



# THE GAYZETTE

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO METROPOLITAN OMAHA & LINCOLN

## NEW OXFORD ANNOTATED BIBLE "BREAKTHROUGH FOR GLBT PEOPLE"

"For the past 33 years, MCC has challenged the Church to re-examine God's Word as it relates to homosexuality. *Together, we have forever changed the face of Christianity.* Now comes one of the most significant theological breakthroughs in my 33 years of ministry with MCC."  
-- *The Rev. Troy Perry, MCC Moderator*

### The New Oxford Annotated Bible, Third Edition.

This ecumenical study Bible contains the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. This new edition was supervised by Oxford University with study and research notes edited by the world's outstanding biblical scholars. This is the world's premier study Bible -- and in a major breakthrough for GLBT people of faith everywhere -- its footnotes and study materials incorporate many of MCC's biblical interpretations and views. In the new study Bible, the views and interpretations of the "clobber passages" use the theology and interpretations we have developed within MCC! Imagine the joy I felt when I recently opened a package from a scholar, educator and friend to find a copy of **The New Oxford Annotated Bible, Third Edition** -- along with a handwritten inscription that read, "Thanks for your life and ministry which have helped to shape the scholarship of this edition. May God continue to bless you and UFMCC in your quest for truth."



### Let me share a few illustrations with you:

- For 33 years, we have been teaching that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, understood in the Jewish context of that day, was the sin of severe inhospitality to strangers. This interpretation appears in The New Oxford Annotated Bible.
  - In Jude 7, this version offers the alternate reading that the people of Sodom and Gomorrah "went after other flesh" -- leading to the interpretation that their sin was against angelic visitors, not other humans, and thus could not be a reference to homosexuality.
  - In Romans 1, the footnotes in the new version indicate that this passage is used "to denote not the orientation of sexual desire, but its immoderate indulgence," that is, it is not a prohibition of God's gift, but a prohibition against its misuse.
  - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 adopts MCC's interpretation that these verses prohibit temple prostitution -- not homosexuality.
- The Leviticus passage is the least clear -- though it is set in the larger context of differentiating the Children of Israel from the hostile nations that surrounded them.

All-in-all, the world renowned biblical scholars who prepared The New Oxford Annotated Bible have adopted a great deal of MCC's own scholarship and theology: There is no biblical condemnation of homosexuality -- only prohibitions against its misuse, just as there is no biblical blanket condemnation of heterosexuality, only prohibitions against misuse of that gift.

I am pleased to commend this new study version of the Holy Scriptures. I believe it will be an important addition to the library of every MCC leader -- and will be used by God to further open the doors of all faith communities to love, embrace and affirm God's GLBT children.

In Christ, Rev. Troy D. Perry, Founder and Moderator Metropolitan Community Churches  
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**LAST WEEKEND TO SEE  
THE FANTASTICKS  
AT STAGES OF OMAHA**

Stages of Omaha announces the final weekend of *THE FANTASTICKS*. Written by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, *The Fantasticks* closed at the Sullivan Street Playhouse on January 13, 2002 after more than 17,000 performances since 1960 as the longest-running musical in the world. The Omaha World Herald called this a "family-friendly show that should not be missed."

This enduring musical ends **May 19**. Reserve your tickets by calling **402-345-8166**, or online at [www.StagesofOmaha.com](http://www.StagesofOmaha.com). The Millennium Theatre is located on the first floor of the Union Plaza Building on the corner of 16th and Jackson Streets at 601 South 16th St., two blocks south of the Orpheum Theatre.

**HEARTLAND UMC INVITES  
YOU TO BASEBALL SUNDAY**

Heartland UMC, Sarpy County's only Family-friendly Church, invites you for a day of baseball Sunday, May 19th. Activities include Diverse Worship at 9:30am, including Baseball-themed sermon and hymns(!), and special music by a flutist and harp player from the Omaha Symphony.

