



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

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TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
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15 MAY 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) The schedule of events for the 2005 Northern Maine Pride Diversity Day is now OUT. Check the goings-on below on JUN 3 and JUN 4.

(NOTES #1:) With this issue, The FAN is now three years old!! At this time there are 322 folks on the mailing list.

(REMINDERS #1:) Northern Maine Pride will be holding a fund-raising yard sale on Saturday, May 21st. Proceeds will be used to help fund this year's Diversity Day celebrations. NMP would welcome any items in good condition that folks would like to donate to the yard sale. To make donations or FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 or David at 745-4678 or northernmainepride@earthlink.net

(REMINDERS #2:) Pre-registration for the Maine Youth Summit 2005 has now begun! This year's theme is: BUSY BECOMING. The Maine Youth Summit is a place for youth 22 and under to come together for a weekend with other youth from around the state and to educate themselves about the health issues of GLBTIQQA young people. This year's summit will be June 25-26 at Hebron Academy in Hebron, Maine and will feature Leslie Feinberg (transgender activist, organizer, and writer) as the keynote speaker. Contact outright@outright.org for pre-registration packet. Check out www.outright.org for the Maine Youth Summit link. Questions? Contact Lyndon at 1-888-567-7600 or lyndon@outright.org

(REMINDERS #3:) 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.

1. Gay potluck trying to organize. I am trying to organize a monthly gay men's potluck night in the Bangor area. If you are interested in taking part, contact Gary at 299-0720.

2. No Cost Mammograms, Breast Exams, & Paps. Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Intersex Friendly program. Caring Connections provides mammograms, breast exams, Pap tests, and further diagnostic testing to women 40 and over who qualify financially and do not have insurance that would cover these services. Qualified women in their 20's can receive breast exams, ultrasounds and other tests at no cost if they have a breast health symptom of concern. Women age 30 to 39 can receive these services if they have a symptom or a family history of breast cancer. FMI call 941-2808 ext 338 or email whi@ywcabb.org

3. Sign interpreters for deaf sought. Northern Maine Pride is trying to locate sign-interpreters who can volunteer a few hours to sign for the stage events at this year's Diversity Day on Saturday, June 4th. Interested persons can contact Dave at 745-4678 or Rob at 327-1009.

EVENTS:

- * **MAY 16 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.
- * **MAY 16 (Monday)**, Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Northern Maine Pride Festival**. Come one come all. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Organizational meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park st, Bangor. FMI contact David at 745-4678.
- * **MAY 16 (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
- * **MAY 18 (Wednesday)**, Augusta, **EqualityMaine LGBT Exposition at the State House**, 9 am - 1 pm. All LGBT organizations invited! Free of charge, lunch provided. FMI see <http://tinyurl.com/54fzl>
- * **MAY 18 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com
- * **MAY 19 (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.
- * **MAY 21 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Yard Sale** to benefit Northern Maine Pride and help fund the 2005 Diversity Day events. 9am - 3pm at the Hammond St Congregational Church (28 High St, corner of Hammond & High Streets). This is an indoor sale and will be held rain or shine. FMI call David at 745-4676 or Rob at 327-1009.
- * **MAY 21 (Saturday)**, Bangor, 6pm - 8pm, **Italiano Supremo Dinner**, it's an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper, including salad, garlic bread, and drinks. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Vegetarian sauce will be available. Kids under 12 eat free if accompanied by 2 adults. This is a fund-raiser for Northern Maine Pride to help fund the 2005 Diversity Day events. FMI call Rob at 327-1009 or David at 745-4676.
- * **MAY 22 (Sunday)**, Mt. Desert Island, join us for an afternoon of **cycling the loop road in Acadia National Park**. It's beaches, trees, great views of the ocean, fresh air, easy peddling on a paved road. (even full-loop and partial-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
- * **MAY 23 (Monday)**, Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Northern Maine Pride Festival**. Come one come all. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Organizational meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park st, Bangor. FMI contact David at 745-4678.
- * **MAY 23 (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
- * **MAY 25 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com
- * **MAY 27 (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!
- * **MAY 27 (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 Points Sheraton 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
- * **MAY 30 (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
- * **MAY 30 (Monday)**, Bangor, 6 pm, **planning meeting for the 2005 Northern Maine Pride Festival**. Come one come all. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Organizational meetings will be held on Monday evenings at 6 pm at the Universalist-Unitarian Church, 120 Park st, Bangor. FMI contact David at 745-4678.
- * **JUN 1 (Wednesday)** Belfast, **Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.
- * **JUN 1 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

