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The GLSO NEWS

June - Pride Month - 2006

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CommUNITY

Pride Center Celebration & Art Exhibit

On June 1, 2001, a jubilant group of community members gathered to celebrate the long-awaited opening of our very own community center. Five years later, to the day, we invite you to join us in celebrating the growth of our Pride Center and the continuing progress of our community. Over the past month volunteers have been working to brighten up the center's interior and it looks fabulous.

On Thursday, June 1, from 7-9pm, the Pride Center of the Bluegrass is kicking off Pride Month 2006 with a Grand Opening and art reception showcasing works by community members whose first calling is not as a professional artist. Aptly named CommUNITY, this exhibit emphasizes the beauty of each and every member of our community. The show will be displayed the whole month of June. Some of the artists have been generous enough to donate their art work to the GLSO so select pieces will be available for purchase.

Board members and volunteers have also been laying plans to remodel the services offered by the GLSO.

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The Imperial Court of KY presents Coronation XXV

The Imperial Court of Kentucky will present *Coronation XXV - Vixens & Wizards: A Mythical Night in the Castle of Darkness and Light* Sunday June 4 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Lexington. Empress XXIV Phoenix Gaye and Emperor XXIV JC Lewis will bring another successful reign to a close and monarchs for Reign XXV will be elected. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from any member of the ICK Board of Directors. Doors will open at 5:30, with the opening production beginning promptly at 6 pm.

Four days of events will begin on Friday June 2 at 9:30 PM with the In-Town Show at Spirits Lounge at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. On Saturday June 3 the fun continues with the State Dinner at the Radisson Plaza Hotel at 5:30 PM, (tickets \$25), the Out-of-Town Show at the Spirits Lounge at 8:30 PM, and the All Worlds Video Male Review featuring Johnny Hazzard and Kevin Brown at The Limestone Club (213 North Limestone) at 11 PM. Tickets for all shows are \$5, with a cash bar.

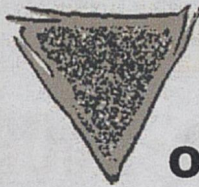
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The Imperial Court

Coronation xxv

June 2 - 5



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Imperial Court Coronation

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The newly elected Monarchs will celebrate with a Victory Brunch at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Monday June 5 at 11 am, tickets are \$20.

Coronation XXV will feature performances by visiting monarchs including Her Imperial Majesty Corvette, previous Empress of Massachusetts, Baroness Marina de la Mer from Vermont, HMIM Kate Central Parkway from Cincinnati, Alexandra St. James from Chicago, Madame from Toronto, Brooklyn Steele Tate from Cincinnati, the Imperial Court of St. Catherines in a group production, and local favorites J.D. Vaughn and Cammie Dietrich.

Besides choosing new monarchs for Reign XXV, voting members of the Court will select five new members for the Board of Directors and choose the recipient of the Henry Faulkner Community Service Award. The Court's highest honor, the James Herndon Sweet Evening Breeze Award, will be presented to Moveable Feast Executive Director Terry Mullins. Sierra Reign and John Ridener are running unopposed for Empress and Emperor, respectively.

CommUNITY Celebration *continued*

Turn to page 15 for information about a Community Forum where you can share your opinions about our services and what we need to work towards in the next few years.

But first, please join us on June 1 for food, wine and friends to celebrate a NEW look for a NEW center and the beauty of our community!

GLSO Pride Banquet

Guaranteed to give you a Jolt of Pride

Sunday, June 25 5 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church

3564 Clays Mill Rd.

**We need your support to keep
the Pride Center open.**

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Community News

Pride Month Events continues on the next page.

Quirk Café & Coffee

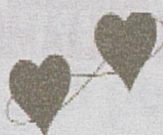
Just fifteen miles from Lexington, Quirk Café & Coffee, can be found on Railroad St. in Midway, KY. We feature live music every Tuesday from 5:30 to 8 pm. Now open on Thrus, Fri. and Sat. evening, serving our full menu. We offer a variety of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps. You can select from our 23 different gourmet press pot coffees & teas along with fresh baked scones.

On Saturday, June 3 Midway is celebrating Herb'NArt featuring live music and artists set up on the street. The KY Bootleggers will be playing. Drop by and have a bite to eat. The Bats will be playing at Quirk on July 21. For upcoming events you can call Quirk at (859) 846-4688. or check on line at www.kygallery.com/quirk.

Rainbow Families

Lexington's GLBT parenting group, Rainbow Families of Lexington (RFOL) can be contacted by calling Cheryl at 523-3083 or by joining their Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rfolky>.

A number of families plan to go the Pride Picnic during the 11 to 1 time period when there will be games with prizes for children. Join us!!



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Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club

The Lexington Lyons are a group of friends that come together to celebrate strength, unity, and diversity in order to form a bond within a community that enjoys the Leather Levi/ lifestyle.

Membership has grown steadily over the last year and we now have 14 active members. The club has been busy planning and attending various leather functions over the past few months. We were in full force at the Mid America of Clubs Spring meeting in Louisville and at the Run as One Run/walk to benefit AVOL.

