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

**FORWARD THIS OR PASS IT AROUND
TO AS MANY GLBTI-FAMILY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
THE MORE FOLKS WHO TAKE PART, THE BETTER.**

15 JULY 2005

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) Political notices. With important mid-term elections, the Supreme Court fight, and Maine's own GLBTI Civil Rights bill all boiling over in the next 4 months, I guess it's time to re-establish the ground rules for political notices in The FAN. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for all the gory details.

(NEWS #2:) Can you take part in a study about anti-GLBT discrimination in Maine? See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(NEWS #3:) Co-ed Flag Football. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(NEWS #4:) A great Rock-n-Roll music festival with a family member as one of the acts. See the Rockstock listing below on JUL 23.

(NEWS #5:) Lesbian Writer's Group. See JUL 22 below.

(NEWS #6:) The semi-annual Gay Men Together (GMT) gathering is now taking registrations for the GMT Fall 2005 event. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category.

(NOTES #1:) Correction of a listing. In the July 1 issue of The FAN I mistakenly listed the Lavender Letters (in the SOCIAL GROUPS category) as being a newsletter for the GLBTI community. I have been informed that the Lavender Letters is actually specifically for "lesbian-identified women". Sorry for the mistake.

(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 the GLBTI community and its 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, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.

Guidelines for political announcements in The FAN.

1. Political notices **MUST** have a social activity component to them. Postings for rallies of various sorts, envelope-stuffing parties, fund-raising dinners, etc. are all acceptable. Postings that simply state a position, ask for money, or ask for a vote are not acceptable.
2. Political notices must be related in an obvious way to GLBTI concerns. The Maine GLBTI Civil Rights Bill, that is obviously related to our concerns. A rally against bear baiting, that is not obviously related to our concerns.
3. This is an equal-opportunity newsletter. I'm just as willing to post stuff from the Log Cabin Republicans as I am from the Stonewall Democrats, or anyone in between.
4. If a posting is sent to me in time to be inserted in a regular issue of The FAN, then that is where it will appear. In politics, however, a lot of things seem to happen on 2 or 3 days notice. So, if I get a notice for an "emergency" rally that is taking place in 2 days, I will often do an unscheduled special mailing to everyone on the list to let them know about it. **The subject line of all unscheduled special postings will**

read: **THIS IS A FAN POLITICAL NOTICE.** That way, those folks who are not interested in such things can simply delete them without bothering to look.

5. Political postings will end on November 7th (the day before voting day).

Study of anti-GLBT discrimination.

The Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence (CPHV) is launching a statewide study to obtain information on the extent and impact of discrimination against members of Maine's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender communities. CPHV intends to collect this critical data by interviewing scores of GLBT individuals across the state, from York to Aroostook County.

This information is so critical because of the many Mainers who believe GLBT individuals should be treated fairly, but who do not believe that discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity is a real problem. CPHV hopes to provide Maine with a realistic understanding of anti-GLBT discrimination. In light of the upcoming November referendum, this project is of even greater importance.

We are currently interviewing individuals and intend to finalize data collection by mid-September. However, only with your assistance can we succeed in this much needed study.

We are looking for names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of individuals who have experienced discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression.

PLEASE HELP US by emailing or calling us to set up an interview, or by providing us with names and contact information of individuals who you believe would be willing to be interviewed. (Note: We will be using your name as a referral source.) These interviews will likely last between 1/2 hour to an hour, depending on the nature of your experiences. All interviews are voluntary and confidential. No names or identifying information will be used in materials or efforts resulting from this study or shared outside of our organization unless explicitly agreed to by the participant. Interviews can be conducted by phone if necessary.

FMI or to arrange an interview, contact the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence, GLBT Project Staff, at 207-780-4378 or email them at glbtproject@preventinghate.org

Co-ed Flag Football. I will preface this by saying I love to watch football. I will admit I know some of the rules, but I am not a football expert! However, I have always wanted to get a group of people together in the Bangor Area to play flag football. I would like to play once a week, maybe Saturday, but that is subject to negotiation. If you are interested please call Jen at 990-3731. I am looking for a group of people who want to have fun, learn the game, and not take themselves too seriously. By the way, if there is anyone who knows most of the rules and would be willing and patient enough to teach a group, that would be awesome.

Gay Men Together (GMT) gathering. Every spring and fall GMT hosts about 80 guys in central Maine, creating an opportunity for men to come together and celebrate being gay, unfettered, alive, and without shame. This fall's event will be SEP 30 - OCT 2 (Friday-Sunday), in the Augusta area. Registrations are now being accepted for GMT Fall 2005. If you register (and pay) by August 1st, there is a discount on the registration fee. FMI check the web site at <http://www.gaymentogether.net> or email Mark at gaymentogether@comcast.net

Northern Maine Pride's new web site is now up and running! Go to www.northernmainepride.com and check it out. Interested in joining NMP to work on behalf of our community? Click on one of the communication links and we'll get back to you.