After Sunday School for all ages from 10:30-11:20, it's off to scenic Rosenblatt for the "Super Sandwich Swap" tailgate party and the baseball game. "I was fed up with boring invite-your-friends to Church events, so I figured we'd go with something worth attending!" hollered Rev. Stephanie Ahlschwede, who was on her way to softball practice, "we hope people will join us, at least for the game. If all else fails, we will leave a note on seats F1, 7 and 8 with where we are sitting."

**"I LOVE YOU!"**

*God*

Come and See This Sunday!  
Worship at 9 & 11 AM  
Rev. Barbara Sagat, Pastor

402.345.2563  
[mccomaha@radiks.net](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net)  
[www.mccomaha.org](http://www.mccomaha.org)

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF OMAHA  
819 S. 22nd St.



Monthly Meetings: 2nd Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Location: First United Methodist Church  
7020 Cass, Omaha, Nebraska

P.O. Box 390064  
Omaha, NE 68139-0064

HELPLINE  
(402) 291-6781

**SOUL FOOD SUNDAY  
CLUB OLIS MAY 19TH..5-9PM**



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**GOODWILL  
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At NAP**

Sat, May 25

**9AM — 3 PM**

Furniture, Clothes, Knick-  
Knacks, Books, CD's,  
Kitchen Items, Blankets,  
Drapes, Etc.

139 S. 40th St., Omaha

**Women's  
Support Group  
Tuesdays 7:30pm**

Rainbow Outreach  
GLBT Resource Ctr

1719 Leavenworth  
341-0330

# Memorial Day Picnic

Sponsored by  
The Imperial  
Court of  
Nebraska

**Mon.  
May 27  
1-6 PM**

**Vennelyst  
Park**

**9100 N. 31st St.**

**DIRECTIONS:** From  
Downtown Omaha...North on  
30th Street to Bondeson.  
West one block to 31st St.  
North on 31st St. to the park  
entrance.



**Free Food  
Beer, Pop  
Music, Volleyball  
& more**



*Free Bus Rides  
from The MAX*

**Adm. \$10**

**ID Required -- No Pets!**

# IRIS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships for individuals who self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, or as children of gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered persons.

Each year there will be at least one scholarship awarded in each category (gay, lesbian, bi, transgendered or child of a GLBT person) in which there are applicants who meet established criteria. The total number and the dollar amount of the scholarships will be determined by the Scholarship Committee based on the number of successful applicants and the funds available for distribution.

Equal consideration will be given to any program of post-high school education, including but not limited to college, technical, and trade schools. Monies from the Scholarship Fund may be used for tuition, housing, books, and /or supplies (copy of contract or lease may be required).

Recipients must enroll in a program of higher education within 6 months of the announcement of the award. All monies awarded must be used within one calendar year of the award or the money will revert to the Scholarship Fund and, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, may be awarded to other applicants or may be held for future use.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) Resident of Nebraska or Iowa or be registered to attend a school in Nebraska or Iowa
- 2) Self-identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered or as the biological, adopted, step, or foster child of a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered person.

#### Enclose with Application Form:

- 1) Proof of residency or a letter of acceptance from a school in Iowa or Nebraska
- 2) A signed statement self-identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or as the child of a GLBT person. (If applying as a child of a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered parent, include a statement from the GLBT parent. If the GLBT parent is deceased or otherwise unable to sign such a statement, include a statement signed by a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered person who was personally acquainted with the parent and is able and willing to certify that the parent self-identified as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered person.)
- 3) A Personal Statement that includes a personal history and a description of any community service or involvement.
- 4) A statement describing your Educational Goals.
- 5) Letters of recommendation from 3 persons not related to you. At least one (1) of these letters of recommendations must be from an individual who self-identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgendered.
- 6) A statement of Financial Need such as those utilized by the particular school or university.

Return the completed application form and required attachments to:

ICON FOUNDATION  
c/o Rainbow Outreach Center  
1702 Leavenworth  
Omaha, NE 68102

All Applications MUST be received by the ICON Foundation no later than June 10.

# APPLICATION FORM

## Identifying Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request that you consider my application for an Iris Phoenix Scholarship. I have enclosed all required forms and supporting information.

