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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 APRIL 2006

NEWSLETTER NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS:

(NEWS #1:) **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006** (All events are sponsored by the University of Maine and are thus located on the Orono campus.) All events are free unless otherwise marked. For more information on any event, contact Andrew Johnson at Andrew.Johnson@umit.maine.edu or call 581-1439) See the listings below for APR 17 - APR 21.

(NOTES #1:) Northern Maine Pride Seeks Donations for Auction - Northern Maine Pride is accepting donations of items or services to be featured in an online auction. Please send information or inquiries to info@northernmainepride.org or call Forrest at 947-1081. Snail mail: Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04402-2815

(NOTES #2:) There will be an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Auction on April 29 to benefit the Howard Foundation. The organizers are looking for items for the auction. Anyone who would like to make a donation for the auction should email Dan at knead24u@yahoo.com or call him at 942-9319 and leave a message.

(NOTES #3:) Northern Maine Pride is seeing volunteers to work at one or more of this year's PRIDE events. See the ANNOUNCEMENTS category for details.

(NOTES #4:) Lucie Blue Tremblay will be in concert to benefit The Breast Exam Project, Saturday, April 15th, at the Crooker Auditorium in Brunswick. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. This concert is being sponsored by the Coastal Women's Connection. We are in hopes of having as many people as possible at this concert to raise money and awareness for this worthwhile cause. Breast cancer affects both men and women and we hope this event will encourage everyone in Maine to do their self breast exams on a regular basis. Reception starts at 6 pm, concert starts at 7 pm. FMI contact Betsy at giftedhantz@hotmail.com

(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, trying-to-start-a-group, etc.

Call for Volunteers - Northern Maine Pride is seeking volunteers to work variously at ten PRIDE events planned for the week of May 29th through June 4th. One event or all ten, you'll be welcome. Fill out an online application form, www.northernmainepride.org. Circle "Volunteer". If preferred, send information or inquiries to info@northernmainepride.org or call Forrest at 947-1081. You can also snail mail to: Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04402-2815

EVENTS:

* **APR 15 (Saturday)**, Bangor, the monthly meeting of the **Reading-Aloud-Potluck**, 5:00 - 8:00 pm, at Jean's apartment. The format is: dinner

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from 5 - 6 pm. and then reading aloud from 6 - 8 pm. Each person attending is asked to bring something to eat, and at least 2 reading selections. Your reading selections can be poetry or prose, something you've read or something you've written, fiction or non-fiction, short stories, book chapters, magazine articles, essays, etc. The time is intended solely for the enjoyment of reading and listening to stories being read aloud. Discussion of the readings (if desired) can take place during breaks and after 8 pm. Each "reading" can last a maximum of 20 minutes...no minimum. If you feel uncomfortable actually reading aloud, you are still expected to bring your two contributions and I expect we can find someone who will be willing to read for you. An RSVP that you will be attending is not required, but would be appreciated. FMI and/or directions contact Jean at megress@tds.net or at 862-2063.

* **APR 17 (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 17 (Monday)**, Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride general meeting**. Everyone is welcomed! Come help us plan for this year's events. Meetings are at the Unitarian-Universalist Church, 120 Park St, from 7-9 pm. FMI cal 207-947-1081 or email info@northernmainepride.org or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

