The Pride Month Exhibit at the U. S. Courthouse and Federal Building at 8th and A Street will be on display for the entire month of June!

Saturday June 21
- 9am - 6pm: Identity Pride Booth at Anchorage Market/Festival (3rd & E), Pride ‘08 tees, stickers, info & more!
- 11am: Gay Memorial Service, Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery (6th & Fairbanks St., enter off Fairbanks St.).
- 8pm: Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Anchorage Pageant at Mad Myrna’s. $10.

Sunday June 22
- 9am - 6pm: Identity Pride Booth at Anchorage Market/Festival (3rd & E), Pride ‘08 tees, stickers, info & more!

Monday June 23
- Two Bear Tooth screenings of the movie Shelter. (1230 W 27th Ave).
- 5pm - 7pm: Rapid HIV testing provided free at the Four A’s offices (1057 W. Fireweed, Suite 102).

Tuesday June 24
- 5pm - 7pm: Rapid HIV testing provided free at the Four A’s office (1057 W. Fireweed, Suite 102).

Wednesday June 25
- Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) - Soul Food
- 5pm - 7pm: Rapid HIV testing provided free at the Four A’s office (1057 W. Fireweed, Suite 102).

Thursday June 26
7pm - 9pm: Drag Queen Bingo and food drive sponsored by Adam and Steve at Snow City Cafe. Admission is $5 unless you come in drag or bring 5 cans of food to benefit Four As. Why not do all three?

Saturday June 28
- 11am: The Parade!!
- Noon - 6pm: Pride on the Park Strip!! Festival and food drive to benefit Alaska Food Bank.
- 6pm - 10pm: Ever Ready will be performing live music at The Raven, no cover.
- 9pm: 9th Annual Allie’s Slave for a Date Auction at Mad Myrna’s. Must be 21 or older. $4.00.

Sunday June 29
- 2pm: Pride Service presented by Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Anchorage at St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church (corner of Duben Ave & Oklahoma St in NE Anchorage).
- 3-6pm: End of Pride BBQ presented by The Last Frontier Men’s Club at Alaska Bear Company (535 E. 6th Ave., behind Mad Myrna’s). This is an all ages event. $5.

New events are still being added. For the most complete and current schedule check www.AnchoragePride.com.
Get Involved!

New Parade Route

We have a new parade route this year as our old and familiar route will be blocked due to road construction. Now, pay attention because we do not want you standing all alone on the corner in your flowered fairy tutu costume while the rest of us are marching away on a different street. Check-in for the parade in the parking lot at 8th and D Street. Arrive at 9:30am if you are parading with a float or vehicle and 10:15 if you are walking.

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry

There is still time for you to march or have a float (it’s free) in the parade or have a vendor booth at the festival on the Park Strip. The deadline is the 21st, or later if there is room, and you beg sweetly.

Are you talented? There is still room for more performers on stage at the Park Strip.

Send an email to info@anchoragepride.com for more information about registering for the parade, a booth, or to perform. We want you!

Did You Know . . .

Imperial Court of All Alaska offers college scholarships. Applications can be picked up at GLCCA and are due July 31, 2008.

Coronation

Mark your calendars and get your reservations for Imperial Court of All Alaska Coronation XXXVI: A Tribute to Everyday Heroes. Events will take place August 28th through September 1, 2008. The actual coronation will be Sunday, August 31, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel

BBQ Picnic!

WHO: You!  
WHAT: BBQ and picnic  
WHERE: Goose Lake Pavilion, Anchorage  
WHEN: Thursday, July 17th, 5:30 - 8:00 pm  
WHY: To eat, relax, and socialize, of course!  
BRING: A dish to share

This year Identity, Inc. and PFLAG are combining their annual picnics into one giant BBQ picnic! If you are a volunteer for Identity, GLBT, or a parent or friend of a GLBT person, you are invited! Identity and PFLAG will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. You supply the side dishes.

Did You Know...

A few days ago the mayor of Berlin unveiled a new memorial in the city to commemorate the thousands and thousands of GLBT people who perished in the Nazi death camps, those who were imprisoned and survived, and as a reminder of the struggles for equality still faced by the GLBT population. The new memorial is located in Berlin’s Tiergarten Park opposite the Jewish Holocaust Memorial.
Did You Know . . .
Bernie’s is now selling pull-tabs for Identity?