I give my permission for my name to be made public as indicated below.

Yes    No

- \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may use my full legal name.  
 \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may use my first name and last initial.  
 \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may use my first name only.

You may make my name public in the following manner:

Yes    No

- \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may print my name in written material for distribution at the Award Ceremony.  
 \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may publish my name in local/regional GLBT publications  
 \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    You may release my name to the general media.  
 \_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    I will attend the Award Ceremony (Date and location of Award Ceremony to be announced.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

YOU MAY USE THIS APPLICATION FORM  
OR PICK ONE UP AT

THE RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT  
RESOURCE CENTER  
1719 Leavenworth  
Omaha, NE 68102

## LOVE YOUR BODY DAY

The fifth annual observance of Love Your Body Day will be October 16. Love Your Body Day promotes self-esteem and a healthy lifestyle, encouraging women and girls to love their bodies and keep them healthy all year long. Love Your Body Day raises awareness and speaks out against advertisements and images of women that are disrespectful, offensive, harmful, and dangerous. For two years Lincoln NOW and the Sexuality Education eXchange co-sponsored Love Your Body Day with a grant from Tobacco Free Nebraska. A highlight of Love Your Body Day is NOW's poster contest, looking for creative responses to the barrage of negative images that impact women's health and self-image. The deadline for entries is May 24. The winner will be announced at the NOW conference in St. Paul, MN on June 22. The grand prize winner of the four category winners listed below receives a trip to the NOW conference for the unveiling of the poster based upon their design.

Category I: \$400 open competition (non-students).

Category II: \$400 undergraduate or graduate level student

Category III: \$200 high school student

Category IV: \$100 elementary or middle school student

Entries must include full name, address, phone number and category. Email address is optional. Designs using computers must include a disc/cd with all relevant files including fonts. Go to [www.nowfoundation.org](http://www.nowfoundation.org) for complete information.

## GAYZETTE AD RATES

Whole Page	7 1/2 X 10	\$100.00
Half Page	7 1/2 X 4 3/4	\$ 50.00
Fourth Page	3 3/4 X 4 3/4	\$ 25.00
Business Card		\$ 15.00

All ads must be camera ready. 10% Discount for on-going ads of any size. Payment must accompany ad. Checks should be made payable to Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center. Payment and ads should be delivered to the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center 1719 Leavenworth St. on or before the deadline date. Ads may also be emailed to [Advertising@rocc.org](mailto:Advertising@rocc.org). A phone call notifying us that the ad is coming should be made to (402) 341-0330, attention Sharon.

### Ad Deadlines are:

**Friday, May 24** for Publication May 31

**Friday, June 7** for Publication June 14

## BEARS' ZOO VISIT MAY 18; RIVER JAUNT SET FOR JUNE

"Bears viewing Bears" will be Flat Water Bears activity for



May as the group devotes an afternoon to Henry Doorly Zoological Park. Members and friend will meet at 1:30 p.m. Sat. May 18 in the Tree Top Restaurant overlooking the Lied Jungle.

Following the zoological park visit, the entourage will have dinner, around 6 p.m., at the original Caniglia's, South

Seventh and Pacific Sts. (three blocks south of the former Neon Goose).

Anyone hirsute or those enjoying the company of hairy persons is invited to join in to see the quadraped bruins--the zoological park regular residents--as well as usually spot some intriguing bipedal Bears frequently wandering the grounds (those often accompanied by a mate or young).

One of Henry Doorly's current features is the Desert Dome in addition to a Lewis and Clark exhibit celebrating the bicentennial of that pair's exploration of the Louisiana Purchase. Flat Water Bears also has finalized plans for "Bears at the River." This annual weekend of relaxation and fun will be June 14-16 at Raccoon River Retreat west of Des Moines. Registration forms for that event will be available shortly.