- * **JUN 2 (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.
- * **JUN 3 (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
- * **JUN 3 (Friday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, MS NORTHERN MAINE PRIDE PAGEANT**, at Benjamin's After Dark, 123 Franklin St (under the Panda Garden Restaurant). Doors open at 8 pm, pageant starts at 9 pm. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door. See the ladies strut their stuff and show their talents in a competition to become the next Ms Northern Maine Pride. FMI and/or to arrange tickets contact Dave at 745-4678, email northernmainepride@earthlink.net OR Rob at 327-1009, email robnmp@wmconnect.com OR pick up tickets in advance while you're at Benjamin's After Dark (phone: 990-0440).
- * **JUN 4 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, ANNUAL DIVERSITY PARADE**. Parade forms at 12 noon in the city parking lot at the corner of Exchange and Washington Streets (directly across the road from Bangor True Value Hardware). Come with your friends, your family, your flags, and your PRIDE. This year's parade route will end at the same place it begins, so you won't have to worry about how to get back to your car!
- * **JUN 4 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, FAMILY PICNIC AND FESTIVAL**. The picnic will be at Hayford's Field off of Union St (that's where the swimming pool and the baseball diamond are) and will run from 1 pm to 4 pm. Bring your BBQ, lawn chairs, sandwiches, frisbees, etc. and Northern Maine Pride will provide the entertainment and the chance to spend an afternoon with other GLBTI families and friends. The Lil' Treasure Shoppe will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, sodas, and Pride items. The entertainment will be provided by local singers/songwriters Jessie Mallory and Julie Gagnon.
- * **JUN 4 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, GLBTI PROM NIGHT** at the Bangor Motor Inn. This is a semi-formal/formal evening to remember for you and/or someone special. RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED and will be accepted until June 1st. There are 3 different packages available. For Prom Only (which includes table reservation, an evening of dancing, entertainment, and cash bar) the price is \$20/single, \$30/couple. For Dinner and Prom (which includes all the above mentioned items PLUS a sit-down dinner) the price is \$50/single, \$75/couple. For Dinner/Prom/Accommodations (which includes everything listed above PLUS lodging for two at the Bangor Motor Inn) the price is \$150/couple. The sit-down dinner will be from 6-8 pm, the dance will be from 8-12 pm. FMI and/or to reserve contact Dave at 745-4678, email northernmainepride@earthlink.net OR Rob at 327-1009, email robnmp@wmconnect.com
- * **JUN 5 (Sunday)** Augusta, 4 - 6 p.m., 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
- * **JUN 6 (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
- * **JUN 6 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.
- * **JUN 8 (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
- * **JUN 8 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com
- * **JUN 10 (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 Points Sheraton 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
- * **JUN 11 (Saturday)**, Belfast, 6:00-ish to 8:30-ish, **lesbian potluck**. Join us for the Second Saturday Supper Gatherings 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
- * **JUN 11 (Saturday)** Acadia National Park, **day hike along Canyon Brook**. Canyon Brook is a wonderful stream that flows in a series of waterfalls down the south side of Cadillac Mountain. This is a moderate hike of about 4 - 5 miles total. Dogs are welcome. Those who wish will go into Bar Harbor afterwards for dinner at one of the restaurants. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net
- * **JUN 13 (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
- * **JUN 15 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Unitarian Church, 120 Park St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (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, snack, etc. within a Native American context. We meet every Wednesday to help one another explore our goals, fears or just to sit around the circle and make new friends. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

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 Monday at 6 pm. FMI call Dave at 745-4678. 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 martyrnc@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, apartment available. 2+ BR, Formal dining, nice sun porch. Wood flrs, claw foot tub, deck and fenced yard. All utilities and W/D included. Quiet 2 Unit building. No dogs/smokers. \$900 mo. Contact Angel at reangel@midmaine.com OR 942-5216.

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.

PERSONALS:

no personals this issue

SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:

If you're trying to sell/buy something, want to trade for something else, or have something to give away, this is the category to post to. The FAN makes no guarantees about anything listed here, we simply provide the free listing as a service.

no items in 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.