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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Open Farm Day & Art Trail

By Nicole Briand

Join us on Sunday, July 28th for Bowdoinham's 8th Annual Open Farm Day & Art Trail. The day will begin with farm tours at: Apple Creek Farm, Blue Bell Farm, Campo di Fiori, Dandelion Spring Farm, Eagle Hill Farm, East of Eden Flower Farm, Fairwinds Farm, Harvest Tide Organics, Left Field Farm, Peary's Garden and Six River Farm. Come explore our local farms and see how our food is made! And because Bowdoinham is a "Very Crafty Town" we'll have AP Curiosities, Atomic Classroom, Catmint Garden & Gallery, Diana Mosher, Jane Page-Conway Fine Art Photography, LaPointe Antiques & Restoration, Meg Zellinger, Scott Libby Woodworking, Starrocks, Steven Thomas Bunn Furnituremaker, Watersong Music, Wayne Sanford, William Stanton, and Merrymeeting Arts Center joining us on the Art Trail. Bowdoinham Historical Society will also have Merrymeeting Hall, the Meeting House and Jellerson

Explore Merrymeeting Bay Bike Rides

Merrymeeting Trailblazers and Maine Farmland Trust are sponsoring the Explore Merrymeeting Bay Bike Tours, visiting the farms and exploring the scenes of Open Farm Day. Three rides will leave from Maily Waterfront Park: 35-mile ride at 10am, 24-mile ride at 10:15am and 14-mile ride at 10:30am.



School & Merrymeeting Bay Museum open for tours.

At 3pm the celebration will continue at Maily Waterfront Park for a barbeque featuring fresh foods from local farms and live music by the Intergalactic Yurt Band. The Intergalactic Yurt Band is a collective of artists, misfits, craftsmen and dreamers drawn together by love of music from the deep well of Americana, certified organic music. The barbeque will be catered by The Texas Barbeque Company with members of Village Lodge # 26 AF & AM, the local Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham. Bowdoinham Historical Society will also be joining the barbeque with their famous strawberry shortcake. Thank you to our Barbeque Sponsors: Maine Farmland

Trust and Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative!

Tickets for the barbeque will be available at the barbeque. Tickets are \$10 per plate. This year's menu will include:

- Pulled Chicken - Chicken provided by Apple Creek Farm.
- Pulled Pork - Pork provided by L&P Bisson & Sons Meat Market & Farm
- Potato Salad - Potatoes provided by Six River Farm and eggs provided by Apple Creek Farm.
- Baked Beans - Beans provided by Fairwinds Farm.
- Coleslaw - Carrots and cabbage provided by Harvest Tide Organics.
- Corn Bread - Corn meal provided by Fairwinds Farm and eggs provided by Apple Creek Farm.

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Town Committee and Board Openings

The Town of Bowdoinham is looking for volunteers for the following Town Committees and Boards:

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham
Meets 2nd Monday of the Month, 2:30pm

Board of Appeals
Meets periodically, as needed.

Community Development Advisory Committee
Meets 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm

Planning Board
Meets 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00pm

Have you heard of the Town's Tax Club?

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town of Bowdoinham now offers a "Tax Club Plan" that allows property owners to pay their annual property tax bill in monthly installments without incurring interest. This plan was first authorized by a vote at the Town Meeting in June of 2014 and is re-authorized each year.

To be eligible to participate in this plan, the property owner must be current with their property taxes, must enroll no later than July 31, 2019 and must abide by the requirements of the plan. Automatic electronic payments are not offered under this plan, but property owners can schedule payments online through the Town's online payment system. This is an easier way to pay your property taxes in smaller monthly payments without incurring any interest. We are pleased to be able to offer this payment option to our residents.

For more information on the 2020 Tax Club Plan, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531, or Melissa Halsey at assistantclerk@bowdoinham.com.

Seeking Nominations for Citizen of the Year Award

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town is currently seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year. This award is presented to the selected nominee at the annual Celebrate Bowdoinham event in September.

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- The Citizen of the Year award recipient shall be an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of Bowdoinham citizens, a special individual who shows dedication and spirit beyond what is considered regular duty.

- The following characteristics will be considered: present activities, previous activities, charitable/philanthropic efforts, improvement in the quality of life for Bowdoinham residents, and commitment to the community.