## GLSEN-OMAHA REMINDERS

- \*\*\*June 1 GLSEN-PFLAG Speakers' Bureau Training  
First Methodist Church, Mead Hall  
8:30 a.m. to noon  
Call Betty Doerr, 333-7064
- \*\*\*June 8 GLSEN-Omaha 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
South High School  
Time TBA  
Keynote speaker: Ferial Person
- \*\*\* Website: [www.Glsenomaha.org](http://www.Glsenomaha.org)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

Call the Nebraska AIDS Hotline  
1-800-782-2437  
(in Omaha, 552-9255)  
Sunday-Friday: 10 am-10 pm

## TUPPERWARE WITH THE MICRO-CHEF

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# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## **SUNDAY, MAY 19**

**SOUL FOOD SUNDAY**, 5—9pm,  
CLUB OLIS

## **PHOENIX AT THE MAX**

**8:30 pm BACHELOR AUCTION**,  
Iris Phoenix Scholarship Fund Benefit  
**9:30PM SHOW "THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE RAINBOW"**

**PRIDE 2002 GRAND MARSHAL  
BALLOTS Due**

## **FRIDAY, MAY 24**

**EMPEROR MATT ON STAGE** 9pm,  
CLUB OLIS

## **LATINO NIGHT AT JOY**

## **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

**NEBRASKA AIDS PROJECT GOOD-  
WILL DRIVE** 9am—3pm, 139 S. 40

**TOUGH DRAG SHOW**, 9pm, DC's

## **SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**BALLZ @ JOY** 7pm

**MISS MAX 18 "IT'S MY PARTY"**,  
9:30pm. The MAX

## **MONDAY, MAY 27**

**ICON MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC**,  
Vennelyst Park, 1—6pm, \$10 adm.  
Free Bus Rides from the MAX

## **THURS, MAY 30**

**GLSEN-PFLAG SPEAKERS' BU-  
REAU TRAINING**, First Methodist,  
8:30 a.m. to noon, Call 333-7064

**PRIDE 2002 Meeting**, 7 pm, Rainbow  
Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth

## **FRIDAY, MAY 31**

**PURE BLUE DJ'S @ JOY**

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**SALUTE TO PRIDE SHOW**  
6—8pm, Stosh's Saloon, The MAX

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 2**

**ICON CANDIDATE SHOW** The MAX

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

**GLSEN-OMAHA ANNUAL MTG**,  
South High, Keynote: Ferial Person

**VALHALLA 2002** 8pm, Siouxland  
Convention Ctr, South Sioux City, NE

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

**LEO'S DATING GAME** The MAX

## **THURS., JUNE 13**

**PRIDE 2002 Meeting**, 7 PM, Rainbow  
Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth

## **FRJ. JUNE 14 - JUNE 16**

**FLAT WATER BEARS RACCOON  
RIVER RETREAT** Van Meter, IA

## **SAT. JUNE 15 & JUNE 16**

**RIVER CITY MIXED CHORUS  
"Reach for the Rainbow"** 7:05pm,  
UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 16**

