

The Gayzette

May 6 - May 29

AIDS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sun., May 21

Join community members, families, and friends 7:30 PM at St. Cecilia's at this annual remembrance service for those who have died from HIV/AIDS.

4th ANNUAL HEARTLAND RODEO ANNOUNCES GRAND MARSHALLS

The Heartland Gay Rodeo Association is proud to announce that longtime HGRA members Jo Knott and Charlotte Werth have been chosen to serve as Grand Marshalls of the 4th Annual Heartland Rodeo. The rodeo will be held from June 23 - 25 at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds at Springfield, Nebraska. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the gate. Vendors and organizations should note that there will be no charge for booths this year. All vendors and volunteers will be charged the standard admission at the gate but booth space is free.

Rodeo weekend also includes the Heartland Twisted Poker Crawl on June 23, the Show-Down and Grub at Connections on June 24 and the Boot-Scootin' Dance at DC's on June 25. For further information on the Heartland Rodeo check the HGRA web site at www.hgra.net.

MCC-O RAFFLE WINNERS

MCC-Omaha thanks everyone who participated in the April raffle for two sets of two tickets to either RENT, RCMC Concert, ICON's Coronation, or the Heartland Rodeo. Winners were 1st Chris C. & 2nd Robb H. Congratulations! And thanks again to all who "tried their luck!"

BENEFIT AT DC'S

Empress 19 of the Imperial Court of Nebraska, Miss Laura Lee will host a Benefit Show Sunday, May 21. Proceeds of the show will go toward buying belt buckles for the Heartland Rodeo. It'll be an early show starting at 7pm. There is no cover.

SUMMER SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MCC-O Women's softball team—the Crusaders—reports their first game of the season had a rather dismal end (Connections' team was really "connecting,") but the Crusaders are excited and looking forward to the rest of the season. The Crusaders play at the Papillion Fields, 72nd & 1st Sts., near the Papillion Y. Game times are as follows:

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| May 9 | 8:30 | May 16 | 6:30 |
| May 23 | 9:30 | May 30 | 7:30 |
| June 6 | 9:30 | June 13 | 6:30 |
| June 20 | 7:30 | June 27 | 6:30 |
| July 4 | NO GAME | July 11 | 7:30 |
| July 18 | 9:30 | July 25 | 8:30 |

Other teams in the league include The Jabob's, Galaxy Homes, Wahl Optical, Pat's Carpet Care, Brownie's Watering Hole, Connections, and Offutt Ladies. League Tournament is Aug. 1, 8, & 11.

IRIS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

GLBT persons or children of GLBT persons in NE or IA are invited to apply for the Iris Phoenix Scholarship if they are attending any institution of higher education. Applications are available at local establishments and are due June 1.



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PRIDE 2000 PARADE AT 1 PM
SUN., JUNE 11 LINE-UP 12:30

Celebrate your pride in who you are and join with the GLBTS community in showing your pride. Invite your friends; bring the family; everyone is welcome to join in. This year's parade will line-up south of 14th & Jackson (by DC's Saloon) and will walk to Heartland of America Park. That's where the Vendor Fair and Festivities will be starting at 2:30. Watch for the complete details in the PRIDE 2000 Pride Guide, due on the streets in mid-May.

Following the Parade & Festival, PRIDE 2000 will end their celebration with a show at The MAX.

Celebrate early and attend the PRIDE 2000 Pageant where the newest Mr/Miss/Ms GLBT Pride will be chosen. That's coming up 9 PM, May 21, at The MAX. You could even consider entering. Applications are in most GLBT establishments.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

A Mother's Day Brunch is planned for Sun., May 14, in the Social Hall of Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha. The menu features Ham & Broccoli Rolls, Savory Chicken Breasts, Green Beans, Frosted Cauliflower, Salad, Bread & Butter, and a special Mother's Day Cake. Cost of the Brunch is "by donation." MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha.

WANTED: Entertainers For Opening Number at 20th Anniversary Coronation

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is looking for 6-8 male and female entertainers to participate in the Opening Production number at their 20th Anniversary Celebration, Sat., July 15. Dancing & lip sync are a must! Ten rehearsals and a \$40 up-front fee is required. That will partially cover the basic costume rental (except for wig and shoes) and Coronation entrance. ICON will be paying \$25 per person of the basic costume rental. Rehearsals start mid-May. Call 556-9907 if you are interested, or talk to Alexandra Stone for rehearsal details.