* **APR 17 (Monday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, Walk with the Ones you love**. Starts at noon in front of Fogler Library. Walk around the UMaine Mall holding the hand of the one or ones you love without fear, regardless of gender, race, sexuality, ability level, age, religion, class, or ethnicity. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 17 (Monday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, "Know Your Status" Dinner**. 6pm-8pm, Stodder Commons. A benefit dinner to raise money for HIV/ AIDS testing on campus for UMaine students. The night will consist of a catered meal, Maine Steiners concert, key note speakers and a 50/ 50 raffle. Tickets are FREE for UMaine students, \$8 for Faculty/ Staff and \$10 all others. Tickets are going FAST for this. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 18 (Tuesday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, Elvira Kurt, Comedian**. 8pm, Neville 101. This Canadian, lesbian comedian returns to UMaine with her up-beat brand of comedy. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 19 (Wednesday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, Ozzie and Harriet, Same-Sex Marriage and the Culture Wars: LGBT Families in Maine, 1960-present**. 12:15-1:30pm. Coe Room, Union. A talk by Howard Solomon, Scholar in Residence, LGBT Collection of the Sampson Center on Diversity, Univ of Southern Maine. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 19 (Wednesday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006**, movie **Brokeback Mountain**, 7:30pm and 10pm, DPC 100. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 19 (Wednesday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, An Evening with Augusten Burroughs: Stories from a Remarkable Life**. 7:00 pm, MCA. Book signing follows the lecture. General Admission at the door is free (with MaineCard) for the UM Community – Students, Faculty and Staff. \$10 for General Public. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 19 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond St Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for GLBTI's by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. By directly meeting their needs, Native GLBTI will give glbti individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **APR 20 (Thursday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, The UMaine Day of Silence**. All Day (7am-5pm). FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 20 (Thursday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, Wilde Stein Open House**. 7pm, Multipurpose Room, Union. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 21 (Friday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006, Annual Drag Show & Dance**. 8pm-12pm, York Commons. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 21 (Friday)**, **UMAINE PRIDE WEEK 2006**, movie **Brokeback Mountain**, 7:30pm and 10pm, Bangor Room, Union. FMI contact Andrew at andrew.johnson@umit.maine.edu or phone 581-1439

* **APR 21 (Friday)**, Brewer, **Lesbian (any age) Pool & Karaoke Night**, 6 pm to ? Interested in meeting other lesbians? Let's meet at the Detour Bar-N-Grill, 611-B Wilson St, in Brewer. Parking is free. 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 478-4387 or email linjoy4joy@yahoo.com

* **APR 21 (Friday)**, Hallowell, **The Augusta Area Lesbian Happy Hour**, 6:30 - 8:30, at the Higher Grounds afe, located on Water Street in Hallowell (next to the Liberal Cup). Come join us and have a great time! FMI contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com

* **APR 22 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride will be having a car wash** for donations at the Irving Mainway on Main Street, by the Paul Bunyon Statue, 10 am - 2 pm, to raise money for this year's PRIDE events. Come and get a quality car wash while supporting PRIDE activities! (rain date for this event is Saturday, April 29th).

* **APR 22 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Lesbians Of All Ages Get Together**, meets the fourth Saturday of each month at Borders Bookstore, 6 pm, in the coffee shop. We will discuss and have other activities also such as hiking, eating out, going to the movies, potluck dinners, etc. Come and have fun and make new friends. FMI contact Sandy at 848-4959 or email sandoster@adelphia.net

* **APR 24 (Monday)** Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride General Meeting**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St, 7 pm. Everyone is

welcome! Please come join us to offer your ideas and help us plan for this year's PRIDE WEEK events and for the parade and festival in June. FMI call Forrest at 947-1081, email info@northernmainepride.org, or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

* **APR 26 (Wednesday)**, Orono, Ushuaia's, 103 Park St, **Jessi Mallory & The Lights Out Band** will be opening the evening's entertainment. Tickets are 8 bucks and it is for all ages! 21 to drink! If you like Jessi's music, come on out and support her. FMI call Ushuaia at 866-7700.

* **APR 26 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond St Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for GLBTI's by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. By directly meeting their needs, Native GLBTI will give glbti individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **APR 27 (Thursday)**, "Queer Forgetting" a lecture by **Judith Halberstam**, drag king and gender and queer theorist, 7:00 pm, University of Maine Campus, Little Hall 140. Free and open to the public. Judith Halberstam is Professor of English and Director of The Center for Feminist Research at the University of Southern California. Her books include *Female Masculinity*, *The Drag King Book*, *Skin Shows: Gothic Horror and the Technology of Monsters* and a new book from NYU Press titled *In a Queer Time and Place: Transgender Bodies, Subcultural Lives*. Come meet a legendary transgender theorist on a rare visit to the east coast! FMI about the lecture, contact Monica at Monica.Fauble@umit.maine.edu or phone 942-2454. FMI about Judith, check her web site at <http://www.egomago.com/judith/home.htm>