**PRIDE PAGEANT**, The MAX

## **MONDAY, JUNE 17 —**

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

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

## **THURS., JUNE 20**

**PRIDE 2002 Meeting** 7 PM, Rainbow  
Outreach, 1719 Leavenworth

## **SAT. JUNE 22**

**PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL,  
OMAHA**

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

**MR MAX JASON**, The MAX

## **SAT. JUNE 29 — JUNE 30**

**HEARTLAND REGIONAL RO-  
DEO**, Sarpy Co. Fairgrounds,  
Springfield, NE

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

**MATT & AND MORE FAREWELL  
SHOW**, The MAX

## **THUR., JULY 4**

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

## **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 5-7pm

## **SUN., JULY 14**

**ICON VICTORY SHOW** The MAX

## **FRIDAY, JULY 19**

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

## **SUNDAY, JULY 21**

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

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**MR MAX CONTEST**, The MAX

## **SAT. NOV. 23**

**FLAT WATER BEARS' THANKSGIV-  
ING FEED"** 5 p.m., MCC-O Social Hall.

## **FRJ-SUN, Dec. 6-8**

**FLAT WATER BEARS' CHRISTMAS,"**  
Raccoon River Retreat, Van Meter, IA

## **FEB. 14 — 16, 2003 ICE BOWL**

## **WEEKLY EVENTS**

### **Every Sunday**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**DIETZ UNITED METHODIST**  
1423 S. 10, 11AM

**IST 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** Hast-  
ings, NE. FFI: Judy Sandeen (402) 461-  
7372

# GAYZETTE EVENTS

## 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. 40<sup>th</sup>

## ALCHOLICS ANONYMOUS GLBT

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

## *Every Tuesday*

## UNL LESBIAN/BI/QUESTIONING

SUPPORT GROUP 7-8:30pm,  
Women's Center, Back Room, Nebr  
Union, 12 & R, Lincoln, 472-9428

## OMAHA MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP,

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

## OMAHA WOMEN'S SUPPORT

GROUP, Rainbow Outreach Center,  
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 A A 7:30pm Basement, 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 POTLUCK DINNER 6 - 9pm,

ROCC, 1719 Leavenworth, 341-0330

## GLBT FELLOWSHIP, 6:30pm, Trinity

Cathedral Clarkson Center, 109 N. 18  
Info: 391-1950; dknoxsae@qwest.net.

HIV TEST 7- 9:30 pm, NAP, 139 S. 40<sup>th</sup>

## KARAOKE 9pm,

Connections, Club OLIS

## *Every Friday*

## 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;

Low Ave Presby Church, 1023 N. 40

## FREE FRIDAY MOVIE 7:45PM,

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr

## 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.com

## 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  
FFI: 476-0355. 1—3:30 p.m.

## SUDS RAPID HIV TESTING,

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

### *2nd Saturday*

## LEATHER ENGINEERS—OMAHA

Meeting 7pm, Gilligan's

## HIV TESTING UNL campus. Corner-

stone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

### *2nd Sunday*

## LEARNING TO EXCHANGE

POWER L2EP@aol.com 1pm; DCs

## 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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  
House 3319 S. 46, Lincoln 11am- 12n

## HIV TESTING UNL campus. Corner-

stone, 476-0355. 1:30-3:30pm

Your Event  
Can be Listed  
HERE!

Email: [news@rocc.org](mailto:news@rocc.org)

Or

Call 402-341-0330

## **CASTING CALL: PRIDE FESTIVAL ENTERTAINERS**

Rainbow Celebrations will hold a talent competition this month. Winners of the competition will be invited to take the stage at the June 22 Pride celebration and entertain an expected audience of over 3,000! One lucky winner will be selected as the opening act for our headline entertainer, Deborah Cooper, the diva voice of C&C Music Factory's greatest hits. Those wishing to participate can request information via e-mail from [festival@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:festival@rainbowcelebrations.org) or by telephone at 402.502.1577 or 402.415.8769.

## **RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS NEEDS YOUR HELP WITH PRIDE 2002!**

There are only 35 days left until Pride – don't miss your chance to get involved and get in on the fun! Rainbow Celebrations needs volunteers to help with Pride 2002. Examples of duties include: vendor area setup, registration and tear down; rally stage hands; parade monitors and line up attendants; and crowd control. Volunteers will be needed throughout the day from 7AM to 10PM. To volunteer please e-mail Rainbow Celebrations at [volunteer@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:volunteer@rainbowcelebrations.org) or telephone 402.213.8526 or 402.502.1577.

## **RAINBOW CELEBRATIONS IN SEARCH OF A CLASSIC CONVERTIBLE**

Our Pride entertainment emcee, the fabulous Kansas City Flo, needs a proper ride for the Pride parade. Please contact Pride chair, Troy Haasis, at 402.415.8769 if you have a classy convertible you'd like to loan for a few hours.

## **MR. PRIDE BENEFIT, SALUTE TO PRIDE**

Please join Troy Haasis, Mr. Gay Pride Nebraska 2001 and Pride chair, and many former Pride titleholders for a salute to Pride benefit on Saturday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m at the Max, 1417 Jackson Street. You won't want to miss this last Pride 2002 benefit!