GRIEF/LOSS GATHERING
SUN., JUNE 4

Ms. Ann Marie Aita will facilitate a discussion of grief and loss at noon at Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha for all who are interested in participating. A quick lunch—in some form—will follow the 10:30 Worship Service and precede the Grief Gathering. Call the MCC-O Church Office (345-2563) for details regarding lunch. The community is invited and welcome! MCC-Omaha is located at 819 S. 22nd St., Omaha

MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC
MON., MAY 29
VENNELYST PARK

The Imperial Court of Nebraska is again proud to bring the Omaha-area community the annual summer picnics. The first picnic of the season is from 1 - 6 PM at Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31st St. Admission is \$8 per person and an ID is required. There are FREE BUS RIDES available from The MAX. Yes, The MAX! Admission charge includes pop, beer, and a plate of food. A cash bar will be available.

Community vendors are welcome. Sorry, no pets allowed. Directions from downtown—Go north on 30th St. to Bondesson St. Turn left (west) and go one block to 31st. Turn right and follow that street and it will wind around to the entrance to Vennelyst Park.

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCACY COALITION WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Word is OUT! GLBT youth, service providers, teachers, counselors, parents, friends, and other allies are invited to the Second Western Regional Conference of the National Youth Advocacy Coalition which will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7-9.

HGRA CHARITY BALL 2000

"It's a Little Itty Bitty Country Place"

The Iowa State Fairgrounds Tourism Building will be the site for HGRA's Charity Ball 2000 on May 20. The evening begins with cocktails at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm, and a Show at 8pm. There will be live entertainment, music and dancing to round out the evening. Tickets are \$20 and are available from any HGRA member. The proceeds from the event benefit the All Iowa AIDS Benefit and HGRA.

PRIDE 2000 IN DES MOINES

Pride, Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa has designated June 12-18 as Pride Week in Des Moines. The Pride March and Rally will take place on June 18. The March will begin at the State Capital at 1:00pm and will proceed to Simon Estes Amphitheater for afternoon entertainment. Performers may apply to perform at the Rally but applications must be turned in by May 15. Groups and Individuals interested in have a float, large vehicle, horses, or a designated group must fill out a Parade Entry form by June 1. Those wishing to be vendors at the Pride Rally must also complete an application by June 1. Application forms are available at Des Moines bars and the Des Moines Gay Lesbian Resource Center and must be mailed to Pride, Inc., 1100 16th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50311-3708.

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Tuesday 8pm: Karaoke
Friday 8pm: DJ Gary
Saturday 8pm: DJ Gary

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Events!**

Happy Hours:

Mon-Sat 4pm - 7pm
Sunday Noon to 6pm

What's Happening

May 6 thru May 29, 2000

Saturday, May 6

FRONT RUNNERS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

10am: Brunch at the Joslyn Art Museum
Admission Free, Brunch \$10
6:30-9:30pm: Annual Banquet
Trinity Cathedral, 109 N. 18 St.
Dinner \$30/person, RSVP to 496-3658

HGRA Meeting, DC's Saloon

Rodeo Meeting – 2pm
General Membership Meeting – 3:30pm

THE MAX

The Imperial Court of Nebraska
Prince & Princess Royale Ball
Cocktails: 5pm Show: 6-9pm \$5 Admission
Benefits Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund

Sunday, May 7

Frontrunners RUN/WALK

Gene Leahy Mall, 10am

THE MAX 930pm: "Hooray for Hollywood"

Stella Dallas and special guests

Friday, May 12

HGRA "Gender Bender" Show, 10pm

All-Female Cast, Connections

Saturday, May 13

Women's Potluck, Unitarian Church, 6300 A,
Lincoln 5:30pm, Bring a dish to share and
board/card games to play