If you would like to nominate someone to receive this award, please contact the Town Manager at 666-5531 or by email at wpost@bowdoinham.com. All nominations will be confidential and will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Select Board. The committee will then forward a recommendation to the Select Board in August.

NOMINATION PAPERS NOVEMBER 5, 2019 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on Monday, July 29, 2019 for the following positions:

- 2 (two) Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a 3 (three) year term.
- 1 (one) School Board Member for a 3 (three) year term.

Papers are to be picked up the Town Office and are to be returned by Monday, September 6, 2019 at 4:00pm.

The Municipal Election is November 5, 2019. If you have any questions please contact Pam Ross, Town Clerk at 666-5531 or pross@bowdoinham.com.

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Spirit of America Award

By Jeremy Cluchey

Luke MacFadyen was a warm, giving, and vibrant member of the Bowdoinham community. A key theme in his life was feeding and sustaining others. He volunteered tirelessly with the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, from cooking hamburgers at the very first food drive to running the summer food program to be sure kids had enough to eat. Luke trained the



Food Pantry's volunteers and served on the board. His Juniper Farm table was a cornerstone of the Bowdoinham Farmer's Market, where he shared his delicious baked goods and his kind, welcoming presence with the community. A quiet man of many talents and interests, Luke fostered Great Danes, was an accomplished weaver, and was a dear friend to many in town and beyond.

For his deep dedication to the community, the Bowdoinham Select Board is proud to name Luke MacFadyen the recipient of the 2019 Spirit of America Award.

Annual Town Report Dedication

By William Post, Town Manager

Albert D. Acker graduated from Sanford High School and retired from the U.S Navy VP 21 after 22 years with the rank of Senior Chief Aviation Machinists Mate. He was a Veteran of both the Korean Conflict and Vietnam war. Following retirement, he served as Treasurer/Manager of the Bowdoinham Federal Credit Union for 25 years and as a Selectman of Bowdoinham. He also graduated from New Hampshire College in 1979 with a degree in Business. Al Acker was a proud member at the Springvale Masonic Lodge #190 for 67 years, an Honorary member of Village Masonic Lodge #26 of Bowdoinham, a member of Post 132 American Legion of Richmond, Fleet Reserve Association and one of the founding members of the Snowbirds Snowmobile Club. He loved hunting and fishing and doting on his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Al was never shy, always funny and a very caring man ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. His famous pointer finger wave could confuse a newcomer to town if you didn't know him as if you were being scolded.

He loved the Coffee Crew and his time spent at the Town Landing in retirement. He was known in some circles as The Town Crier and as The Rev. in others. His "Al'isms" from "not for publication" to "that move was dumber than a wheelbarrow full of hammers" were used a lot. There are many more with language not



suitable for this publication.

He was a human calculator and demanded his kids and grandkids be so as well. He would grill one of his grandson's on multiplication, division, and percentages; at 11 this grandson knew about compound interest.

Al could build anything needed functionally with wood. Never claiming to be a finish carpenter he was amazing to work with.

Al could fix anything with a motor; 23 years a Naval Aviation Mechanic will do that for you.

While Chairman of the Board of Selectman the Town hired Calvin Temple, lifelong resident, to Calvin's first Law Enforcement position as Constable for the Town of Bowdoinham. He did love his adopted home town as do all generations of the Acker family.

He was absolutely one-of-a-kind; the community and his family will never be the same. In recognition of his service to the country and the town, The Bowdoinham Select Board dedicated this year's annual report to Albert D. Acker.

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BCDI News

By Ingrid Leschefske, BCDI Program Manager

Since our advertisement and article about BCDI's relationship with the Town was published in the May-June newsletter, we have received some questions about how our organization began and about our unique Loan/Investment Program. What follows is a snapshot of BCDI's inception and some background on BCDI's cornerstone initiative, the "Neighbors Investing In Neighbors" Loan Program.

In 2011, a group of twenty-five Bowdoinham citizens, including farmers, local business owners, and current and former Selectboard members (in their personal capacities), got together to discuss how they might help the town build on existing assets - a burgeoning group of young farmers committed to sustainable agriculture, a vibrant arts scene, a long history of an eclectic population united by a strong sense of community, a location on Merrymeeting Bay midway between four key Maine cities - to make Bowdoinham an even better place to live and work. What emerged from these conversations is Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative (BCDI).