## **JUNE 1ST IS THE PRIDE FESTIVAL EXHIBITOR AND ADVANCED PARADE ENTRY DEADLINE**

Visit [www.rainbowcelebrations.org](http://www.rainbowcelebrations.org) for online forms or call 402.502.1577 to request forms to be mailed to you. Parade entry applications will be accepted after June 1st, however, the Pride parade coordinator would appreciate your applications as early as possible.

## **BE THE FIRST ON YOUR BLOCK TO GET YOUR OFFICIAL PRIDE 2002 T-SHIRT AND PRIDE GUIDE!**

Official Pride t-shirts and Pride Guides will be available at the ICON Memorial Day Picnic. The Picnic is at Vennelyst Park, 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

## **JUNE 16 PRIDE 2002 PAGEANT**

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## **WITH HEARTFELT THANKS**

It was with great sorrow and sense of loss that our community learned of the passing of Jeff Johnson, better known to most as Miss Laura Lee. Profound as our sadness might be, no individual earned a much more deserved "vacation" as Laura Lee. Over 25 years of love and commitment know one was devoted to the GLBT community more than Miss Johnson. Empress, Volunteer, Fundraiser, Mentor, Confidant, and Friend are only a few of the hats, or crowns that she wore. One had only to be in attendance at the service held at MCC on Saturday May 4th, to feel the life and love that Laura Lee genuinely embodied. To that end, let us extend our thanks, as well as Miss Johnson's, to those organizations and individuals who helped being a comforting close to the life of Jeff, Laura Lee, Johnson.

In no particular order: The Johnson Family. The Imperial Court of Nebraska; Michael Lyons, Gary West, Steve Koeller, Joe Reed, Carla and Sharon, Don Randolph, Sally Presby. Ice Bowl Committee; Russ Hollendieck. John A Gentleman Mortuary; Tim Brooks. Janousek Florist; Jeff Brookhauser. De'S Saloon; David, Ashley, Jimmy, Chuck, and Leo. Metropolitan Community Church. Greg Mike. The Garden Café; Ron Bradstreet. The Imperial Court of Iowa as well as the Imperial Court of the Ice Castles, Minneapolis and the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire, Denver, Colorado.

Thanks again to all of you. More importantly however; thank you Laura Lee, for showing us all the importance of being involved, for being committed, and for loving.

Your Friends,  
Jeff and Tracy



## LINCOLN ACTIVIST SHOP GOES UNDERGROUND

Boondoggles, a Lincoln shop that sells an array of Queer/LGBT pride items, as well as a variety of radical social and political items, has moved and expanded. The shop began by selling its wares on shelf space rented from another Lincoln business, The Ozone. On April 1, Boondoggles opened in its own space, a full-sized activist resource and gift store. The new location is the lower level of 122 N. 14th Street, in Lincoln.

"We're in the basement of Zero St. Records, the punk rock record shop," owner Angela Hatcher explains, "I tell people we've gone underground because we're downstairs, plus the entrance is in the alley between Homer's and Zero St. Records - sort of tucked away."

Angela is undaunted by the fact that the new store is in an alley as opposed to a more visible location. "Sure, I have to explain to people that our entrance is basically right across the alley from Homer's dumpsters, but I find that amusingly appropriate. I know that Boondoggles customers are intelligent enough to find us, anyway. And it's worth it just to be able to expand as much as we have. I mean, we just outgrew those shelves... now we can have way more tee-shirts than we had room for before and I've added a lot more gift items."

Boondoggles has become visible in the area by vending at events such as the Omaha Pride Parade and Lincoln pride events, as well as events such as Lincoln NOW's

Womanstock" concert and UNL campus events like the "Choice Groove" festival held by Student's for Choice. The store's website ([www.ideviate.net](http://www.ideviate.net)) has also grown with the help of advertisements in such feminist publications as "Bitch" and "Bust."

The store specializes in selling tee shirts, bumper stickers, buttons, books and zines, jewelry and gift items with an emphasis on social and political issues such as Queer/LGBT rights, feminism/riot grrrl, environment/animal rights, free thought, punk, and activism.