Out the Door

Their term of office complete, Victor Carlson and Phyllis Rhodes walk out the door for the last time as co-chairs of the Identity, Inc. Board of Directors. Identity and the GLBT community have truly benefited from their great leadership and we look forward to continuing to work with them as they assume their positions as at-large board members (that means regular ol’ board members like the rest of us).

Thank you Victor and Phyllis!

My Parting Shot
Phyllis Rhodes

Wow!! Thanks for the ride!! As I worked with EVERYONE during my stint as co-chair of the Identity Board I’ve had more fun and excitement than one person should be allowed to experience.

But, please don’t think you are though with me—you’ll still have to watch for me coming after your support for Identity, Inc. programs in whatever form your support may be—your trust, your ideas, your confidence, your time, and, oh yes, your dollars!

I feel very comfortable—no, elated—at handing the co-chair reins over to Scott Turner and Anne Marie Moylan—they are so very capable and full of energy. Identity will be moving ahead under their guidance on our already successful programs plus the emerging programs of community advocacy, new involvement with our youth, and our new contacts with the AARP on issues for those GLBT individuals in the 50+ range.

I will continue on as administrative assistant and, in the absence of a “real” Executive Director, I’ll try to cover those responsibilities as best I can. Identity is still an all volunteer organization---all of our successes are ALL OF OUR SUCCESSES.

Expression of Appreciation
Victor Carlson

Upon the completion of my term as co-chair of the Identity Board of Directors, I want to thank each of you who have supported Identity over the years and everyone who has partaken and participated in the services Identity offers including the Community Center, the Helpline, the PrideFest activities, and the Pride Conference. It is only with your support and participation that Identity has continued to be successful. Also, I want to thank my fellow board members and especially Phyllis Rhodes, the co-chair to whom each of us is beholden for the high level of Identity’s success.

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In the Door

Scott Turner and Anne Marie Moylan enter the door for the first time to assume their positions as the newly elected co-chairs of the Identity, Inc. Board of Directors. While Scott and Anne Marie are excited to be the new co-chairs they note that Victor and Phyllis have left them with some mighty big shoes to fill.

Scott and Anne Marie look forward to hearing from YOU any thoughts or ideas you have to improve Identity, make Identity stronger, or help Identity to better serve our GLBTA community. Scott may be reached at mbak98@acsalaska.net and Anne Marie may be reached at amoylan@gci.net.

A giant welcome to our new fearless leaders!
Spotlight on . . .

Doug Locke and The Kodiak Bar and Grill

NV editor: Doug, please tell me your story.
Doug: I was a Midwestern farm boy who, when I was 13, dreamed of marrying someone like my partner of 24 years, Calvin Woodland. He supports me in all I do and is, like the song says, the wind beneath my wings.

NV editor: How did you come to own Kodiak?
Doug: From 1980-86 this spot was the original gay night club in Anchorage called The Village. It was owned by Myrna of Mad Myrna’s. Calvin and I met and fell in love at The Village. So, when the opportunity to purchase this spot became available in 2006, Calvin and I bought it.

NV editor: I have heard there is a story about a lamp.
Doug: I bought the lamp at an antique sale in 1985. It is an Art Deco piece that Calvin and I used as our bedroom lamp. There used to be a fireplace right here where the bar is now. I was 19 at the time and a little shy, so I sat behind the fireplace and watched all the activity around me. Calvin and I met by that fireplace. So, when we bought Kodiak, we placed the lamp in the exact spot we met and fell in love.

NV editor: You came full circle.
Doug: Yes. When I was 19 I took a business class and came here to The Village to interview Myrna. So, it is interesting that you are here interviewing me now. It is another full circle.

NV editor: Are you at all interested in giving advice or mentoring GLBT youth who might want to go into business?
Doug: I would love to share what I have learned about business and relationships with young people. They can contact me at DougL@GCI.net.

NV editor: What about relationships?
Doug: Dating for one thing. Calvin and I have been together for 24 years. We dated, a non physical relationship, and got to know each long before we moved to the next level. Dating seems to be a lost art that I would like to see revived.

