition for LGBT Civil Rts, 122 S. 11 St, Ste 200, Lincoln, 68508, Stacie 499-3671, Kris or Traci 438-7810
Omaha Women's Riverboat Cruise, 4949 N. 73, Lincoln, 68507 467-5737
Parents, Friends of Lesbians & Gays, Cornhusker Chapter; Box 30128, Lincoln 68508, Meet 4th Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly jbkimber@email.msn.com, Website: <http://pflag.ineb.org/>
Plainsmen, Support group for FtM's (Female to Male), Drag Kings TV Butches, 402-820-1267
SAGE, Box 22043, Lincoln 68542 Coffee House 2nd Sat, 6-9pm, Lesbian Videos 7:15pm, 3319 S. 46
Sexuality Education eXchange, University Health Ctr, 15th & U, Rm. 12h, 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu Comprehensive, inclusive sexuality/sexual health info, resources/referrals including sexual orientation, ally and diversity training.
Straight Spouse Support Grp 489-9088
Women In Trades/YWCA, 1432 N St., Lincoln 68508; 434-3494,
UNL Committee on GLBT Concerns, contact: Pat Tetreault, c/o University Health Center, 15th & U Streets, Rm. 12h Lincoln, NE 68588-0618, (402) 472-7447 or email: ptetreault1@unl.edu
Youth Support Group, (402) 434-9880
Trevor-24-hour National Suicide Hotline for GLBT and Questioning Youth 1-800-850-8078

Sun, June 16 PRIDE 2002 PAGEANT

with Mr. Pride Troy

Sun, June 23

WHITE

with Mr. MAX Jason

Sun, June 30

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Farewell Show



Deborah Cooper

On the Pride 2002 Main Stage

7:30 PM, Sat., June 22

15th & Jackson

Diva Voice of C + C Music Factory-- Sponsored by Rainbow Celebrations.
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Patio Open at Noon June 22

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & Ice Cold Beer

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