"I look at Boondoggles as a resource, not just a business," Angela says. "I sell stuff that I believe in. It's fun stuff, but also very serious. Nebraska -- and America in general -- is horribly conservative and while I find all these close-minded theocrats and their flocks of gullible little sheep incredibly funny, they're also very scary. It's important, now more than ever, for people who see what's going on to express themselves. Loudly."

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**DC's Saloon, 344-3103**

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**Gilligan's Pub, 449-9147**

**1407 Harney, Omaha**

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**1516 Jones, Omaha**

**The MAX, 346-4110**

**1417 Jackson, Omaha**

**Omaha Mining Co., 449-8703,**

**1715 Leavenworth, Omaha**

**Panic, 435-8764, 200 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Lincoln**

**Q, 475-2269, 226 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln**

## QUESTIONS ABOUT HIV OR AIDS?

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## SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA PFLAG

South Central Nebraska PFLAG meets the second Saturday of the month at Hastings College in the Steinhart Lounge of the Hazelrigg Student Union at 12:00 noon. Everyone brings a snack! Contact people are: Vicki Northrop 402-762-3698 or Mary Conn 402-463-4491.

## IMPERIAL COURT NAMES OFFICERS

Following the untimely death of President Jeff Johnson, the Imperial Court of Nebraska has elected the following officers.

President: Steve Von Seggern

phone: 933-8222

email: [max9prXXleo@aol.com](mailto:max9prXXleo@aol.com)

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SAGE/Omaha is part of SAGE North America, a group of non-profit organizations committed to providing service to gay and lesbian seniors. However, SAGE/Omaha is an independent entity, not legally or financially affiliated with SAGE/New York or any other organization with the name "SAGE". SAGE/Omaha is solely responsible for all contracts and commitments made by it. SAGE/Omaha is a division of Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center, Omaha.

# SAGE HOSTS DAILY DROP-IN AT ROC

SAGE volunteers are needed in Omaha to keep the Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center open during the daytime Monday through Saturday each week. Center President Lynn Rogers explains that senior volunteers are some of the best people to operate the Center during the daytime. "We have several groups that meet here on different evenings that can cover the phone lines and drop-ins at night. But retirees are great during the daytime since many of them prefer to be out during daylight when Omaha busses are most efficient at getting them downtown and home again."

Rogers noted that volun-

teers field all sorts of questions after going through a brief training process. From the typical, "where are the gay bars?" to referrals for counselors, doctors and public assistance agencies, SAGE volunteers have seen it all.

SAGE /Omaha began last year with a group of gay men meeting Monday nights each week for a potluck dinner. During the winter, the group began to venture out to area restaurants. But daytime is different. "We have the coffee pot on, people can bring their lunch, read, play cards, watch TV or just converse. It really is great fun. And during the summer with the doors open and the plants outside and



Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation with the gang down at the Resource Center.

everything, it is really a neat place to spend the day," Rogers said.

Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center is normally open for drop-in from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday.

Here's a reminder that all members of Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center are automatically members of SAGE/Omaha as well (so one membership fee covers both). This is in recognition that we are ALL aging and that if we live long enough, we will all be Seniors.

## SAGE/Omaha Potluck Suppers Move to Thursday & Friday

Effective May 23rd, the SAGE/Omaha Potluck Suppers held at Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Center will move from Monday to Thursday & Friday Nights. This will allow us to go out on Thursdays and also have

a Friday potluck supper at ROC before the film or video showings of the regular Friday Night Movies at 7:45. Thursdays we will normally go to area buffets. But with Summer upon us Fridays at ROC will save money for

members and allow for a more casual atmosphere. And with the warm weather, if you don't want to watch the movie, you can always sit outside and enjoy conversation with friends.

### SAGE Daily Lunch this week at the Outreach C

Monday: Meat	20
Loaf Dinner	
Tuesday: Chicken	21
Dinner	
Wednesday: Roast	22
Beef Dinner	
Thurs.: Chicken &	23
Noodle Dinner	
Friday: Catfish	24
Dinner	

Reservations Requested by 11:30

Food Service from Hyvee Deli.