MCC-Omaha, Organ Dedication & Concert,

7:30pm, Free Will Offering

Sunday, May 14

Frontrunners RUN/WALK

NP Dodge Park, Meet at Pavilion, 10am

Mothers Day Brunch, 12noon

Metropolitan Community Church of Omaha

Dream Girls Perform High Drag

The MAX, 9:30pm

Friday, May 19

HGRA Charity Ball Preliminaries – Des Moines, IA

9:30pm – Faces, LTD "It's a Texas Country Ball"
10:30pm – Blazing Saddle "Itty Bitty Country Showtime"
11:30pm – Dally's Pub "Twist & Shout Country Ball"

Saturday, May 20

HGRA Charity Ball

Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines
Tickets \$20 – Available at DC's Saloon Th-Sat
6pm – Cocktails & Live Music
7pm – Steak Dinner Served
8pm – Show Time
9pm – Dancing

Sunday, May 21

Frontrunners RUN/WALK

Field Club Trail, 39 & Marcy, 10am

AIDS Candlelight Service, 7:30pm

St. Cecelia's Cathedral, 40th & Webster

Laura Lee Benefit Show for HGRA

DC's Saloon, 7pm

Pride 2000 Pageant, The MAX, 9pm

Sunday, May 28

Frontrunners RUN/WALK Burke High 10am

Monday, May 29

ICON Memorial Day Picnic, 12n-6pm

Vennelyst Park, 9100 N. 31, Omaha

WEEKLY EVENTS

Every Sunday

Worship Services, First United Methodist

7020 Cass, 8:30am & 10:45am

Worship Services, MCC-Omaha

819 S. 22 St, Omaha, 8:50am & 10:20am

Worship Services, First Unitarian Church

3114 Harney Street, 11am

Worship Services, MCC-Lincoln

St. Mark's Episcopal, 14 & R, 6:30pm

RIVER CITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Mockingbird Lanes, 12:30pm

Karaoke with Stacy at Club M, 7:30pm

Every Tuesday

Men's Support Group, MCC-Omaha,

819 S. 22 St., 7:30pm – 9pm

Karaoke with Stacy at Club M, 7:30pm

Every Wednesday

Frontrunners Run/Walk, 6:30pm

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Every Thursday

LESBIAN CENTERED DISCUSSION GROUP
6:30pm – 8pm Info: LesbianCen@ivillage.com
or LesbianCen@aol.com

Karaoke with Stacy at Connections

Every Friday

Rainbow Bible Study, 6pm-7:30pm
Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40

Friday Night Movies, Rainbow Outreach
GLBT Resource Center, 7:45pm

Wild Annie's Amateur Strip Contest
The MAX, 7-9pm

Every Saturday

Proud Horizons Youth Group
Regular Meeting: 4pm – 6pm
Sponsored by PFLAG: 291-6781 or
e-mail: proudhorizons@hotmail.com

MONTHLY EVENTS

1st Monday

ICON Royal Family Meeting
Stosh's Saloon, The MAX, 7pm

1st Friday

Shamanic Journey Drumming Groups
First Unitarian Church, 7-9pm

1st Saturday

River City Gender Alliance Meeting
Room Opens at 4pm, Meeting at 7pm
For Details Contact: 1-800-269-3444 or
rcga@tgforum.com

2nd Sunday

Bi Choice NE, Brunch & Discussion
McFoster's Natural Kind Café, Upstairs
1 – 3 pm, for Info Call Marcella: 592-4250

2nd Wednesday

Flat Water Bears The Diamond Bar, 7:30pm For
Details: PO Box 3751, Omaha 68103 or flatwater-
bears@geocities.com

2nd Thursday

PFLAG – Omaha Chapter
First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass, Mead Hall. 7pm

2nd Saturday

GLSEN Meeting 4pm

3rd Monday

Imperial Court of Nebraska
Board of Governors Meeting
MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22, 6:30pm

3rd Saturday

Bi-Choice NE Social Night 7pm - ?
Members Homes, Teri Ann, 491-0238

4th Sunday

PFLAG – Omaha Meeting
First United Methodist, Mead Hall
7020 Cass, Omaha. 2pm

4th Tuesday

Names Project of the Heartland
E-mail AIDSQuiltOmaha@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 4

GRIEF/LOSS Gathering, 12noon
Ann Marie Aita Facilitates Discussion of Grief
and Loss, MCC-Omaha, 819 S. 22

