


**THE
(F)AMILY (A)FFAIRS (N)EWSLETTER**

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TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
THE MORE FOLKS WHO TAKE PART, THE BETTER.**

1 APRIL 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) MEET THE BUNNY! You've heard about him, you've gotten upset about him, maybe you've even made some phone calls or written some letters about him! Now you can see him! We've gotten access to a copy of the "banned" Postcards From Buster episode from the public television system wherein poor Buster travels to Vermont to investigate maple-syruping and meets two lesbians and their kids. We'll be having a showing of that episode, exclusively for FAN subscribers and their kids. Check out the listing below for APR 3.

(NEWS #2:) Northern Maine Pride is beginning to plan for this year's Pride events. Planners and volunteers are needed to make it happen. See the listing below for APR 4.

(NEWS #3:) UMaine Pride Week is happening April 4 - 9. They've got lots of fun things going on! Check out the listings below.

(NEWS #4:) Mary Bonauto, one of GLAD's lead attorneys in the Massachusetts Marriage Equality fight, will be speaking at UMO as part of their Pride Week. Check out the listing below for APR 6.

(REMINDERS #1:) You can help the newsletter by sending me notices of upcoming GLBTI-related activities that you hear about in your area. Trust me, I would rather receive the same notice from 8 people than have everyone assume that I know about it and miss the chance to tell other GLBTI family members. Email megress@tds.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This category is for non-social notices about GLBTI community members that you think other GLBTI community members might like to know about...things like: births, deaths, adoptions, commitments, graduations, promotions, new jobs, awards, shows, ongoing classes, etc.

no announcements this issue

EVENTS:

* **APR 1 (Friday)**, Rockport, Greater Belfast/Camden/Rockland Area **social/support group for lesbians over 40**. From 6:30-8:30 pm at the By-Water Cafe in Rockport. Coffee and pastries are available for purchase. FMI contact Pat at 763-3115 or at patput@midcoast.com

* **APR 1 (Friday)**, Brewer, 8 pm, **Aprils' Fool, A Night of Smiles, Laughter & Wonder** (stories and monologues by Chris Newcomb). Suggested donation is \$3. An accomplished actor and storyteller, Newcomb has appeared in a variety of plays, commercials and independent movies. He is host and producer of OFF CENTER WITH CHRIS NEWCOMB, an award winning public access TV show airing in Portland, ME. Chris lives in Orono and is a teacher of the Gifted & Talented for the Brewer School District. Newcomb's stories contain interesting characters who bring unique twists to long-held notions. Come smile, laugh, and wonder as Chris is joined by students from Brewer Middle School to tell these fantastic tales. A portion of the proceeds will go to Brewer Middle School Robotics Team. FMI call 866-4866 or email newk@gwi.net