Parents with young children gathering. Hello, I am a single lesbian parent with a 5 month old looking for other GLBTI parents with young children (possibly infant to age 3) to get together, either with or without the children, in Bangor or other nearby places. The structure of the gatherings will depend on the needs/wishes of those folks who want to participate. If there is anyone willing to help me organize this and get some people together to try it out, I would be grateful. Some activities I was thinking about were possibly: a picnic/BBQ in a park, arts and crafts day, meeting at the Discovery Museum or finding a quiet place just to hang out. You can contact me via email at beth_stepone@hotmail.com Thanks!

Ugly Ducklings Campaign. Hey! Help me fundraise for this fabulous lesbian theatre project! We will come to you! Do you know folks who would be interested in hosting a fundraising evening in their home for an exciting project? We will come to you with a lively and dramatic presentation about the campaign to produce my play UGLY DUCKLINGS here in Maine in September and the campaign to produce a documentary film about the show. FMI about the show, the documentary, the production team, and the project go to <http://www.carolyngage.com/prospectusfinal.pdf> To chat about hosting a mini dramatic presentation contact Carolyn at carolyn@carolyngage.com

EVENTS:

* **JUL 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.

* **JUL 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

* **JUL 21 (Thursday)**, 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

* **JUL 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.

* **JUL 22 (Friday)**, Bangor, **Lesbian Writer's Group**, meets at Borders on the 2nd and 4th Friday night of each month at 6:30 pm. Novels, short stories, poetry, or whatever. Go upstairs, then turn right, and we meet at the oak table. FMI please email Stephanie at sreiser@tds.net

* **JUL 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!

* **JUL 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 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

* **JUL 23 (Saturday), Old Town, Rockstock**. Family member Jessi Mallory will be one of the featured acts at the Rockstock rock music festival this year. The festival runs from noon to 10 pm on the Old Airport Road in Old Town. Admission for the entire day is just \$10 !!! Jessi starts her set at 6 pm. This is a festival for those who enjoy contemporary rock like the sounds of Melissa Etheridge, Bryan Adams, AC/DC, and more!

* **JUL 24 (Sunday), Bangor, Gay Newgenex Dance**, 8-11 pm, Karma club, 123 Franklin St (under the Panda Garden Restaurant). This is a chemical-free dance (no smoking, alcohol, drugs) for GLBTIQA youth ages 16-30. It provides a safe and harassment-free environment, so come join us for a fun time. Refreshments and snacks will be for sale. Admission will be \$3 at the door. FMI contact Rob at gaynewgenex@wmconnect.com or phone 207-327-1009.

* **JUL 23 (Saturday), Mt. Desert Island, almost-full-moon beach lounge**. Those folks who want to can meet in Bar Harbor for a little bite to eat beforehand, then the group will gather and proceed to Sand Beach where we can set out blankets, watch the moon rise, listen to the surf, and chat-it-up. Twilight ends at 8:42 pm, moon rises at 9:57. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **JUL 24 (Sunday), Mt. Desert Island**, join us for an afternoon of **cycling in Acadia National Park**, 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

* **JUL 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

* **JUL 28 (Thursday), 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

* **JUL 29 (Friday), Bangor, Thanksgiving In July Dinner**, 6-8 pm, Hammond St Congregational Church, 28 High St. Northern Maine Pride will be holding a Thanksgiving dinner, with all the fixins, as a fundraiser for NMP. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. FMI or to reserve tickets contact Rob at robnmp@wmconnect.com or phone 207-327-1009. Tickets also available at the door.

* **JUL 30 (Saturday), Bangor, New England Boiled Dinner** to benefit the Howard Foundation, 6-8 pm, Hammond St. Congregational Church (corner of High & Hammond Streets). Cost will be \$6/adult and \$3/children 12 years old and younger. FMI contact Dan at knead2@netscape.com or phone 942-9319. Looking forward to seeing you there to enjoy a New England Boiled Dinner where you can meet your friends, make new ones, and enjoy the surroundings.

* **AUG 1 (Monday), Bangor, Bangor Outright** meets at Eastern Maine AIDS Network, 6-8 pm. (For GLBTQI youths ages 15-22) FMI Jamie at 990-3626.

* **AUG 1 (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

* **AUG 4 (Thursday), 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

* **AUG 3 (Wednesday) Belfast, Belfast Outright** meets from 4 - 6 pm. (For GLBTQI youths and allies ages 15-22). FMI call Carolyn at 273-3444.

* **AUG 4 (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.