The plan for BCDI was to start small, based on the needs and interests of community members. In an incremental way, it established the capacity to provide capital, and to incubate and operate these mutual benefit enterprises. The starting point was food: farms and the farmers that run them, processing and distribution, and the land that supports them. Its first initiative was a community-based loan to support the expansion of a small farm through the purchase of a used tractor.

BCDI was officially founded in June of 2012, and then in October of 2013, BCDI became a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and established the capacity to provide local capital to address local needs by creating a system for local investment - "Neighbors Investing In Neighbors". The amount of a BCDI loan may be a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of

\$20,000. Loans are very low interest (3%) and short term; repayment is expected between 12 and 36 months after disbursement. The repayment schedule is flexible and is tailored to meet the specific needs and capacities of the beneficiary (You must be a member of BCDI to apply for a loan. Membership begins at just \$10!). The BCDI Loan Program is designed to meet the needs of businesses that are unable to obtain a low-cost loan through traditional lending institutions for reasons such as an incomplete credit history.

While the Loan Program is coordinated by BCDI, the funds come directly from individual BCDI members who serve as "investors." Community members who are interested in helping to invest in the growth and development of local businesses can provide financial support toward the loan provided to the business (again, you must be a BCDI member to participate in one of these investment opportunities). BCDI's role is to coordinate and administer the process between the business seeking the loan and the numerous individual investors who help to fund a loan in full. When the loans are paid back, our investors receive their original contribution amount back with interest. To date, over \$100,000 has been invested into local businesses through our program. Our model truly is "neighbors investing in neighbors".

Going forward, BCDI loans and other

activities will continue to be aimed at supporting farmers and other local businesses. The focus of our efforts depends largely on the needs of the businesses in Bowdoinham - BCDI aims to be resource-ready and able to respond to the community needs.

And who's behind all this moving and shaking?! BCDI's Board of Directors is a "working board" comprised of volunteer residents and business owners of Bowdoinham. This group of volunteers provide the organization with new insights and energy, particularly from Board turnover. BCDI has term limits on all Board members, as well as the Chair, so we are continually cycling in new Board volunteers with new perspectives and experiences. We've strived to find a balance between retaining institutional memory and involving new Board members. With that, we are always looking for new Board volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a Board member or would like more information on the prospect, please contact us at: bcdi.maine@gmail.com.

Our Loan/Investment Program is only one initiative that we are currently working on. Check out our website (www.bcdimaine.org), and find us on Facebook and Instagram for information about our other programs and about how you can become a member and supporter of BCDI! And please join us at the Summer Concert on Sunday, August 25th!



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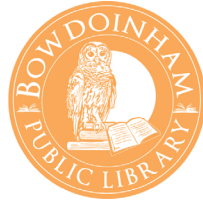
Your Library Summertime Guide

By Kate Cutko

Head down to the waterfront for the concert series this summer. The library volunteers will be offering the food for sale during the July 7th concert at the waterfront. The entertainment that night will be the Maine Marimba Ensemble so we thought it was appropriate that we offer an African buffet to accompany this Ethiopian-inspired musical group. If you missed hearing them at Celebrate Bowdoinham, don't miss them this time, they play amazing music!

The library is pleased and proud to announce that we now have a Maine State Park pass to loan to library patrons! The pass covers day use for all passengers in a vehicle heading to Maine's parks, historic sites and public lands anywhere in the state. Loan periods are Tuesday to Friday and Friday to Tuesday. So grab the pass, get outside and explore our state!

Of course, for the kids, we will once again offer the Summer Reading Program. All summer long the kids can earn prizes by spending time reading. The theme is "A Universe of Stories." Special programming will be offered on Tuesday mornings: July 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. From music with Susan Brown, to a stargazing planetarium



show, to learning about bird watching- you won't want to miss the Tuesday morning fun. All ages are welcomed and all programs are free.

Our friends at the Topsham Public Library are offering free summer library cards to any children in the school district. This is a wonderful way to access their resources and their summer reading offerings as well.

Rising Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to take part in a Parent/Child book group this summer. We have one book selected for June and another for July. Call the library to reserve a copy of the book, grab a grown-up, and experience a fun way to read books and come together.

Our volunteers continue to be the lifeblood of our little library. From the Plant Sale, to the Used Book Sale, to the weekly volunteers who help behind the circulation desk, we are extremely thankful for their support. We couldn't do it without you!