- * **APR 3 (Sunday)**, Bangor, 4 pm (remember, it's now daylight savings time), **Postcards From Buster (the lesbian episode)**. Come join us for a screening of the "controversial" Buster-meets-someone-your-kids-shouldn't-know-about show. We'll have popcorn and ice cream and a fun time. **Children are absolutely welcome**. Screening starts at 4 pm. Arrive any time after about 3:15 pm. FMI/directions contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net
- * **APR 3 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 1:00 - 3:30 pm (remember, it's now daylight savings time), group **planning meeting for the lesbian retirement home**. Group will meet at Virginia's place in downtown Belfast. FMI/location/directions etc. contact Gabrielle at gabrielle@prexar.com or call Virginia at 338-1729
- * **APR 3 (Sunday)** Augusta, 4 - 6 p.m. (remember, it's now daylight savings time), **Transcare2000 Social Support Group, for transgendered individuals**, their families, friends, partners and interested professionals age 18 or older. This is a moderated group to provide non-sexual social time to explore gender in a safe environment. Donations asked to help defray the cost of room rental. FMI contact Marty at 582-8779 or at martyrnc@earthlink.net
- * **APR 3 (Sunday)** Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 5-7 pm (remember, it's now daylight savings time), at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI Native Americans AND their friends and supporters (whether Native American or not). Individuals are encouraged to bring a snack or drink. One of our goals is to create a circle of friends to share stories, snacks, etc. within a Native American context. FMI contact Sharon at 990-0605.
- * **APR 4 (Monday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 7 pm, 100 Neville Hall, **Danny Roberts from Real World: New Orleans**. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 4 (Monday)** Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Bangor Pride Festival**. Come one Come all. Bring your ideas and a good supply of elbow grease. If anything is going to happen for PRIDE this year, it is going to take EVERY ONE OF US! Organizational meetings will be on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park St, Bangor. Please contact me personally if you would like to attend. The size of the crowd will directly affect which room we will be using! FMI contact David at 745-4678.
- * **APR 4 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444
- * **APR 4 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.
- * **APR 5 (Tuesday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 9 pm, 100 Donald P. Corbett Hall, **Film: KINSEY**. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 6 (Wednesday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 12:15 pm, Bangor Lounge, Memorial Union. **Attorney Mary Bonauto: "The Future of Marriage Equality in New England"**. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 6 (Wednesday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 7:30 pm, location TBA, **Singer-Songwriter: Gina Young**. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 6 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.
- * **APR 7 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Man2Man**, 6-8 p.m., (for gay/bi/trans men) meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. This is a chance to meet and socialize with other like-minded individuals from the area and guests from all over. Occasional discussions include dating issues, relationships, eroticizing sex, and other topics relevant to mens' health. Meetings, calls, etc are completely confidential. Names and other information are not kept or given out. FMI Jason at 990-3626.
- * **APR 7 (Thursday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 7 - 9 pm, Walker Room, Memorial Union. **Wilde Stein Alliance Open House** with Free Food and T-Shirts. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 8 (Friday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 6:30 pm, FFA Room. **Date Auction Fundraiser** with Free Food. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 8 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Season's Hotel at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com
- * **APR 9 (Saturday)** Old Town, **Archery Fest**, 2 pm, at The Archer's Edge, 33 South Main St. Longbows, recurves, compounds - bring your bows and arrows and join us for some non-competitive archery shooting. Or, if you don't have archery equipment, the shop provides it for a minimal fee. It's a great family activity - fun and safe - and a good outlet for those Legolas and Robin Hood wannabees (of any age)! Indoor range. FMI call Chris at 359-8322.
- * **APR 9 (Saturday)** Orono, **UMaine Pride Week**, 8 - 12 pm, Stodder Commons, **Pride Dance and Drag Show** with Free Food, hosted by Miss Kitty Pride. FMI call 581-1439.
- * **APR 10 (Sunday)** Bangor, the monthly **Video And Potluck Dinner Night**, 6 pm at Jean's place. Potluck starts at 6 pm, video starts at 7 pm. Come for both or either. The April video will be the Cirque Du Soleil production of VAREKAI. For directions contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net.
- * **APR 10 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 1:00-3:00 pm (or a little longer), **Lesbian Brunch**. This is a potluck, bring 'something' to share: art, food, an issue or topic, poem, book, etc. This will be at Virginia's place, a third floor walkup in downtown Belfast. FMI and/or directions call Virginia at 338-1729 or email atbay@midmaine.com
- * **APR 11 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network

Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

* **APR 11 (Monday)** Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Bangor Pride Festival**. Come one Come all. Bring your ideas and a good supply of elbow grease. If anything is going to happen for PRIDE this year, it is going to take EVERY ONE OF US! Organizational meetings will be on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park St, Bangor. Please contact me personally if you would like to attend. The size of the crowd will directly affect which room we will be using! FMI contact David at 745-4678.

* **APR 13 (Wednesday)** Ellsworth Area, **Gay Guyz Group (GGG) Potluck Dinner**, 6-9 pm-ish at various locations in the greater Ellsworth Area. FMI and to get directions and time contact Wayne at wayne@mrlanguage.com

* **APR 16 (Saturday)**, Ellsworth, 6 p.m. **PIGS (Pride In Gastronomy Social) dinner**. Join other GLBTI family members for a fun evening at one of the local restaurants to hob-nob and visit with old and new friends. This month's gathering will be at Pizza Hut, 211 High St. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED. FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean (no later than Friday, April 15th) at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **APR 18 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

* **APR 18 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

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* **APR 21 (Thursday)**, Bangor, **Man2Man**, 6-8 p.m., (for gay/bi/trans men) meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network at 370 Harlow St. This is a chance to meet and socialize with other like-minded individuals from the area and guests from all over. Occasional discussions include dating issues, relationships, eroticizing sex, and other topics relevant to mens' health. Meetings, calls, etc are completely confidential. Names and other information are not kept or given out. FMI Jason at 990-3626.

* **APR 22 (Friday)** Rockland, **Rainbow Family Potlucks**, 6 pm, at the First Universalist Church at 345 Broadway in Rockland. The Rainbow Family includes LGBTIQ people and their family, friends, and allies. These gatherings provide the opportunity for us to gather as a community, to enjoy each other's company over a great meal, and to share information. Please come and bring a friend. If you would like to be on our email list to be notified of future events, or if you have questions, email Annie and Lucie at lbak@att.net See you there!