NV editor: What hours does Kodiak operate?
Doug: Kodiak is an After Hours Club. One day it occurred to me that at 2:30 in the morning bars all along this strip were dumping out onto the street people who had been drinking for hours. I was concerned about the safety issue of this practice. At Kodiak, we stop serving all alcohol at 3:00 am but stay open until 6:00 am. The DJ continues to play and we serve coffee, soft drinks, and food. In fact, straight people from other bars are wandering in after the other bars close. The straight people get to be in a gay environment and see gay people interacting and maybe displaying affection or kissing. It encourages open integration between GLBT and straight people. So far there have been no problems over issues of sexuality.

We are open from 3:00 pm until 6:00 am. We have a DJ from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am Thursday through Sunday. We serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner foods.

NV editor: I have been under the impression Kodiak is a night club more for men than women.
Doug: Oh, no. We love our girls! Gotta have the girls, too. I love gay people and working in a gay environment.

NV editor: If you were king of the GLBT world, how would things be?
Doug: I’d love to see the bar owners be more cooperative and supportive of each other with less competition and rumors. I’d love for the Kodiak to be more involved with other groups such as the Imperial Court. I’d love for such organizations to let me know what they need and how I can be involved.

The Tour

On the ground floor are tables, the bar, dance floor, pole, wide screen TV, juke box, Megatough video game, and kitchen area. Next to the kitchen is a nice outside patio where Kodiak has BBQs every Sunday at 6:00 pm. Downstairs is the lounge and behind that the pool table and air hockey room. There is a framed sweatshirt which Doug won in a New Year’s drawing in 1981 at The Village. The sweatshirt is now back where it started.

A giant thank you to Doug and the Kodiak for all the support you provide to Identity, Inc. by selling Pull-tabs for us!

The Kodiak is located at 225 E 5th Avenue. Their phone number is (907) 258-5233.
Volunteers

Meet Shjorah A. Mendes, who likes to be called S.A.M. He is new to Alaska having moved here in August 2007 from New York.

S.A.M. likes walking and hiking. He is learning to roller skate and says that he finding rollersking with four wheels more challenging than rollerblading. He is also learning to ride a bicycle. S.A.M. used to love bowling but says he has not done it in a while.

Writing short stories about science fiction and “things that boggle the mind” as well as reading, anything, but especially science and transportation, “things that make things go,” are activities S.A.M. loves. He dabbles in astrology and numerology and enjoys music, especially classical, semi-classical, popular, and big band.

S.A.M. is currently looking for work. Do you have any leads for him? He can be contacted at Shjorah@gmail.com.

S.A.M. will be volunteering in GLCCA. Stop by and say hello!

Meet new Identity volunteer Jessica Bush, who prefers to be called Jess. She is from Anchorage. Jess is an animal lover who works as a vet tech at Chester Valley Animal Hospital. She volunteers at Anchorage Zoo and is a Defender of Wildlife activist.

She is also interested and active in GLBT issues in Alaska and Outside.

Boxing? Yes, Jess is learning to box. She loves to travel and engage in outdoor activities such as hiking, rafting, gardening and landscaping. On a more laid back note, Jess enjoys travel, cooking, performing arts, dabbling in art of all sorts, and reading (action, horror, true stories, current events, history) and writing. She is currently working on a novel. She sings and plays guitar, violin, and flute. She can be contacted at ak_gypsy77@yahoo.com.

Jess is volunteering at GLCCA. Please stop by and welcome her.

Meet Daniel Alvarez-Lemp, one of Identity’s energetic and enthusiastic new volunteers. He is from Giessen Germany.

Daniel describes himself as a social kind of guy who likes to spend his time hanging out with friends and meeting new people. He says that it is not where he hangs out that is important but with whom. When he is not able to be with his friends, Daniel likes to read Mangas (Translation for the over 30 crowd: Japanese comic books), play video games, especially first and third person shooter games and RPGs (Translation for the over 30 crowd: role playing games), and attend the occasional rave. He enjoys techno electronica music (Translation for the over 30 crowd: loud noise). And, Daniel loves to drive.

He hopes to attend UAA in the fall to pursue a degree in theater with the goal of becoming a screen actor. Daniel says he loves acting because he gets to be someone else and live in and explore their situation and still go back and be himself. So, any interested independent film makers out there can contact Daniel at dutchland90@yahoo.com.

Daniel will be working at GLCCA. Come by and chat!

Did You Know...

There is a new club in town and they are selling pull-tabs for us. The Out @ Night Club is located in the old Timeout Lounge at 4600 Old Seward. They are billing themselves as Gay Friendly Thursday through Saturday nights and will have a DJ during those times. Check them out and buy some pull-tabs!