Age Friendly Approach to Aging in Place

By Patty Melander and Gracia Woodward

Would you like to stay safely in your home as you age? Or do you have a loved one who lives alone that you worry about? Dr. Chip Teel has pioneered a service called Full Circle America that includes visits from volunteers, telephone check-ins, monitoring with web cams, and self monitoring with inexpensive pulse ox meters and pedometers. This means you can be seen – with your permission – by family members or care providers at a distance. Involving participants as volunteers is an essential part of the program so people feel that they are giving back, as well as receiving services. Full Circle America has an internet-based platform to help people keep an electronic log where needs and availability are monitored, important documents are kept handy, and medications can be refilled.

Dr. Teel is coming to Bowdoinham on Wednesday, July 10th at 6pm to talk about this program. It will be held at the Town Hall. Dr. Teel graduated from Dartmouth College and the University of Vermont Medical College. He trained at the Family Medicine Residency at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, PA and returned to Maine where he has been a family physician in private practice in Damariscotta since 1988. He has a certificate in geriatrics and has been a medical director and provided patient care at nursing homes and assisted living facilities. He co-founded the non-profit The Eldercare Network of Lincoln County, ME. He started Full Circle America to find ways to celebrate the lives of elders and help them stay at home connected to family, friends, community and personal interests using existing technology while emphasizing the non-medical aspects of living.

Full Circle America's primary mission to provide a high quality of life at an affordable price for those who wish to live independently at home.

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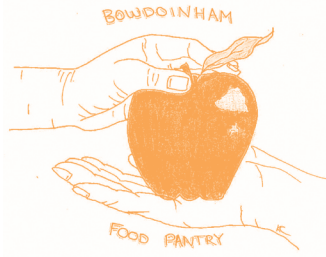
Bowdoinham Food Pantry News

By Lily Montgomery

The start to summer has been busy at the pantry with lots of produce donations coming in as the weather warms and farmers have more vegetables, eggs and meat to share. A huge thanks to all of our local farms and to the Merry-meeting Gleaners for being so generous! We are also so grateful to the Bowdoinham Post Office and to you all for the amazing amount of food donated and collected during the annual Mother's Day weekend food drive. Thanks to your effort we received nearly 350 lbs of canned and boxed food, with an equal amount going to the Bowdoin Food Pantry.

Our Annual Meeting in May was a big success, and we loved having the time to share about all our programs and what lies ahead for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. Thank you to all of you who joined us!

We are excited to work with Mid-coast Hunger Prevention Program and a fantastic team of volunteers to again offer the Bowdoinham Summer Food Service Program this summer. Beginning just after school gets out, this program provides a free lunch to any child under the age of 18 and an accompanying adult. We're thrilled to be able to offer a variety of fun activities during the meals this year, as well as a sharing-table loaded with local produce for families to take home at no cost. Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 12-1pm, June 25th - August 28th. Located in the dining room of Bowdoinham Estates on Preble Road. ALL WELCOME!



summer (beginning in July). We apologize for any inconvenience, and please stay tuned for additional updates a later in the summer.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors and this incredible community for making it possible for our pantry to function so well. We couldn't do it without you!

We are sorry to report that due to low turnout, we will be suspending our Saturday hours through the



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News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Jan Marks

LOOM - A Weaving Show, featuring the work of Luke MacFadyen and Delaney Bullock had a very successful opening on May 5th, at the Merrymeeting Arts Gallery. The show features many of Luke's own designs of hand-woven vests, shawls and wall hangings, as well as blankets Luke wove for Brahm's Mount Textiles, where he worked as a sample weaver for many years. Also included in the show are weavings by Delaney Bullock of Bowdoin College, class of 2022.

In addition to the beautiful and inspiring weavings of these two artists, there are looms on display, and the opportunity to sit down at a loom, see how it works, and try your hand at weaving.

The show will be on exhibit through August 17th, and can be seen during our regular gallery hours, Saturdays between 10am and 1pm.

The Heron - A Community Art Show

Bryce Muir's Local Myths sculpture collection was generously donated to MAC by Peggy and Seth Muir. There are twelve sculptures remaining in the collection (four others were sold to private owners years ago). MAC will be featuring one sculpture a year as a tribute to Bryce, and a celebration of this outstanding wood sculpture collection. The highlighted sculpture will be a focus of our programming throughout the year, and the subject of each year's Community Art Show.