In May, several club members attended the International Mr. Leather Contest held each year over the Memorial Day weekend in Chicago. For more info visit <http://www.lexlyons.org> or attend our monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month 7pm at the Pride Center.

Lake Cumberland Pride Picnic

The Lake Cumberland Pride Picnic will be held at Shelter #8 at Pulaski County Park, the same shelter we have had for several years. We were able to get it on June 18th for the entire day. We will start gathering around 12 noon and have our meal at 1 pm. We are asking everyone to bring a tablecloth or flat sheet in one of the pride colors.

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GLSO now accepting nominations
for the **Wasson** and
Rainbow Community Service Awards
send to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com
Vote at the Picnic or at the
Pride Center between June 12 - 17, daily
10 am to 3 pm, or Wed or Thrus. 5 to 7

Lake Cumberland *continued*

This is a great time for everyone to get outside and celebrate. Since we will be in public we ask that the tone be set to **family**. If you would like to bring an activity please let us know. In the past we have had volleyball, badminton, clay pride art, water balloons, & musical performances. We usually end the day with a trip to the lake for a group swim (bring lake shoes).

GLSO Discussion Group

On Wednesday, June 7, the GLSO Discussion Group welcomes back everyone that has been a member over the years. Come celebrate our continued success. If you can, bring a fun snack to share. The discussion group will continue to meet every Wednesday of the month.

Jubilee Fellowship Pride Events

Jubilee will be having a worship service on June 10th at 7pm in place of our normal Sunday service on the 11th so that we can fully participate in the events at the Pride Picnic. We will be sponsoring games

for the children from 11-1pm and prizes will be awarded. Stop by Jubilee Fellowship's booth, take a Community Religious Survey and you will be entered into a raffle drawing for an electronic Sharp Wizard organizer.

On June 25th we will be offering a blessing for couples. see page 15-18

Pride Reading

Note Change of Date to June 10

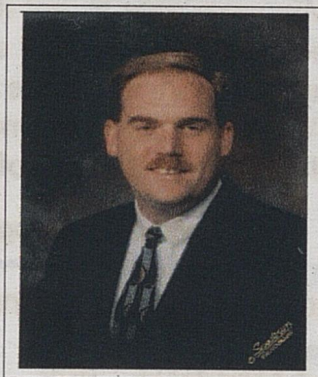
This year our Pride Reading will be held at the Pride Center on Saturday evening, June 10 from 7 to 9. GLSO and Interweave are hosting. Everyone is welcome to attend writers - singers - listeners.

Writers - we would love to hear your poetry, short fiction, or non-fiction. Perhaps this is the place to get feedback on the coming out story you have been thinking of writing. Performance poetry would be fun!

Singers, please bring your guitar or whatever and share some of your original songs with us. Listeners - come support a friend or to make some new friends. We always have a good time so please join us. Call Mary Crone for info 859 266-5904

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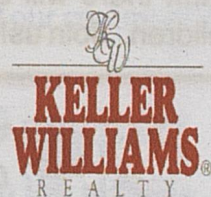
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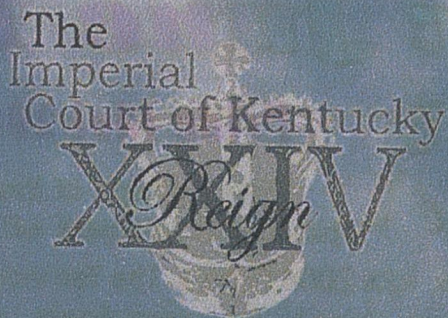
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Celebrating The Silver Jubilee

Sunday, June 4th

Radisson Plaza

Doors @5:30 P.M.

Ball @.6 P.M.