* **APR 22 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Over 40 Happy Hour**, 5-7 pm. Interested in meeting other lesbians over 40? Let's meet for happy hour at the Lounge in the Four Season's Hotel at the Bangor airport. Parking is free with validation at the lounge. Nice lounge, quiet atmosphere, not too many people, and there is a pool table. What do you have to lose? Meet new friends. Hope to see you there. FMI contact Linda at 827-0061 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com

* **APR 24 (Sunday)**, Mt. Desert Island, join us for an afternoon of **cycling in Acadia National Park**. We'll ride on the loop road. It's beaches, trees, great views of the ocean, fresh air, easy peddling on a paved road, (maybe even full-loop and half-loop options for the less adventurous), followed by dinner at a restaurant in Bar Harbor for those folks who want to partake. Ride will start at noon. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **APR 25 (Monday)** Rockland Area, **Coastal Outright** (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22), meets Mondays at the Coastal AIDS Network Warren office, 7 pm. FMI contact Carolyn at 273-3444

* **APR 25 (Monday)** Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Bangor Pride Festival**. Come one Come all. Bring your ideas and a good supply of elbow grease. If anything is going to happen for PRIDE this year, it is going to take EVERY ONE OF US! Organizational meetings will be on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park St, Bangor. Please contact me personally if you would like to attend. The size of the crowd will directly affect which room we will be using! FMI contact David at 745-4678.

BUSINESSES

(NEW LISTINGS OF GLBTI-OWNED BUSINESS and GLBTI BUSINESS INDIVIDUALS):

The complete directory-to-date of folks who have asked to be listed is available on request. Also, it will be emailed to everyone next on June 15. If you are a GLBTI business owner or an "out" GLBTI business person associating with a non-GLBTI-owned business (within a 50 mile radius of Bangor) who wants a free listing, then contact me. I'm Jean at megress@tds.net or at 862-2063.

GLBTI COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:

The Charles O. Howard Foundation promotes education about diversity, acceptance, and tolerance. The foundation organizes a number of social events throughout the year to help raise funds for its work. Friendly volunteers are always needed. FMI contact Dan at 942-9319. Or check the web sites at www.charlesohoward.org or at www.mainevoices.org

Equality Maine (formerly MLGPA), has been providing education and legislative advocacy for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1984. It sponsors a variety of social and legislative educational events each year and is always looking for volunteers and new members. If you're not a member, you should be. FMI contact Equality Maine at 207-761-3732 or toll free at 1-800-556-5472. Their email address is info@equalitymaine.org and the web site is www.equalitymaine.org

Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN). To promote the safety and well-being of all students and teachers in our schools, without regard to sexual orientation. We undertake to educate and train school personnel, and to reach out to students who may be

questioning their sexual orientation or who know that they are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. We are teachers, parents, school administrators, counselors, and other interested citizens; men and women, gay and straight, working together. FMI contact the Downeast Maine Chapter at PO Box 373, Ellsworth, ME 04605. OR phone 244-3837 or 667-2358. OR check the local web site at www.bridgesofrespect.net OR check the national web site at www.glsen.org

Mainely Bears is a social group in Maine for gay bears and their admirers. Most of our events are held in the Mid-Coast and Downeast areas from Brunswick to Camden, Belfast, Waterville, Bangor, Ellsworth, Bar Harbor, to Machias. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact bgrbear@hotmail.com OR write to us at Mainely Bears, PO Box 8318, Bangor, ME 04402-8318 OR check the web site at www.mainelybears.com for upcoming activities.

Northern Maine Pride works to promote pride within our community and diversity and acceptance outside our community. They sponsor a variety of social and pride events during the year and are always looking for new members and volunteers to help with planning and organizing. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 4 pm. FMI call Dave at 884-4274, or 745-4678, or 1-866-868-glb. www.northernmainepride.com OR email: northernmainepride@earthlink.net

Transcare 2000 provides transsexual education, professional educational seminars, group moderation, counseling, and referrals for the trans community. Private duty nursing care and consultations by a registered nurse for post-operative transsexuals. Presentations on "Post Operative Transsexuals, a Study of Integration." FMI contact Marty at martymc@earthlink.net OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at <http://www.transcare2000.com>

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

If you are a GLBTI family member who has a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) that you would like to rent to another GLBTI family member, OR if you are a GLBTI family member looking for a living space to rent from another GLBTI family member, then this is the category to post to. Send your listings to me, Jean, at megress@tds.net

Augusta, apartments for rent. Great location, gay manager, pet friendly, 2 or 3 bedroom apartments in very quiet building. Get a \$100 discount on your first month's rent. FMI call Natty at 207-623-5090 or cell at 441-6853.