* **APR 28 (Friday)** Rockland, **Rainbow Family Potlucks**, 6-8 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 28 (Friday)**, Brewer, **The Starlight Performers** will be doing a performance at the Detour Bar-N-Grill on Wilson St in Brewer, starting at 8:30 pm. The Starlight Performers are a wonderful group of men and women who love to perform so that you can enjoy a Friday evening. They donate the money from every show to a worthy cause. FMI call 989-3386 or email clubdetourbrewer@aol.com See you there! **BENEFIT FOR NORTHERN MAINE PRIDE**

* **APR 29 (Saturday)**, Bangor, **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Auction**, to benefit the Howard Foundation. This will be at the Hammond Street Congregational Church, 28 High St (the corner of High St and Hammond St). The Social will be from 1-3 pm, the action will be at 3 pm. Admission is FREE! FMI contact Dan at knead24u@yahoo.com

* **MAY 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.

* **MAY 1 (Monday)** Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride General Meeting**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St, 7 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us to offer your ideas and help us plan for this year's PRIDE WEEK events and for the parade and festival in June. FMI call Forrest at 947-1081, email info@northernmainepride.org, or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

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

* **MAY 3 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond St Congregational Church, 28 High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for GLBTI's by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. By directly meeting their needs, Native GLBTI will give glbti individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **MAY 5 (Friday)**, Hallowell, **The Augusta Area Lesbian Happy Hour**, 6:30 - 8:30, at the Higher Grounds cafe, located on Water Street in Hallowell (next to the Liberal Cup). Come join us and have a great time! FMI contact Kathy at tessallate@gmail.com

* **MAY 7 (Sunday)** Auburn, 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. FMI contact Marty at 582-8779 or at martymc@adelphia.net

* **MAY 7 (Sunday)**, Belfast, 1-3:00 pm, **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 or email Virginia at vabay@verizon.net

* **MAY 8 (Monday)** Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride General Meeting**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St, 7 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us to offer your ideas and help us plan for this year's PRIDE WEEK events and for the parade and festival in June. FMI call Forrest at 947-1081, email info@northernmainepride.org, or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

* **MAY 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

* **MAY 10 (Wednesday)**, Bangor, **Native American GLBTI support/friendship group**, 6-8 pm, at the Hammond St Congregational Church, 28

High St. This group is open to all GLBTI native Americans AND their friends (whether Native American or not). Our mission is to provide a vibrant and healthful community for GLBTI's by offering them social opportunities, health education, and alternatives to the bar-scene. By directly meeting their needs, Native GLBTI will give glbti individuals a community where they will be more connected, less isolated, supported, and accepted. Meets every Wednesday. FMI contact Rob at 327-1009 OR email nativeglbti@wmconnect.com

* **MAY 15 (Monday)** Bangor, **Northern Maine Pride General Meeting**, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St, 7 pm. Everyone is welcome! Please come join us to offer your ideas and help us plan for this year's PRIDE WEEK events and for the parade and festival in June. FMI call Forrest at 947-1081, email info@northernmainepride.org, or check the web site at www.northernmainepride.org

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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 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 national web site at www.glsen.org

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD). On November 8th, Maine's voters embraced fairness for all its citizens by voting overwhelmingly to retain its anti-discrimination law. To learn about and protect your rights under this law, visit GLAD's website at www.glad.org or call the free legal hotline at 1-800-455-GLAD (1-800-455-4523). GLAD is New England's legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status and gender identity and expression. GLAD's legal victories in Maine have addressed HIV discrimination, harassment of gay students, co-guardianship rights for same-sex parents, domestic partner benefits and more.