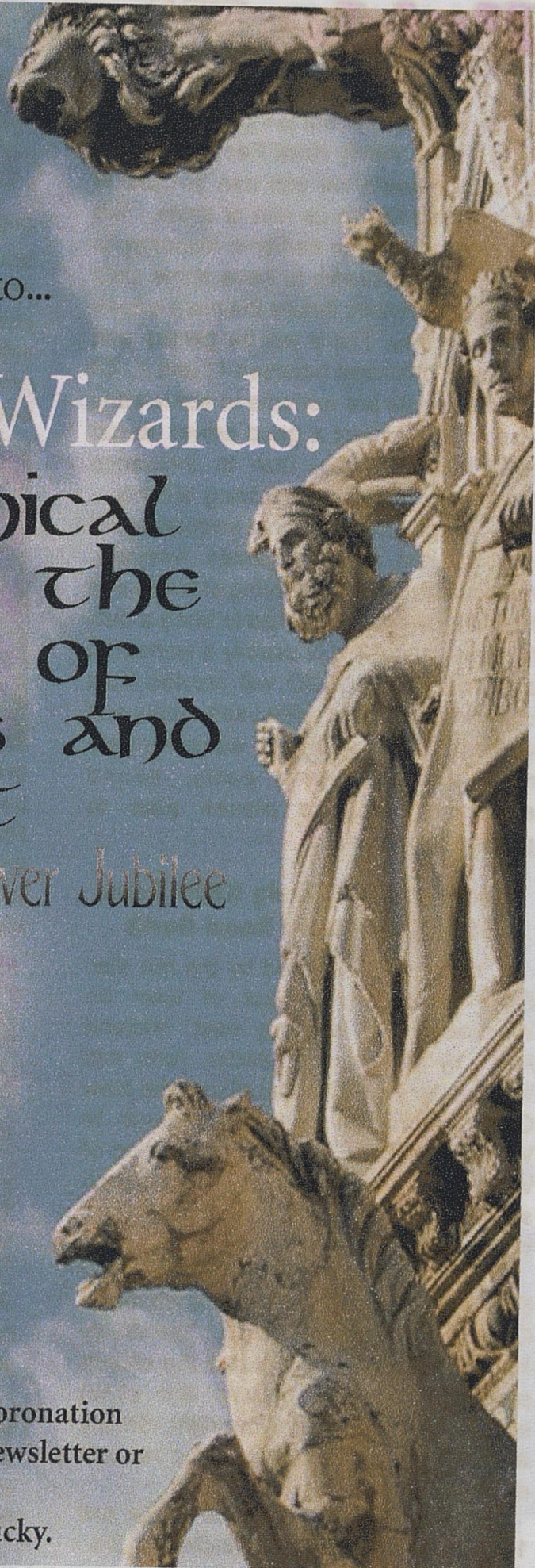
\$15 per person

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For more information about Coronation
events, read the article in this newsletter or
visit us on the web at

<http://www.impcourt.org/kentucky>.



Pride Picnic June 11

The Thirteenth Annual Pride Picnic will be held from 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday, June 121 at Windy Knoll Farm. There is an indoor arena we can use in case of rain so plan to join us rain or shine. We are starting an hour earlier in response to a request by parents to have some child centered activities before the main events get underway. There will be games and prizes for choldren between 11 and 1. Of course, adults are welcome to arrive early also. We expect a good crowd so car pool with friends. Due to insurance restrictions, please do not bring alcohol.

The picnic is our most popular event with a giant potluck, games, venders, raffle and the joyful gathering of family and friends. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share, and there is usually a wonderful array of food. GLSO will provide fried chicken and will be selling soft drinks and water to help pay for the equipment we rent. (stage, porta potty, sound equipment, etc.) so **please plan to purchase drinks.**

Directions to Windy Knoll farm 3263 Cleveland Road North

Your goal is marked by the red star. From Lexington, go out of town on Winchester Rd heading east. Midland Ave., by the Herald Leader, runs into Winchester Rd. You can also take New Circle Road (in orange) around to Winchester Rd. From the intersection of Winchester and New Circle (near where it says Eastland), go east 5.5 miles toward Winchester.

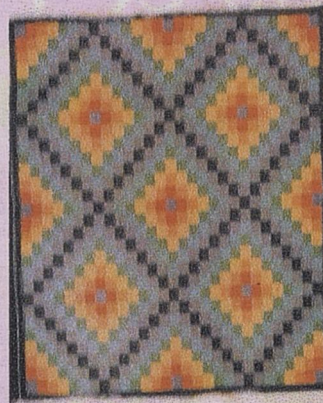
Turn left (north) onto N. Cleveland Rd (RT 1973). Down 1/2 mile on the left will be David's Fork Baptist Church. The Windy Knoll driveway is right next to the church property. A mailbox with the street number 3263 will be on your right, directly across from the driveway. Turn left into driveway.

From I-75 north or south, take exit 110, Route 60, which is Winchester Rd .



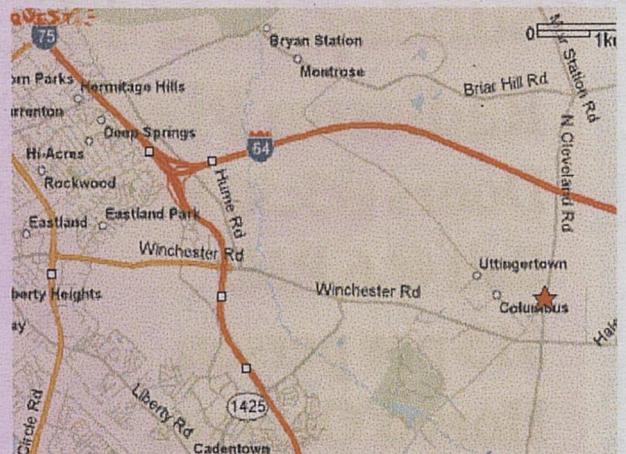
Pride Idol 2006

The highlight of this year's picnic entertainment will be the Pride Idol 2006 Finals. The Ten individuals chosen during the semi-finals will be competing. You will have the opportunity to purchase \$1 ballots to vote for your favorite singer. The contest is scheduled to start at 1 pm. There are some great singers so come out for the fun.