This year's highlighted sculpture is The Heron, and the Community Art Show will feature art with The Heron as its theme. The show is open to everyone, children and adults, amateurs and professional artists alike. All mediums - painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, stained glass, mixed media, etc. - are welcome. The only requirement is that the piece be related to The Heron, no matter how loosely interpreted.

Stop by the MAC gallery during normal Saturday hours (10am-1pm through August 17th) to be inspired by Bryce's Heron Sculpture, or pick up a copy of Bryce's "Local Myths" and read "Heron Returns the Gift" for additional inspiration. Artists wishing to purchase a copy of "Local Myths" in preparation for the show may do so for a special Community Art Show price of \$10.00.

The Community Art Show will open on September 14th, during Celebrate Bowdoinham, and remain on display through October 19, 2019, during MAC's regular gallery hours, 10am - 1pm on Saturdays. There is no fee to enter and everyone is invited to participate.

Art for the show must be submitted no later than August 24th. The gallery will be open on Monday, August 19th, from 4-6pm, Wednesday, August 21st, from 4-6pm, and Saturday, August 24th, from 10am-12 noon for the purpose of submitting artwork for the show.



Contact the Merrymeeting Arts Center at merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com, or by phone at (207) 370-5002 for any questions regarding the show, or if you need to make special arrangements to drop off your art.

1st Annual Zucchini Races at Celebrate Bowdoinham

Maine lore has it that if you don't lock your car during the months of July and August you're apt to come out and find it full of zucchini! Zucchini plants almost always produce more zucchinis than anyone knows what to do with.

This year the Merrymeeting Arts Center is offering a creative solution to the question of what to do with all those zucchinis, especially the huge, overgrown ones: Turn them into racing zucchinis and enter them in the 1st Annual Zucchini Races at Celebrate Bowdoinham at 11am, on September 14th!

Zucchinis will need to be fitted with or mounted on the wheels of your choice, and decorated (or not) in whatever way you wish. Then bring them to the Skate Park down by the waterfront (behind the MAC Art Studio - green building) on the morning of Celebrate. There will be prizes for the fastest zucchinis, and lots of laughs and fun to be had by all.

There is no fee to register, but please let us know a few days before if you plan to enter a race-zucchini! Entrants can register by email at merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com. There's no fee to enter and prizes will be awarded to the fastest zucchinis!

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The Chicken Run is Back!

By Jeremy Cluchey

Get a leg up on Celebrate by joining us for the Chicken Run 5K!



Friday, September 13, 2019

Kids' 1-mile Fun Run: 5:30pm
 Chicken Run 5K: 6:00pm
 Learn more and sign up at
bit.ly/chickenrun19

All proceeds from this event support the Bowdoinham Community School.

See you at the race!

Merrymeeting Hall News

By Betsy Steen

Merrymeeting Hall is changing! With the help of the community, Merrymeeting Hall is becoming a beautiful community space for Bowdoinham. Downstairs Dudes, or the Gentlemen of the Lower Level as they are known around the Hall, have been making huge progress. Electrical work is about three quarters finished and there is a new storage area behind the kitchen which will hold tables and chairs when not in use.

Meanwhile, local Bowdoinham resident Bob Stetson is creating a beautiful handrail and Newell Post for the top of the staircase, which begins on the ground floor. It will match the ones on the staircase going up to the theater. Also hard at work, The Merrymeeting Monday Ladies have been busy repairing plastering, painting, cleaning, and sorting the Hall.

The Eva Palmer Memorial Theater has had an upgrade as well, the stairclimbing chairs to theater are now in working order. Eventually, the Historical Society hopes to have a wheel chair lift so that it may accommodate all visitors.

Recently, the Theater has been a local place for line dancing and hosted a Violin and Viola recital. It is a versatile space, and people are calling and making reservations for an assortment of meetings and



private parties in the months to come.

During the course of the summer, they hope to fill the front lawn area so that it is level with, or slightly higher than the sidewalk. This

will allow the restoration of a short ramp off the church side of the porch, enabling wheel chair access. The Historical Society is also working to get permission to cut the curb, and allow a small drive in near the end of the ramp. These renovations to the lawn are all part of an effort to make the Hall more assessable for its guests.