Howard Foundation. This is a foundation dedicated to building a permanent scholarship endowment for high school seniors and post secondary students. The foundation focuses on students who are entering any profession that promotes diversity and a better understanding of differences in people within our communities. Guidelines for allotting the scholarships are presently being formulated. A second goal for the foundation is to establish a 3-day festival called "Multi-Cultural Days - Bangor" which will be open to every ethnic/cultural group in Maine with a focus on education, food, music/entertainment, dancing, and inspirational speakers. People interested in being on the Planning Committee, or being involved in any way, can contact Dan Williams at 942-9319 or at knead24u@yahoo.com

Mainely Bears is a social group in the State of Maine. We are a gay mens group open to gay, bisexual, and men who are not sure. We have events all over the state of Maine. FMI regarding Mainely Bears, contact Wayne at mainelybears@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 on various Monday evenings from 7 - 8:30 pm. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St in Bangor. (See listings above for actual dates.) FMI write Northern Maine Pride, PO Box 2815, Bangor, ME 04402-2815 or visit the web site at www.northernmainepride.org or email them at info@northernmainepride.org

PFLAG (PARENTS, FAMILY, & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St, in Portland. ALL are welcomed, not just parents. FMI call 207-831-3015 or email mdpalmier@gwi.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@adelphia.net OR at 582-8779 OR check the web site at <http://www.transcare2000.com>

The Transgender Fund. With offices in Freeport, Maine, The Transgender Fund is a national, completely independent, 501(c)(3) tax-exempt

public charitable foundation. It has been created by and for transgendered individuals. Our funding is derived from contributions by caring individuals of all levels of means. Our strength and independence come from the fact that there is no single benefactor who has seeded the Fund with a large amount of capital. Contributions you make are added to those of your sisters and brothers. Individually, they may seem modest, but collectively they add up to a powerful force that is reinvested in the support of projects fostering the well-being of all our gender variant minorities. FMI write The Transgender Fund, PO Box 50, Freeport, Maine 04032 OR phone 207-846-7997 OR email info@tgfund.org OR check the web site at www.tgfund.org

LIVING SPACE RENTALS:

If you are FAN subscriber with a living space (room, apartment, house/apartment sharing) to rent to someone, or if you are looking for a living space to rent from someone, then this is the category to post to. Send your listings to me, Jean, at megress@tds.net

Augusta, apartment for rent. 2 BR, second floor, private patio, gay building, \$550/month, pets welcome. FMI call Natty at 207-623-8148 or cell at 441-7701.

Belfast, a variety of downtown offerings to rent. Contact Virginia at vabay@verizon.net 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 wailmerle@verizon.net

Eddington, housemates wanted. Looking for professional and/or graduate students 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 \$400/month plus utilities. Security deposit, lease, and references from the last place you lived. FMI contact Scott at chefguy@adelphia.net

Fairfield, house-sharing available. Near Waterville. Looking for a professional to share my home. Must be OK with my 3 small dogs. I am a 50 year old professional male, with a well-landscaped yard, flowers, shrubs, etc. Call Steven for details, 453-7401 evenings after 6 pm.

Gardiner, roommate desired. Lesbian with two dogs seeking clean, responsible, non-smoker to share large 2nd floor apartment. Please call Eileen at 441-2785 or email hearme@natisp.com

Old Town, mature roommate wanted to sublet beautiful 2-bdrm apt in Old Town 5/15-8/31 or beyond. Hardwood floors, large common room, washer/dryer, storage, large yard. Near walking trails, bus line, and river. \$375/month plus electric, gas stove, phone/DSL wireless (heat/HW included). Sorry, no pets. No smoking or drugs. Spanish-speakers, birdwatchers, music lovers yes! Call Medea at 827-2292 or wrenyen@yahoo.com.