Quilt Raffle Tickets \$2 each 3 for \$5

We will be selling tickets for the quilt during the entire month of June. The winner will be drawn at the Pride Banquet on June 25. This beautiful quilt was designed and pieced by Phyllis Hoovler, of Rossville, Indiana. It has a cotton/polyester front and a cotton back and is machine washable. It is big enough for a King size bed.



Go East on Rt. 60, towards Winchester, about 2 1/2 miles to Cleveland Rd.

From the east on I-64, you can take exit 94, which will put you on the by-pass near Winchester. Go south on the by pass, turn right (west) on 60. Cleveland Rd-RT 1973 will then be on your right.

If you get lost, call 859-221-4396.

Who will be the next Lexington Pride Idol?



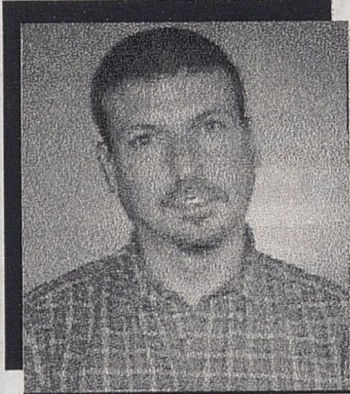
Lisa Mendoza



Chase



Jason Morgan



Stan Hopper



Chad Hundley

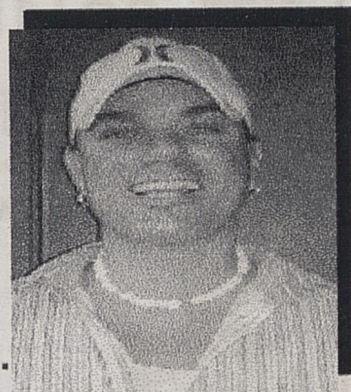
The 2006 Pride Idol Finals

Coming Sunday, June 11
at the 13th Annual GLBT
Pride Picnic.

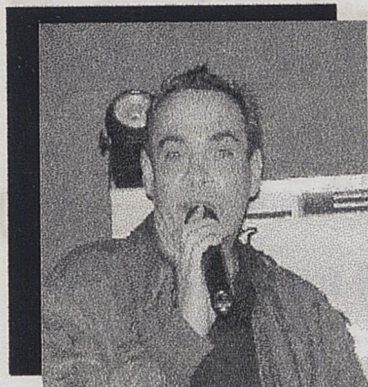
Be there to cast your
ballots for your favorite
Pride Idol Contender.
Contest starts at 1:00pm.



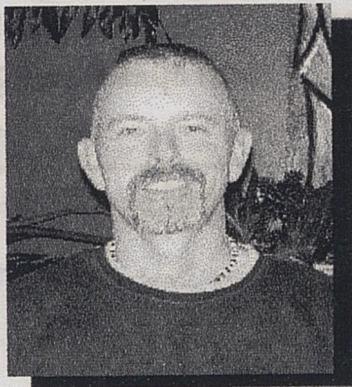
Kimberly Stogsdill



Jeffrey Ratajczak



Dave Mills



Bill Howard



Ron Reese

Eenie Meanie

ActOut has arranged for Teresa Willis 'to perform her one woman play, Eenie, Meanie, on Wednesday June 14 at the Downtown Arts Center in Lexington. Show times are 8pm and 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 and available through the Downtown Box Office (859) 225-0370.

Willis was born in Valley Station, a suburb of Louisville, and grew up in Kentucky. She is a white lesbian and has written this play about racism from that perspective. It has received great reviews.

Racism continues to be a touchy subject in our community, our country, and our world. Touchy - painful -powerful-confusing -deniable... lots of emotions are stirred up by our continued difficulties in talking with each other about race and prejudice. Tired of it? How would you react if a person said they were "just tired of the homosexual issue"? Particularly if they were straight? Do yourself and our community a favor and come see this play.

lesbian Movie Night Fingersmith


Based on a wonderful novel by Sarah Waters, Fingersmith is a complex and entertaining BBC film about the lives of two young women of Victorian London. We will be showing this film on Thursday, June 15 and plan to start at 7:30. Please be on time, this is a long movie.

The story centers on the lives of Sue Tinder, born into poverty, and Maud Lilly, who lives with her strange grandfather.



Sue was raised in poverty, learning to be a pick pocket ("fingersmith") to survive. She agrees to help a con man known only as Gentleman defraud Maud who is soon to inherit her family's wealth.

But as the two women find themselves attracted to each other, Sue begins to question her willingness to betray Maud. She then discovers she knows only part of Gentleman's plans. This is a tightly plotted story that will hold your attention through all of its three hours.