### Special points of interest:

SAGE is now having lunch at ROC Center Mondays through Fridays from Noon to 2 pm all summer. Please call by 11:30 am to reserve your dinner as we will be picking up the food from Hyvee deli. Prices are reasonable, and you can bring your own food if you want. All ages are welcome, and we're within walking distance for downtown workers. For more information call 341-0330

# RAINBOW OUTREACH GLBT RESOURCE LIST

## OMAHA BASED ORGANIZATIONS

**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** Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 398-3027 <http://www.geocities.com/~cfep> equal rights for all  
**Flat Water Bears**, Box 3751, Omaha 68103 [flatwaterbears@yahoo.com](mailto:flatwaterbears@yahoo.com) Hirsute men and admirers, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.angelfire.com/home/GALO) contact: [unogalo@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:icebowlomaha@hotmail.com)  
**Imperial Court of Nebraska**, Box 3772, Omaha 68103 556-9907, Board Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon, 819 S. 22  
**Learning to Exchange Power**, L2EP@aol.com; Social, educational group novices in Leather Lifestyle  
**Leather Engineers of Omaha (LEO)** Box 8181 Omaha 68108 Gay men in leather lifestyle, Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Gilligan's 7pm  
**LinOma Bares**, Box 8493, Omaha 68108  
Nudist/ Nativist 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](http://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](mailto:mccomaha@radiks.net)  
Website: [www.mccomaha.org](http://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**, PO Box 55548, Omaha 68155, 402.346-5960 [naje\\_now@hotmail.com](mailto: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/omahanegaypride> PO Box 4154, Omaha, 68104-4154 402-502-9195 [omahanegaypride@cox.net](mailto:omahanegaypride@cox.net)  
**Onyx Images**, Box 31026, 68132-9998 [Onyximages@hotmail.com](mailto:Onyximages@hotmail.com) Fraternity for African American Men  
**Out and About in Nebraska**, those who enjoy outdoors, Meet Wednesday 7pm, Rainbow Outreach Center, [outabout@worldshare.net](mailto:outabout@worldshare.net) or <http://travel.to/outabout>  
**Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG) Omaha Chapter** Box 390064, Omaha, 68139-0064 291-6781 Website: [www.pflag-omaha.org](http://www.pflag-omaha.org), email [info@pflag-omaha.org](mailto:info@pflag-omaha.org) Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 1st United Meth, 7020 Cass,  
**Proud Horizons Youth Group**, Sat Afternoon, info: (402) 291-6781 or email [proudhorizons@yahoo.com](mailto:proudhorizons@yahoo.com)  
**Rainbow Outreach GLBT Resource Ctr**, 1719 Leavenworth, Omaha, 341-0330, Web Site: [www.ROCC.org](http://www.ROCC.org), email: [rainbow@rocc.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**Pride 2002** Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:pride2002@rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**National Coming Out Day 2002** P.O. Box 8583, Omaha, 68108 [NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org](mailto:NCOD2002@rainbowcelebrations.org)  
**River City Mixed Chorus**, Box 3267, Omaha, NE 68103, 402-341-SING  
Website: [www.rcmc.org](http://www.rcmc.org)  
**River City Gender Alliance**, Box 8076, Omaha 68108, 402-991-8845, email: [rcga@tforum.com](mailto:rcga@tforum.com), Website: [www.genderalliance.com](http://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](http://www.snapproductions.com)  
**Unity Church of Omaha** 3424 N. 90, Omaha, Sunday worship: 9am, 11am Wednesday evening worship 7pm; 571-1344; [www.unityomaha.org](http://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 ORGANIZATIONS

**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](mailto: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, [cea@unlserve.unl.edu](mailto:cea@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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, Unitarian Church, 6300 A, Barbara Kimberly [jbkimber@email.msn.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ptetreault1@unl.edu)  
**Youth Support Group**, (402) 434-9880  
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