Augusta/Rockland area, apartment or house-sharing wanted. Employed lady looking for a housing situation. I would prefer to start small and perhaps rent or barter for a room or small space in exchange for painting, cleaning, dog/cat care, or like services, until I can find a more permanent arrangement. I can be reached by phone at 207-685-3329 or through my email address at 1mermaid@midmaine.com Ask for Martha.

Bangor, house rental wanted. I am looking to rent a house somewhere in Bangor. I have 2 cats who are housebroken and very clean. Minimum requirements: two bedroom, price range \$550.00 - \$750.00. Contact Gary at gm1956@adelphia.net

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at atbay@midmaine.com OR at 338-1729.

Fairfield, house sharing available. Professional male seeks same to help me with expenses by sharing my home in Fairfield. Must love my 3 small dogs! Call Steve at 453-7401 for details or interviews.

Portland, apartment sharing available. Simply...quiet...sunny... Female housemate wanted to share three-bedroom, first-floor apartment in USM neighborhood. Old victorian, GREAT neighbors, FABULOUS landlord, off-street parking, wood floors, huge walk-in pantry and newly remodeled kitchen, front and back porches, clawfoot tub, yard, charming garden, garage, basement storage. Share with funny, respectful, professional writer (woman 53). No pets, no smoking, rent includes heat/hot water. FMI contact Carolyn at 207-774-4231.

PERSONALS:

no personals this issue

THE WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, AND HOW OF THE FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER.

All communications to FAMILY AFFAIRS should be sent to megress@tds.net (Be sure to include the words "family affairs" in the subject line).

WHAT IS "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

FAMILY AFFAIRS is a free, twice-a-month, social activities newsletter for the GLBTI (gay/les/bi/trans/intersexed) community. It is sent out on the 1st and 15th of each month. It is centered in Bangor and covers a 50 mile radius around the city.

WHO CAN SUBMIT NOTICES TO "FAMILY AFFAIRS" ?

Anyone! This is your chance to organize your own activities and get some GLBTI-family company for those fun and interesting things you'd like to do. Do you want to host a potluck, attend a concert, or have someone to join you on that bus tour to Boston? Are you looking for someone to join you at the hockey or baseball games, for hiking, or to go to that special art exhibit? Are you looking for canoeing, golfing, camping, or fishing partners? This is the best place to look. Think up something fun to do, organize it, and let us know about it....it's easy!

CAN I ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE "EVERYONE" ?

Yes. People who want to organize an activity for the GLBT and/or I community are free to set whatever requirements or restrictions they want to on the activity they're organizing. If you want to organize a "women only" camping trip, a "men only" drumming night, a "youth from

age 18-24 only" dance, or a day trip to a water park for GLBTI "couples with children", that would be fine.

CAN I POST A SOCIAL ITEM THAT'S NOT GLBTI FOCUSED?

But of course! Not everyone who watches women's basketball is a lesbian! If you want to organize an activity around something that is "mostly-straight-but-GLBTI-friendly", then do it!

HOW DO I GET ONTO OR OFF THE MAILING LIST ?

Just email me and ask to be put on (or taken off) the list: megress@tds.net

CAVEATS:

All newsletters are emailed BCC, and the email list is not given out to anyone. Still, keep in mind that while this newsletter is for the GLBTI community, not everyone on the mailing list may be a "family" member. People ask to be put on the list and I put them on. There is no interview process or attempt to verify "queer" status. It's up to you to behave appropriately for whatever level of anonymity/security you feel you need.

Jean Vermette

From: "Jean Vermette" <megress@tds.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2005 9:47 PM
Subject: ADDENDUM TO THE 04/01/05 FAMILY AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

Hey Everyone,

This item came in to me about 30 minutes **after** the FAN was mailed out. Since I actually sent The FAN out about an hour before I usually do, I'm going to say that it met the submission deadline by a cat's whisker. That, and the fact that the event takes place before the next issue comes out, convinced me that I should make an exception and do a special mailing for it. So here it is. Add it onto your calendar.

* **APR 12 (Tuesday)** Waterville, 8 pm, **The Kinsey Sicks (a dragapella group)**, will be performing their amazing "I Wanna Be A Republican Show" at the Wadsworth Gymnasium at Colby College. The Kinsey Sicks combine award-winning a cappella singing, sharp satire and over-the-top drag, and have been profiled on national television and in the New York Times. Their's is a hilarious blend of Queer, Jewish, and Liberal humor. Seating is somewhat limited, and we expect seats to go fast, so it's in people's best interest to reserve **free** tickets ahead of time, or show up early to the event. Any reserved tickets not claimed by 7:45 PM will be put back into the pool for everyone else. FMI and/or to reserve contact Matthew Ruby at mbruby@colby.edu