Winner!

Cam Bonham won the $50.00 gift certificate to TitleWave Books by being the first to answer NorthView’s April contest questions. The questions and Cam’s winning answers can be seen at www.identityinc.org.
Adoption Notice

Won’t you join these proud new adoptive parents of third quarter (Jul, Aug, Sept) orphan days and adopt an orphan day of your own? Or, adopt a fourth quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec) orphan day and let us post the adoption notice here! There are so many orphan days waiting to be adopted and paying $50.00 to adopt a day just has to be easier than giving birth to one. We gladly adopt to single parents!

July
7/1 Julie Schuh & Gayle Schmidt 5th Anniversary of arriving in AK
7/7 Nance & Terri Blake-Anderson 5 years together
7/9 Carrie Heaton Jen S & Karen S Birthdays
7/13 La Fleur Graphic Design In memory of Angie La Fleur
7/14 Patty Wong Happy Birthday
7/17 Denise Trujillo Happy Birthday, DAT
7/17 Charles Hamilton George
7/20 Bert Mead Fran and Apple’s Anniversary
7/21 Kirt Beck & Roger Crandy Married 2003
7/22 Dan & AL Carter-Incontro 5th Wedding Anniversary
7/30 Phyllis Rhodes Karl Wade
7/31 Bert Mead & Steve Cook Jackie & Dawn’s Birthday + 4 months

August
8/1 Julie Schuh & Gayle Schmidt 1st wedding anniv. & 31 yrs. Together
8/2 Kate Lehn & Yolanda Mezu Cady & Shelly’s Wedding
8/4 Phyllis Rhodes Chuck Hart
8/7 Pam Richter In memory of Docket
8/17 Charles Hamilton Christopher
8/17 Patty Wong Happy Birthday, Pam
8/17 Pam Richter Happy Birthday
8/17 Bert Mead In honor of Dan Carter
8/18 Lavon Ausman In memory of Marlene
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8/24 Michael Haase Happy Birthday, Michael Kligel
8/29 Jo Neumaier
8/30 Susan Niman Jackie & Dawn’s Birthday + 5 months
8/31 Phyllis Rhodes Christie Schultz

Since many people have special days on the same date, a date may be adopted more than once by different people. It cost $50.00 to adopt-a-day - the approximate cost of keeping GLCCA open for a day. You can adopt-a-day via telephone by calling GLCCA at 929-4528. You can adopt-a-day online by going to WWW.IdentityInc.org and clicking on “donate now.” Then simply “designate” your $50.00 for adopt-a-day and “dedicate” your day if you wish. Last of all, click on “Giving Cart” to complete the adoption. You can adopt-a-day in person by coming into GLCCA at 336 East 5th Avenue or by snail mail: Identity, Inc. P.O. Box 200070 Anchorage, AK 99520. Whew! You could be the proud new parent of a day or two in just a few short minutes.

Pride Food Drives

The first food drive is sponsored by Adam and Steve to benefit the clients of Four As. It will be held Thursday, June 26th, 7-9 pm at Snow City Cafe. If you bring five or more cans of food, you can even stay and play Drag Queen Bingo for free!

The second food drive is a gift from the GLBTA community (that’s you and me) to the Alaska Food Bank. It will be held Saturday, June 28, from noon to 6pm at the Park Strip. Bring non perishable food items to the Park Strip and look for Alaska Food Bank’s containers.

Any non perishable food items are needed and appreciated but, if you can afford it, why not go to a warehouse store and buy a case or two of food and generously support both food drives!

Pride Contest

This issue’s contest is to test your knowledge of Gay Pride symbols - or your ability to do some fast online research. The first person to submit the correct answers to NorthViewContest@gmail.com wins a $50.00 gift certificate to Title Wave Books. As usual, Identity Board members are not allowed to play.

1. What are the colors in a gay pride flag?
2. What event gave rise to the pink triangle as a symbol of gay pride?
3. What is a labrys?
4. What group claims overlapping pink and blue triangles as their pride symbol?
5. What does a pink triangle pointing upward signify?
6. What group does the black, blue, and white striped pride flag represent?
7. What is the transgender pride symbol?
8. What is a Bear and what do the colors in their pride flag represent?
9. What is a lambda and what does it represent?
10. What does the red ribbon represent?
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