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Presenting **eeNie
Meanie**
a show by
teresa willis



..Teresa Willis's original, funny, thoughtful, one-woman show about a 60's Southern childhood spent trying not to become a racist

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

Downtown Arts Center

Two Shows 8:00 pm & 10:30 p.m

Admission \$18.00

Tickets Reservations

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Kentucky Fairness Alliance

Bluegrass Chapter.....806-4114

Windy Knoll Farm

Riding Lessons, Trail Riding, Boarding.....299-7410

Quirk Café and Coffee

Railroad Street in Midway859 846-4688

Debra Hensley Insurance

1513 Nicholasville Rd.....276-3244

Lexington Lyons

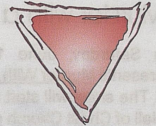
Levi and Leather Club.....619-3650

Ky. Department for Public Health

HIV/AIDS Branch.....1 800 420-7430

GLSO Newsletter Calendar JUNE 2006 Pride Month

To schedule events at the Pride Center, call Bill at 253-3233
Visit us on the web at: www.webspawner.com/users/glsqxnet



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Center Open 10a-7p 7p-9p Community Art Exhibit & Reception at Pride Center	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 9:30p Coronation 25 In-Town Show @ Radisson's Spirits Lounge	Center Open 10a-2p & 6p-9p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 8:30p Coronation 25 Out-Of-Town Show @Spirits Lounge 11:00p ICK presents Chi Chi LaRue's Male Review @ the LimeStone Club
9a and 11a UU Church 10:30 a St. Mychal's 5:30p ICK's 25th Annual Coronation Ball @ the Radisson 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 7p PRIDE READING @ PC
10:30 a St. Mychal's SoulForce (Jamie 230-5625) 12p-4p 15th Annual Pride Picnic @ Windy Knoll Farm Featuring the 2006 Pride Idol Finals 4p Integrity @ St. Michael's 6p SisterSound Rehearsal	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 6p-7p Comm. Forum Mtg.PC 7p Lexington Lyons-PC	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103 8p & 10:30p ActOut presents eenie meanie @ Downtown Arts Cntr.	Center Open 10a-7p 7p Lesbian Movie Night-PC	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103 Miss Gay Lexington @ The Bar Complex	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 8p Mystary Dinner Theater @ Christ Church Cathedral a benefit for Moveable Feast 253-3233.
10a UU Church Pride Service Films to follow the service 10:30 a St. Mychal's Pride Service 6p SisterSound Rehearsal 6:00p Imperial Court Mtg.	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p 7p ActOut Auditions for Dog Opera @ the Pride Center	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	Center Open 10a-2p 2p Narcotics Anonymous call for place 278-7103 4p ActOut Auditions for Dog Opera at the Pride Center
5p GLSO Annual Volunteer Awards Banquet @ UU Church Bluegrass Fairness Annual Bowling Competition Jubilee Fellowship Blessing of GLBT Unions	8p AA Open Discussion/Speakers (call for place) 278-7103 7:30p GLSO Board Mtg. (New Date)	7p GSA (call for place 266-5904)	Center Open 5p-7p 7p GLSO Discussion Group-PC 8p Gay/Lesbian AA Call for place 278-7103	Center Open 10a-7p	7p Lexington Insight @ the Pride Center 7:30 p Gay/Lesbian AA (call for place) 278-7103	

Weekly Activities:

Mondays:
8pm - Gay/ Lesbian AA Discussion/Speaker(Call for Location) 278-7103

Tuesdays:
7pm - GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)

Wednesdays:
7pm - GLSO Discussion Group
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

Fridays:
7pm- Lexington Insight
8pm - Gay/Lesbian AA (Call for Location) 278-7103

Saturdays:
2pm Narcotics Anonymous 278-7103

Sundays:
9:00am & 11 am - UU Church Worship Services.
10:30 - Mass, St. Mychal The Mar
6pm - SisterSound Rehearsal @ Landsdowne Presby. Church.

Bi-weekly:
6pm - The Imperial Court SoulForce -Call Jamie 230-5625
7:00pm Lesbian Movie Night

Monthly Activities:

Mondays:

7pm - GLSO Board Mtg. (4th Mon.) *New Date*
7pm - Lexington Lyons (2nd Mon.)

Sundays:

2pm -Women 40+(2nd. Sun)
4pm- Integrity (2nd Sun)
4pm- Gen Y Integrity (3rd Sun)

More information about many of the events are in this newsletter. You may want to call or email the group to confirm the date and time, see the directory on back page.

Pride Center may be abbreviated - PC

Call for Place may be abbreviated- Call

Murder with a View

On Saturday, June 17, Moveable Feast presents Murder With A View, dinner theater. The show will start at 8 pm in the Great Hall of Christ Church cathedral, 166 Market St. in downtown Lexington.

A gourmet dinner featuring Chicken Courdon Bleu will be served. The cost is \$35 per person. Reservations are required, call 859 252-2867. Join us for an evening of fun that will also help support the work of Moveable Feast. Moveable Feast delivers nutritious meals to its clients with HIV and to Hospice patients..