Starting Tuesday, June 18th, Theresa Turgeon will be at Merrymeeting Hall from 10am-12pm to welcome folks who would like to sit and have a cup of tea, or coffee, work on an ongoing puzzle, play a board or card game, bring their needle (or other work) and have a chat. There is plenty of space for everyone and even an area for young children to enjoy! This will continue every Tuesday and Thursday for the foreseeable future and we hope to see you there!

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Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

We are continuing to raise money for the restoration of Merrymeeting Hall, a Community Center for Bowdoinham.

BHS members served a supper on June 30th at the Concert at the Landing and will be serving another Concert supper at the Landing on Sunday, July 21st, as well as serving their famous Bowdoinham Strawberry Shortcake at the Open Farm Day BBQ on Sunday July 28th.

On June 7th the Bowdoinham Historical Society joined the 4th graders at Bowdoinham Community School for a day of Bowdoinham History and Life in the Past. Leslie Anderson ran the station on One Room Schools, Nan Curtis led Needlework, Cathy Reynolds mentored students in Knot Tying (including things made from knots), Joanne Savoie helped students understand what daily life was like about 100 years ago, Betsy Steen discussed Bowdoinham Ship Building and Seafaring, and Lori Segar led students in old-Fashioned Games. This history day was a hit with the students and fun for all.

It is not too soon to begin thinking about the **9th Annual Super Yard Sale**, which will be held Saturday, September 24th at the Meeting House & Carriage Shed. The BHS can even store early donations now if you want to get them off your hands before the event. They will start work on this in late August and invite anyone who may be interested in helping with this project or in donating your unwanted treasures to the sale to reach out. All proceeds will go to Merrymeeting Hall.

The BHS also invites you to come visit the BHS Research Room which is located on the third floor of the Coombs Municipal Building. You have the opportunities to research or just browse notebooks full of information and photos on almost every aspect of Bowdoinham History: Farming, Industries, Commercial Establishments, Roads, Buildings, Churches, Cemeteries, Individuals and Families, Celebrations, Fishing, and much more.

The BHS also has Genealogical Material, Scrapbooks, Maps, Bowdoinham Tax Valuation Books (c1830 - 1960), Other Town Books, Store Ledgers, Bowdoinham Vital Statistics, a small Clothing Collection. One of their latest acquisitions is a Preble family "Fish Journal" recording detailed catch data from 1858 to 1861.

At the Research Room you also have the opportunity to buy BHS items: Our Bowdoinham related books, including our latest *The Lost Tale of the William and Mary*, Bowdoinham-themed note cards, and matted Bowdoinham pictures from the past.

Ongoing Projects

Restoration of 1798 Fire Hand Tub Water Witch with Paul Baines & Bowdoinham Historical Society.

Spearheading creating a Community Center for Bowdoinham at Merrymeeting Hall (formerly Merrymeeting Grange Hall).

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 14th, 1pm to 5pm – The Bowdoinham Village House Tour. Begins at Merrymeeting Hall and visits 10+ buildings in Bowdoinham. Proceeds go to the Merrymeeting Hall.

Sunday, July 21st - Concert Supper at Maily Waterfront Park

Sunday, July 28th, 9am to 2pm – Both the Jellerson School and the BHS 2019 Display at the Meeting House "Bowdoinham 1880-1930: Fifty Years of Change" will be open for viewing on Open Farm Day

Sunday, July 28th, 3pm to 6pm – The BHS will be serving Strawberry Shortcake at the Open Farm Day BBQ

Tuesday, August 13th, 1pm - Not Your Mother's Garden Club "Gardens and Landscapes 1880-1930". Anyone and everyone is invited to join Betsy Steen and the club in the Kendall Room of the Coombs Municipal Building.

Saturday, September 14th – BHS will have a display tent at Celebrate Bowdoinham. Please pay us a visit to say hello and to learn about that 'stealth' period of history that everyone misses in history class, since we were "Out-of-Time" and skipped nimbly from the Civil War to World War II!

Date to be announced- "The Kitchen 1880-1930" with Kathy Savoie at Merrymeeting Hall.

Date to be announced- "Minorities 1880-1930" with Howard Soloman at Merrymeeting Hall.

Date to be announced- "Fashion Show 1880-1930" with Elaine Diaz.

The BHS hopes to include a program on Art, and another one Music and think it would also be fun to have one on Transportation and Bowdoinham Industry. Please contact a BHS member should you like to be part of one of these explorations and learning opportunities.

