


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 JUNE 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Make sure you check out the last minute additions to the NMP Diversity Day schedule below on JUN 3-4.

(NOTES #1:) Results of latest poll: by a ratio of 11 to 1, folks have said they are willing to let me decide what/when/if to forward non-social items to The FAN mailing list. I will try to keep such forwards to a minimum (because the focus of The FAN is supposed to be social). If anyone asks me to forward an item and I say 'no', then I hope you will understand.

(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:

* **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 Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High 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 nativeglbt@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 patout@midcoast.com

* **JUN 3 (Friday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, MS NORTHERN MAINE PRIDE PAGEANT**, at the former 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 Rob at 327-1009, email robnmp@wmconnect.com

- * **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 be set up near the swimming pool. It will run from 1 pm to 4 pm. Bring your 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, meatball subs, 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. Cost for the Prom (which includes an evening of dancing and cash bar) is \$20/single, \$30/couple. The Prom will be from 8-12 pm. FMI and/or to reserve contact Rob at 327-1009, email robnmp@wmconnect.com
- * **JUN 4 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **NMP Diversity Day, CASUAL DANCING/MUSIC WITH CASH BAR**. For those folks who choose not to take part in the Pride Prom, the former Benjamin's After Dark (123 Franklin St - under the Panda Garden Restaurant) will be open by special arrangement with Northern Maine Pride to provide a place for folks to gather, dance, buy a limited selection of drinks, and continue the celebration of Diversity Day. Doors will open at 4 pm and the place will close at 1 am. Cover charge at the door is \$4/person. ID will be needed. Prom ticket holders (age 21 or older) get in for free.
- * **JUN 5 (Sunday)** Mt Desert Island, **Community Picnic and Auction to benefit Down East AIDS Network**, 2-5 pm. The event is being hosted by Atlantic Brewing Company and will be held at their location on the Knox Road in Town Hill on Mt Desert Island. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children (at the gate). Ticket price includes picnic of ribs, pulled pork, kielbasa, chicken, coleslaw, potato salad and corn on the cob. There will be beer and wine tasting and a cash bar. The auction begins at 3 pm. Offerings for the auction include: furniture, services, art work, and collectables.
- * **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 martyinc@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 Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High 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 & picnic 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. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net
- * **JUN 13 (Monday)**, Waterville, 7 pm, The **Waterville Area Guys Group (WAGG)** meets at the UU Church, 69 Silver St. WAGG is a social group for gay/bi/questioning men and men-who-have-sex-with-men. We gather for friendship and fellowship - not a sex group! This is a potluck dinner. Please bring something to share with the group - as simple or as fancy as you like. After we eat we are planning an open topic discussion, wrapping up by 9 pm. Hope to see you there! FMI/directions, contact Bill at watervilleareaguysgroup@yahoo.com
- * **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 Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High 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 16 (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 16-18 (Thu-Sat), Portland, The Maine Gay Men's Chorus' 2005 Pride Concert: DOUBLE TROUBLE.** This will be at the Williston West Church at 32 Thomas St. Thursday, June 16th at 8 pm. Friday, June 17th at 8 pm. Saturday, June 18th at 8 pm. Tickets available at www.maine-gay-mens-chorus.org or at Drop-Me-A-Line at 773-5547.

* **JUN 17 (Friday) Greater MDI area. Out On MDI Potluck Dinner.** This is a social potluck drop-in open to anyone lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning. This month's gathering will be held at Susan and Deann's place in Bernard. FMI and/or directions/time email Ann at alfhildanda@mac.com

* **JUN 18 (Saturday), Bucksport, 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 PIGS dinner will be held at Ming's Garden Chinese Restaurant (right on Main St in Bucksport, about 1/2 block from the Bucksport/Verona bridge). FMI and/or to reserve contact Jean (no later than Friday, June 17th) at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **JUN 19 (Sunday), Bangor, 12:30 pm, the annual WALK WITH THE ONE(S) YOU LOVE** in support of all people being allowed to love whoever they want. The event is open to all GLBTI folks and straight allies who are interested in supporting equality in our communities. The walk starts in Pickering Square at 12:30 and ends at West Market Square at about 1:30. Bring a friend and a flower! We will be stopping at the State Street bridge for a small dedication in Charlie Howard's memory. FMI contact Dan at knead2@netscape.com

* **JUN 20 (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 20 (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 22 (Wednesday), Bangor, Native American GLBTI support/friendship group, 6-8 pm,** at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High 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 24 (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 24 (Friday) Rockland, Rainbow Family Potlucks, 6 pm,** at the First Universalist Church at 345 Broadway in Rockland. The Rainbow Family includes LGBTQ 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!

* **JUN 25-26 (Saturday-Sunday), Hebron, Maine Youth Summit 2005!** 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 GLBTI/QA young people. This year's summit will be 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

* **JUN 26 (Sunday), Mt. Desert Island, join us for an afternoon of cycling the loop road in Acadia National Park.** It's water, trees, great views, fresh air, and a paved road, (we'll decide which of a variety of possible routes to take on the day of the ride). Afterwards, those folks who want to partake with go into Bar Harbor for dinner. Ride will start at noon. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **JUN 27 (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 29 (Wednesday), Bangor, Native American GLBTI support/friendship group, 6-8 pm,** at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High 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.

MASSAGE THERAPISTS:

Energetic Awakenings - Therapeutic Bodywork
PO Box 160
744 Main Rd North

Hampden, ME 04444
 ph: 207-461-5348
 email: slc75@adelphia.net
 proprietors: Suzanne & Sandi Carver
 Specializing in deep tissue and relaxation massage with integrative energy work.

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 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.

Eddington, housemates wanted. Looking for gay, bi, gay-friendly professional and/or graduate students only to share large, furnished home in Eddington. Wide pine floors, living room, dining room, large kitchen, fireplaces, storage, and enough other rooms for each of 3 tenants to have two private rooms each. Very comfortable. No pets, drugs or heavy drinking. Smokers OK if you smoke outside. Free use of hot tub, ping pong table, washer and dryer, 36 inch cable TV. Only 20-25 minutes to the UMaine campus. The rent for each person would be \$425/month plus utilities. Security deposit, lease, and references required from the last place you lived. Available June 15th, 2005. FMI contact Scott at chefguy@adelphia.net

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:

Looking for love. Male seeking a qualified individual for the position of Boyfriend, with possibility of advancement to Significant Other and/or Life Partner. Qualifications: ideal candidate must be caring, loving, sensitive, honest, good communicator. Sense of humor a BIG plus. Responsibilities: going out to dinner, going to the movies, talking, listening, laughing hysterically, renting DVDs, going camping, going on road trips, and many other mutually enjoyable activities. About the employer: he is charming, sweet, funny, witty, and loyal. Location: Maine. To apply, email Rob at robnmp@wmconnect.com Equal opportunity employer.

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 listings 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.