* **AUG 5 (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

* **AUG 6 (Saturday), Acadia National Park, new-moon star-gazing hike** around Witch Hole Pond. Folks who want to can meet in Bar Harbor beforehand to grab a bite to eat. Then, we will go for a nice easy 3-mile walk along one of the carriage trails to chat and star gaze. Twilight ends at 8:23 pm. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **AUG 7 (Sunday), Belfast, 9:00 - 11:00 am, 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

* **AUG 7 (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 martymc@earthlink.net

* **AUG 8 (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

* **AUG 10 (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

* **AUG 11 (Thursday)**, 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

* **AUG 12 (Friday)** Dedham, after 5:30 pm. **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 Peg & Kate's house in Dedham. FMI and/or directions email Ann at alfhildanda@mac.com

* **AUG 12 (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

* **AUG 13 (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

* **AUG 13 (Saturday)**, Acadia National Park, **day hike with a picnic and swim**. This will be an easy 3-4 mile hike total with a picnic and swim break at the half-way point. Dogs are welcome. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

* **AUG 15 (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

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

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 September 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.

FOOD SERVICES

FLORISTS

Sweet Indulgences
71 Valley View Lane, Apt C
Bangor, ME 04401
ph: 207-941-9471
email: markdnutt@yahoo.com
proprietor: Mark Nutt

Specializing in providing stunning, delicious cakes and/or luscious floral arrangements to celebrate your very special occasions. Allow me to assist you in creating/planning memorable events from intimate, romantic dinners for two to full-scale elegant wedding/commitment ceremonies and other gala events.

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, 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

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD). Based in Boston, GLAD is the leading legal rights organization in New England, dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity expression. Through impact litigation, education and public policy work, GLAD seeks to create a world in which there is equal justice under law for all. GLAD operates a free Legal Information Hotline weekdays from 1:30 - 4:30 pm at 1-800-455-4523 where people can receive information, resources, and lawyer referrals for legal issues they are facing. GLAD has over 75 publications on various LGBT/HIV legal issues for all six New England states. These publications are available by calling the Hotline or on the web site at <http://www.glad.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 7 pm. FMI call Rob at 327-1009 OR www.northernmainepride.com OR email robnmp@wmconnect.com

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, rooms for rent in private home. Private 2nd floor bedroom & living room (furnished) in a quiet West End neighborhood. Rent includes heat, hot water, electricity, TV, cable, high speed internet, semi-shared bathroom, full use of kitchen, use of porch and fenced yard, off street parking, easy access to highway. No pets, no smoking. We are a lesbian couple looking to rent to one quiet, clean lesbian. Rent is \$550/month with a \$550 deposit and a negotiable 12-month lease. Space is available on 08/15/05. FMI contact Connie at conniep@adelphia.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 441-7701.

Bangor, apartment for rent. 1 bedroom, living room, dining room, kitchen, small office, bath. Mid-town, first floor, near bus route. No smoking, no dogs. References and lease needed. Rent is \$550/month plus utilities. Available September 1st. FMI contact Jean at 862-2063 or at megress@tds.net

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.

Bridgton, apartment for rent. One bedroom, kitchen, bath, living room (with fieldstone fireplace), off-street parking, close to town. 45 minutes to Portland, 25 minutes to Windham. No pets, no smokers. Rent \$800/month includes heat, hot water, electricity. FMI contact Merle at wallmerle@verizon.net

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 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.

Lincolntonville, house for rent. On Levenseller Pond. One bedroom downstairs. Open loft. Wood stove and gas monitor heater. Large porch. Screen house down by the pond. New dock. Plenty of space to garden. Twelve minutes to Camden or Belfast. \$600/month plus utilities. FMI contact Pat at 763-3115.

Portland, room for rent. Bedroom in large 3-bedroom Victorian apartment in USM neighborhood. Share apartment with lesbian-feminist author. Quiet house, great neighbors, fab landlord. \$400 includes heat and hot water. Basement, two porches. No pets, no drugs, no smoking. References. Available in August. FMI contact Carolyn at 774-4231.

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.

House for sale - Liberty, Maine. 2 BR ranch on one acre within walking distance of Lake St. George. New roof, new septic. \$104,500
Contact Wayne at 356-8724.

SOCIAL GROUPS (MORE THAN 50-MILES FROM BANGOR):

COASTAL WOMEN'S CONNECTION. A women's social group that covers the coastal area from about Brunswick to Portland. Dances, BBQs, softball, camping, potlucks, etc. FMI and to get on mailing list contact Betsy at giftedhanz@hotmail.com

LAVENDER LETTERS. A snail mail newsletter for lesbian-identified women in the Washington County (Machias) area. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Gillyn at Lavender Letters, 9 Bobcat Path, Machias, ME 04654

SEACOAST SAPPHOS. A women's social group that covers the area from about Portland to Portsmouth. Dances, BBQs, potlucks, concerts, etc. FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Cherie at seacoastsapphos@yahoo.com or check the web site at www.seacoastsapphos.org

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.