Lexington Insight

Lexington Insight is a gay men's social and support group that meets at the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave. every Friday night at 7 pm. We are now having a pot luck dinner at each meeting. Come join us to meet new friends over good food and conversation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

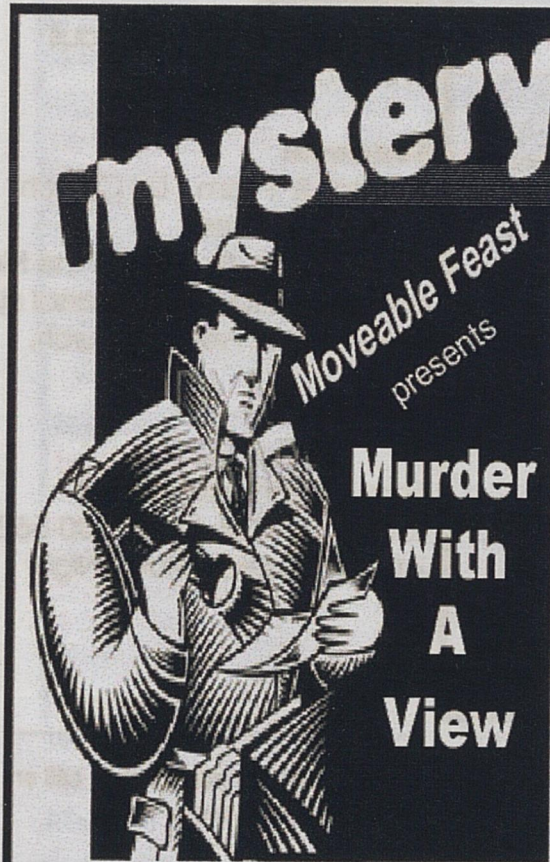
Miss Gay Lexington

On Friday, June 16th
The Bar Complex
will present
The Miss Gay Lexington Pageant.

Thank You

The GLSO Board is very appreciative of the team of volunteers that bought the paint and worked many hours to give the the Pride Center a new look. Kirsten Perkins headed up the project and worked with Jean Waits, Lindsay Mattingly, Jackie Cobern, Ondine, Kendra, Sondra Mellott, and Dana. The results are amazing. If you didn't make it to the Open House on the first of June, drop by and see what a great job they did.

Pride Services offered by
Religious Organizations are
detailed on pages 18 - 19.



A Dinner Theater

presentation

Saturday, June 17, 2006

8:00 p.m.

Christ Church Cathedral's Great Hall

Admission \$35.00 per person

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June 11

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BOWLING FOR FAIRNESS

In celebration of June Pride Month, the Bluegrass Chapter of the KFA is hosting its annual bowl-a-thon. The Bowl-a-thon will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Collins Southland Lanes, 205 Southland Drive, Lexington. The entry fee is \$15.00 per person. Registration will begin at 1:30 with bowling at 2:00. Bowling should be completed by 4:00.

This is a benefit fundraiser for the Bluegrass Chapter of the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, and it is our hope that a number of organizations will sponsor a team of four bowlers. Funds that are raised will help defray some of the legal expenses associated with the lawsuit filed by KFA and Christina Gilgor challenging the budget appropriation to the University of the Cumberlands. (See related article).

For pledge sheets please go to our website bluegrassfairness.org or Kentuckyfairness.org and download the pdf file. Then take it to your friends and ask them to sponsor you as a Bowler for Fairness. You can also pick up a copy of the pledge sheet at the Pride Center.

There are FOUR ways you or your team can win!

Each bowler who brings in a minimum of \$50 in pledges will bowl for free.

The name of the winning team in Lexington, and its sponsor will be added to the traveling trophy as the winner of the 2006 bowling competition.

A bowler can win a special prize by getting a strike when the colored pin is in the head pin position.

First, second and third place trophies will be given to the top three bowlers.

In addition, we will be offering a fifty fifty raffle. So, if your bowling is not quite up to par, you still have a chance to win some money.

In a No-tap Monte Carlo event, knocking down nine pins (as opposed to ten) is scored as a strike. Periodically a colored pin will appear in the head pin

position. If you bowl a true strike (not a no-tap) you will win a special prize.

An established average is NOT required and NO experience in bowling is necessary. All you need to do is bring yourself and have a good time bowling with other fair minded folk!! **Remember if you bring in \$50 in donations you will bowl for free.**

For further information, call Jim Dickinson at 252-5801 (e-mail JLD50ALJ@qx.net) or Shawn Fritz at 859.351.4650. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 24th at 1:30 p.m. Good luck and good bowling.

Volunteer Awards Banquet

**Please Come to the Banquet
It will make you feel proud of our
GLBTQ Community!**

The Volunteer Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, June 25 at 5 pm. Please call Bill at the Pride Center (253-3233) to reserve your place. The cost is \$25 per person. We will have home made vegetarian and vegan meals along with meals for the carnivores among us. This is a fund raiser for GLSO to help us cover our basic expenses for the Pride Center.