Orono, room for rent in LGBT home. Looking for a graduate student or no-traditional age undergraduate student to share our 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Our house is located 0.5 mi from Mill St in Orono, and 1.5 mi from UM campus on a quiet street. Our family is a Lesbian Mom/University professor and two 4.5 year old (twin) boys. The room for rent is furnished, but can also be rented empty. Two sets of stairs allow access to the room without disturbing others. There is a washer/dryer on the second floor. The rent is \$450/month and includes utilities and free entertainment by the twins. (This fall they have been performing selections from the musical OLIVER! Spring and summer it was CATS.) Only those who do not smoke and refrain from recreational use of drugs and alcohol need apply. No dogs, please. Contact Laurie at laurie@maine.edu

Plymouth, houseshareing available. Looking for dependable, clean and open-minded individual to share home in Plymouth. Only 10 minutes to Newport and 20 to Bangor. Downstairs private bedroom and living room area with satellite television. Fully furnished, with own refridgerator. Willing to share use of remainder of the home which has large screen television in family room and hot tub on deck. Nice property with firepit for summer gatherings. Asking \$450/month all utilities included. Owner has a small sheltie and willing to accept dog, if mild mannered. Cat's OK.....Please call Lorrie at 299-6400 and be willing to provide 3 references.

Southwest Harbor, house for rent. On the water, 2BR, 2 decks, 1 full bath, 2 half baths, W/D, fully furnished. 1st, last, & security. Available now through May. No smoking. Pets allowed. \$650/month. FMI call Mary Jo or Rhonda at 207-989-2099 or email lawlerlane@aol.com

PERSONALS:

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SELL/BUY/TRADE/GIVE:

If you're a FAN subscriber 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.

FOR SALE, DELL DIMENSION DIM 3000 DESKTOP COMPUTER. Pentium 4 Celeron Processor (2.60 Ghz), 512 RAM, 80 Gig hard drive, LCD 1512 flat screen monitor, speakers, keyboard, mouse, Windows XP Home Edition v. 2002 SP2, internal 56K / V9.0 modem, DVD/CD R-RW drive, all original system restore disks included. Asking Price: \$600 or best offer. FMI contact TJ at XXXMeeko5505XXX@aol.com . Please

reference "Dell Desktop for Sale" in the subject line.

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

ASSOCIATION OF MAINE OUTDOORSFOLK (AMO) is a group of men and women of the GLBTI community of Maine, headquartered in the Portland area, who enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, hunting, (the list can go on and on). AMO provides a wonderful opportunity to meet others in a non-sexual environment focusing on similar outdoor interests. AMO hosts picnics, fishing tournaments, and so much more. If you or someone you know would be interested in being a part of AMO, send me an email so we can get things rolling. FMI contact Charles at charlesboster@yahoo.com or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/outdoorsfolk>

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 Morgan at coastalwomensconnection@yahoo.com OR Betsy at giftedhantz@hotmail.com OR you can check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/coastalwomensconnection>

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 Gillyin at Lavender Letters, 9 Bobcat Path, Machias, ME 04654

PRYSM (PROUD RAINBOW YOUTH OF SOUTHERN MAINE)formerly OUTRIGHT-PORTLAND. An organization that supports youth 22 and under who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning, and their heterosexual allies (GLBTQA). This group is sponsored by Community Counseling Center. Our drop-in groups are every Tuesday and Friday evening. We are located at 43 Baxter Blvd on the 2nd floor. FMI contact Andrew Jones at 207-712-2535, phone Community Counseling Center at 207-874-1030, email info@commcc.org, or check the web site at www.comcc.org

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

SINGLE OLDER LESBIAN ORGANIZATION (SOLO). A group for single, older (45 years and up), lesbian-identified women, in the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Kathy at naturalpet@suscom-maine.net or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/sololesbians/>

SOLO-N-FRIENDS. A loosely organized women's group which often meets for restaurant meals and social conversation. We also do a variety of different activities that are of interest to those who attend. Solo-N-Friends is made up of the members of SOLO and women-loving-women (lesbian, bi, trans) of any age, whether single or partnered. We serve the general midcoast Maine area (Bath to Damariscotta). FMI and to get on the mailing list contact Janet at janet@4footloose.com or check the web site at <http://www.geocities.com/lesbians04/>

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.