AIDS Walk Nebraska,
Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Norfolk

Sunday, June 11

Pride 2000 Parade & Festival, Omaha
1pm Step-Off, 14th & Jackson

GLBT Pride Show The MAX 9pm

Saturday, June 17

River City Mixed Chorus Concert

Friday, June 23 -- Sunday, June 25

Heartland Regional Gay Rodeo
Cass Co Fairgrounds, Springfield, NE

Saturday, July 15

The Imperial Court of Nebraska
Coronation 20: An Imperial Crystal Midnight Mas-
querade: A Journey into the Millennium, Sokol
Hall, 6pm

Saturday, October 7

National Coming Out Day, Location TBA

Sunday, October 22

All Iowa AIDS Benefit, Des Moines, IA

Sunday, November 12

ICON Food 4 Thought The MAX, 9pm

Saturday, December 2 Night of 1000 Stars

Sunday, December 10

ICON Toyz 4 Totz The MAX, 9pm

THE GAYZETTE WILL LIST YOUR
EVENTS AND INCLUDE YOUR ARTICLES.

Call the Resource Center at 341-0330 and leave
a message. We'll get back to you with details
about how to submit the information.



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RAINBOW BIBLE STUDY LOWE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN

The Rainbow Bible Study is intended to be a group for the Gay/Les/Bi/Trans community and friends. The Bible Study is relational in character and not intended to be a deep theological study. Rather it is intended to see what the Bible says to us at this point in our faith journeys.

You are welcome to attend and be involved with the Bible Study group at Lowe Avenue Presbyterian, 1023 N. 40 (40th & Nicholas) on Friday evenings from 6pm to 7:30pm.

You are welcome and accepted just as you are. The group eats together and shares expenses.

For more information, you may contact 733-1360.

PRIDE 2000 PAGEANT

During the last year, Miss Pride Ashley Simone and Mr Pride John H. have represented our community in a positive light. Now, on May 21 at The MAX, a panel of judges representing a cross-section of our community will select the contestant who will represent Pride 2000 this year.

This year's Pride Pageant features some innovations designed to better represent the Pride we have in our identity. First, the pageant is an open competition where all contestants are on an equal footing. Men, women, female impersonators, transgender persons will all compete for one title, the title of Mr or Miss or Ms Pride 2000. They will compete in several areas necessary if the titleholder is to represent our community in a positive way. Each contestant will give a 5 minute prepared speech on the topic, "How can I, as a [gay man or lesbian or bi or transgendered person] represent all the diverse aspects of our community?" Then the contestants will model their personal choice of "Pride Wear" as they answer an impromptu question from one of the judges. Finally, the contestants will demonstrate their personal talent, whether that be lip synch, dance, live performance, acting, sculpture, or the production of a multi-media performance.

The one person chosen to represent PRIDE 2000 will lead the fund-raising efforts for PRIDE during the coming year, and at the end of the year that person will be rewarded with a check for 20% of what they have raised for PRIDE.

If you find the concept of this pageant intriguing, please consider running for the title of Mr or Miss or Ms Pride 2000. You may be the very person we're looking for. Applications are available in most local establishments or by calling 556-9907. Applications must be received by May 15.

GENDER BENDER RETURNS TO CONNECTIONS

The girls are back in town. Tamara is heading an all female cast for the Gender Bender Show at Connections at 10pm on Friday, May 12. Performers include Tamara, Amazing Grace, Travis T., Bubba, Priscilla, Zima, Winnie-Bago, Trevor, and more.

PRIDE 2000 Pageant

FEATURING:

Maddison, Ashley, Annie
Welly, Barbra Love,
Paco, DJ Daniel, Laura
Lee, Michael, Gushela,
and the contestants!

The MAX 9 PM \$3 Cover

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A SOULFORCE EMERGENCY!

A Personal Message from Mel White

A large Soulforce delegation with hundreds of our allies from across the US will be arrested at the United Methodist General Conference in Cleveland, May 10. On May 9 we will train for that arrest. Would you like to join us?!!

For more than three decades GLBT people and our allies have waited patiently for Christian leaders to take a stand for justice and truth on behalf of sexual minorities. We cannot wait patiently any longer. The suffering has gone on far too long!