Each group has the opportunity to recognize a person from their organizations as their volunteer of the year. Although most volunteers give their time out of the goodness of their hearts and not for awards, public recognition is important and can feel wonderful. It also benefits our whole community to hear how people are working in a variety of ways for the good of us all.

We are still taking nominations for the Wasson (individual) and Rainbow Community Service (group) Awards. Please write a short paragraph of why you think the individual or group is deserving of the award and email it to lexingtonglso@yahoo.com or bring it into the Pride Center by June 11.

Everyone in the community is welcome to come by the Pride Center to vote between June 12 and June 18. The winners will be honored at the Banquet.

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We want YOU!

Calling all community members: Do you want to make a difference? We want to hear your ideas. The GLSO is holding a Community Forum on Saturday, July 12 from 12-2pm at the Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church located at 180 E. Maxwell St.

This forum is a way for community members to voice their opinions on the services offered by their community center. We want your input on how to improve existing services, ideas for new activities, suggestions on how to get our name out, and any other thoughts you would like to share to improve the state of our community.

The forum will be structured in a manner that will allow for participants to brainstorm together and write down their suggestions. When we did this over ten years ago, the local Fairness group was started! A free lunch will be served! Bring your ideas and a friend!

ACTOUT TRYOUTS

GLSO theater group, ActOut, has scheduled "Dog Opera" by Constance Congdon as their next theatrical production. Tryouts will be at the Pride Center on Thursday, June 22 at 7 pm and on Saturday, June 24 at 4 pm.

The play calls for seven performers, five men and two women, ages 18 - 60. Performance dates are between August 18 and 26. Call Terry at 859 576-5262 for information.

Pride Night King's Island

The Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Greater Cincinnati is again hosting a King's Island Pride Night on September 29. GLSO is selling tickets through the Pride Center, 389 Waller Ave., Lexington, 859 253-3233. Tickets are \$41.99

The GLSO Web Site
www.glsopc.org

**KICK OFF
PRIDE MONTH**

**COMMUNITY:
AN ART EXPOSITION
AND RECEPTION**

**Thursday, June 1st 7-9 p.m.
GLSO Pride Center 389 Waller Ave.**

**TO COMMEMORATE A NEW LOOK
FOR OUR PRIDE CENTER.**

KY Fairness Alliance

Takes Action

By now many Kentuckians and, due to national press coverage in media outlets such as The Advocate, many people across the country already know that Governor Ernie Fletcher failed to use his power of veto to deny the University of the Cumberlands the privilege of public funds. Fletcher pandered to his GOP base by vetoing millions of dollars directed toward many public universities while allowing tax dollars to enhance a sectarian school that discriminates by nature of its own written policy against the GLBTQ community.

The governor has asked the courts to determine the constitutionality of the appropriation, but his actions represent too little, too late in the minds of many Kentuckians. The Kentucky Fairness Alliance's executive director had already filed her own lawsuit in Franklin Circuit Court to challenge the validity of utilizing public funds for discriminatory, denominational institutions.

In immediate response to Fletcher's decision, Christina Gilgor, executive director of KFA, filed a lawsuit on the grounds that as a resident of Kentucky she opposes her tax dollars supporting private schools that do not give all citizens the same consideration and treatment across the board. Since filing as a private individual, Gilgor's legal team has amended the lawsuit to add the Kentucky Fairness Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing equal protection under the law for the LBTQG community, as a plaintiff.

Gilgor and KFA have recruited an outstanding legal team. David Tachau leads the team, which includes Dennis Stutsman of Legal Aid of the Bluegrass and Senator Ernesto Scorsone as well as certain individuals from the ACLU. The legal team stands united in presenting a solid argument that demonstrates how the use of public funds for the University of the Cumberlands violates six different

sections of Kentucky's constitution. Furthermore, Tachau and his compañeros will keep the lawsuit moving full force by initiating in the coming weeks a discovery process through the seeking of documents and testimony directly from the University of the Cumberlands.

While the legal team pushes forward, the KFA continues seeking support for the proceedings. Staff members have contacted 35 different progressive organizations in an effort to seek solidarity amongst fair-minded Kentuckians. KFA has asked these organizations to assist in one of three ways: 1) the organization may issue a formal statement that signals full support, 2) it may file an amicus brief, which is a legal document that indicates support but falls short of acting as a plaintiff in the lawsuit, or 3) it may sign on to the lawsuit as a formal plaintiff. Already certain organizations have agreed to issue formal statements and amicus briefs.

Clearly, KFA takes the lawsuit seriously and will continue to pursue it vigorously. In the meantime, people will be able to find members of KFA at various community activities abounding in the coming months. People should look for information on a bowl-a-thon in June as well as a KFA presence at the Pride Picnic on Windy Knoll Farm June 18th and in the July 4th parade.

As always, KFA looks for support from more than just organizations. It wants to see individual people participating. Already more than 100 people added themselves to the KFA mailing list in the wake of the University of the Cumberlands incident, but KFA needs the support of every single person. For ways on becoming active and to get the latest news, go to www.kentuckyfairness.org or call 866-205-3239.