We have chosen May 10 for our civil disobedience and arrest in Cleveland because the Archbishop of Canterbury and denominational leaders from across Christendom will gather that day to be honored by 1,000 United Methodist delegates. What an opportunity to take our truth to all of them at the same time and place.

Since 1972 the United Methodists have had official policies condemning homosexual practice as "incompatible with Christian teaching." Almost every other Catholic and Protestant denomination has similar anti-GLBT policies in place. Those policies lead to discrimination, suffering, and death. Guided by the principles of relentless nonviolence taught by Gandhi and King, we are determined to help end those policies. We have asked Methodist officials to let us make our case inside the Convention Center on May 10, "Ecumenical Day." They have refused. And the Cleveland police have promised that we would be arrested if we try to enter anyway. We accept!

We will train for our nonviolent civil disobedience on Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m., at the Cleveland State University Auditorium, 2121 Euclid. Gandhi's grandson, Arun, will be there. Dr. King's daughter, Yolanda, will join us. On that incredible night, other leaders from the civil rights movement of the 50s and 60s will tell their stories of Sit-Ins, Pray-Ins, Freedom Rides, Marches, and Arrests. The next morning, on May 10, these same s/heroes will lead us in our own march to justice.

If you can only come on Wednesday morning, May 10, we will train you on Mall B in front of the Convention Center at 6:30 a.m. The rest will gather there at 7 a.m. The press conference featuring our s/heroes from other civil rights movements is at 7:30 a.m. We march at 8 a.m.

This May 10 arrest will launch a new era in the struggle for justice by people of faith on behalf of sexual minorities. We are saying to the Catholic and Protestant leaders of our faith movements, "This debate must end. We are God's children, too." If you can't join us, will you help us underwrite this historic event? Soulforce is almost broke. This campaign will cost us just \$60,000 (half the price of a 30 second TV commercial or a full page newspaper ad). Our adversaries have millions to spend in their war against us. We work on a bare-bones-budget, but suddenly, we are faced with expenses no one could predict.

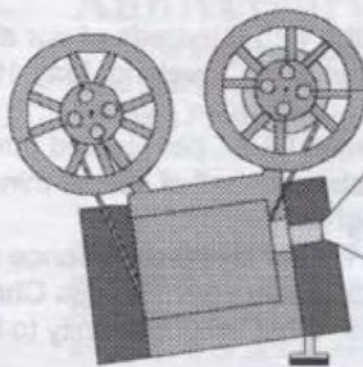
Just days ago, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral decided to withdraw their long-standing invitation to provide us sanctuary. Without warning, we have no dorms, no training areas, no dining room or kitchen, no magnificent sanctuary. Now we are struggling to find funds to rent space, feed and equip our delegates. Just days ago, the City of Cleveland decided to charge us \$150-\$180 each in fines instead of the \$25 - \$45 discussed. By upping the fine, they hope we'll go away.

Just days ago, we learned how much it would cost to provide travel and security for our special guests. Our delegates are paying their own travel and lodging expenses. But Soulforce must do the rest. Please, will you help us? Every donation is TAX-DEDUCTIBLE! Make A Credit Card Donation On Line <http://www.soulforce.org/join.html#donation> Or you can send a check to Soulforce, PO Box 4467, Laguna Beach, CA. 92652. We also need airline mileage points donated DESPERATELY. Call me at (949) 455-099 if you can donate 25,000 mileage points or more.

Our temporary Soulforce headquarters in Cleveland, May 1-12 is the Comfort Inn. Call us there at 216-861-0001 or on the cell phone at 949-233-3592. Remember, if you might join us, register on line at: REGISTER FOR MAY 9-10 www.soulforce.org/sfuapp2.html. For more information read the whole story at: TRAINING AND ARREST, MAY 9-10 <http://www.soulforce.org/sfu.html>. If you can help underwrite this event: MAKE A CREDIT CARD DONATION ON LINE <http://www.soulforce.org/join.html#donation>

MAY MANIA

May 7



"Hooray For
Hollywood!
A Tribute To The
Silver Screen"
Presented by Stella Dallas
9:30 PM

AT

May 14

Tell Everyone You Know!
The Dream Girls
9:30 PM

THE MAX

PRIDE 2000 PAGEANT

May 21
9 PM