**Deadline for Newsletter is
always the 15th of the month.**

The newsletter will be put together between the 12th and the 20th the next two months. (July & Aug Issues)

So be on time or be left out!

Couples Relationship Workshop "Getting The Love You Want"

Jessica Bollinger, LCSW and a trained Imago therapist, is offering weekend workshops on: **June 16 - 18, and July 28 - 30.** Imago "Getting the Love you Want" workshops can transform your relationship. They are great for new couples, for people who want to revitalize their relationship, and for couples who are in conflict.

The workshops include brief lectures, movie clips, music and opportunities for private reflection and sharing with your partner. Jessica creates a safe space in which to learn. Your work with your partner will involve pairing off from the group at various intervals during the weekend. Share with the group only that which feels comfortable.

The workshop is worth 3 to 6 months of weekly couple therapy. You can expect to develop new communication skills, techniques to increase positive interactions in your relationship, tools to

turn conflicts into opportunities for deeper understanding of self and partner, and new desire and ability to have fun together.

The Fee is \$700 with a \$50 discount for registering 30 days in advance. If you refer another couple who both registers and participates with you at the same workshop, you will receive a \$200 rebate after the workshop. Two such couples will bring you a \$400 rebate.

If after participating in the entire workshop, you believe the experience was not beneficial to you and you give written notice to the presenter within an hour after the end of the workshop, your money less \$150 for materials will be refunded to you within five business days.

For questions or to register, phone Jessica at (859) 552-6533, or e-mail: jessica@imagoconnection.com. Jessica also does couple therapy using Imago techniques. Give her a call.

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Religious and Spiritual Resources

Jubilee Fellowship

On June 25th we invite couples who presently or at some time have made a confession of faith in Christ to stand in God's presence to receive a couples' blessing. This will be an opportunity to affirm our faith in God as well as celebrate our commitments to our life partners in the presence of a supporting faith community. Reverend Jameela Malika from Hearts on Fire for God in Louisville will be officiating and bringing the message at this service. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions about these upcoming events please call the church at 514-5514.

Jubilee Fellowship will be meeting on Saturday night, June 10 for our weekly worship service. The next day we will be participating in the Pride Picnic. (see pages 4 and 11) We will meet every other Sunday for Worship at 11 am. Sunday School happens before worship at 9:30 and we hold a Friday night prayer meeting at 6 pm. We accept prayer requests sent to us by phone or email.

Do not hesitate to contact Pastor Cori Wood with any concerns or questions. I look forward to hearing from you. Call 859 514-5518 or email jfellowship@aol.com.



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Quakers

The Lexington Friends (Quakers) invite you to our Sunday Service at 10:30 am. We are located at 649 Price Ave, between 6th and 7th, parallel to N. Broadway. We sit in quiet meditation.

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Unitarian Universalist Church

The Unitarian Universalist Church is a welcoming congregation. Our Pride Month worship service is scheduled for June 18. The focus has not been agreed upon but I am hoping to include information about the growth of high school Gay Straight Alliances.

Activist students, with the help of a few sympathetic adults, have successfully started GSAs at Henry Clay, Tates Creek, and Bryan Station. Their success after many years of work by other students, is partly due to the support of Stu Siberman, Superintendent of schools.

Many young people, straight as well as GLBT, have been courageous in their public work in forming and joining these GSAs. Several of them attend the UU Church and I am hoping to have some of them talk about their participation.

After the service, we will show two short documentaries. **Out in the Heartland**, directed by Gretchen Hildebran, explores the human impact of the campaign to ban gay marriage on families raising children in Kentucky. Jennifer Crossen, Joan Callihan and their son David are featured. **No Dumb Questions** is about three young girls learning that their uncle is becoming their aunt. A warm and funny film. The films will start about 11:15 and there will be snacks available.

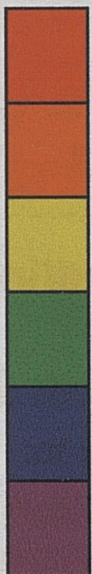
St. Mychal The Martyr

The mission of St. Mychal the Martyr Parish is to provide a church that welcomes all people because of their uniqueness and giftedness. We are a liturgical church whose worship is filled with ritual and whose heart is filled with joy and hope.

Our Pride Service will be on Sunday, June 25 at 10:30. Rev Ken Waibel will perform mass. We also hold Saturday Vespers at 5 pm. We are located at 1350 Eastland Dr., Suite #5, off Winchester Rd.

St. Mychal is a member of the Orthodox Catholic Church of America, a national denomination that is gay supportive, performs blessing of gay unions, welcomes divorced people, and ordains women into the orders of Deacon, Priest and Bishop. The Orthodox Catholic Church is one of about three dozen offshoots of the Roman Catholic Church. For info visit: stmychalthemartyr.org.

St. Mychal's has space available for meetings and receptions. Call 859 389-9418 or email kypadre@aol.com for more information.



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