2019 Theme

Bowdoinham 1880-1930 - Fifty Years of Change

Contact BHS

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www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/thebowdoinham-historical-society

Office Hours:
in the Lancaster-Bishop Archive & Research Room, 13 School Street
on Tuesdays, 10am-12pm & 2-5pm

Nazrene Church News

By Christina Couch

The Church of the Nazarene is pleased to announce that Chloe Thornton-Holman represented the church and the Maine District at the Regional Teen Bible Quiz Tournament at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, and that her team placed first in their division. Chloe and her fellow Bible quizzers spent the school year studying the Gospel of John and attended the tournament in May, competing against teens from the northeast all the way down to Virginia. Congratulations, Chloe!

Teen Bible Quizzing is open to kids in 6th-12th grades. The new quiz year will begin in September and the kids will be studying the books of Hebrews and 1 & 2 Peter. For more information, contact Christina Couch at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.

The Clothes Closet will be switching over to fall/winter clothes beginning in August. Winter coats will be available in September. The Clothes Closet is open on Wednesdays from 3:30-6pm. Donations of clean clothes in good condition can be dropped off during those hours. Anyone is welcome to "shop" at the Clothes Closet - it is open to anyone regardless of need. The clothes are free, but donations are welcome and help with expenses. The Clothes Closet is located at the Nazarene Church (in the house behind the church). For more information or urgent need, contact Christina Couch at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.

Celebrate Bowdoinham Saturday, September 14th

Participant Applications are now available and are due back by August 19th. We are once again looking for sponsors for the fireworks show. For more information, please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

The theme for the Parade this year is The Wild West to The Roaring 20s.

Cemetery Committee News

By Elaine Diaz

The Cemetery Advisory Committee was unable to do the planned "clean-ups" in the Village Burying Ground during April and May due to very wet ground conditions. However, some of their volunteers, Jacinta Blodgett, Sam Tome and new committee member, Cassie Hensley, were out searching for some of Bowdoinham's lost cemeteries, and found the D. M. Plot in the discontinued Dingley Road area. They also looked at the Sedgley Plot in the State Wildlife Management Area at the end of Wildes Road. The Committee has been trying to locate a Booker Plot, which anecdotally was near the Booker Road, in the vicinity of I295. Does anyone know of this plot? If so, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Meanwhile, Elaine Diaz and Linda Temple assembled supply kits for keepers and regular volunteers, which may be picked up at Elaine's porch, located at 18 Sedgley Field Lane or at the Town Office. If needed the Committee may be able to deliver a kit to you. These kits include a spray bottle of D-2, the stone cleaning solution, an informational packet and a clipboard with survey sheets. Please, if you are a keeper, or find a cemetery, fill out this form as best you can, keep a copy for your file and send or take one copy to Pam at the Town Office or to Elaine Diaz. These are very important in giving the town a summary of the conditions and needs of the 65 plus burial grounds in

Bowdoinham.

Summer plans include clean-up at the Village Burying Ground on: July 13th, 14th and 27th, and August 10th, 11th, 24th, and 25th. Areas will be designated, and supplies and instructions will be available. Work starts at 9am and goes until 3pm, or until we are too tired to continue! At present we do not have someone who is trained in stone restoration. If you know of someone or are interested in learning this skill, please contact Pam Ross at the Town Office. If you are a Keeper, The Cemetery Advisory Committee wants to continue to support you in tending your cemeteries, please contact Elaine Diaz or Pam Ross if you are in need of additional supplies, assistance or support.

The next Cemetery Advisory Committee meetings are on July 8th and August 5th at 4pm, but it may be subject to change. Check the Town calendar located on the "Calendar" page of the Town's website or check with Pam at the Town Office as this time might change to accommodate new committee members. (We still have 2 vacancies.)

For any questions or issues, please contact one of the following people:

Pam Ross, Town Clerk
666-5531, pross@bowdoinham.com

Tony Lewis, BCAC Chair
207-318-5416, tony.lewis@taknology.net

Elaine Diaz, Volunteer Coordinator
666-8255



Open Saturdays

8:30am to 12:00pm

at Maily Waterfront Park

Visit us on Facebook!

How to Start a New Business

By Wendy Rose

Bowdoinham is such an entrepreneurial town! New businesses are starting up all the time. If you are on fire with a self-employment idea, whether it is a modest home-based enterprise or a larger venture that will employ several people, the Town of Bowdoinham wants to smooth your path forward so you can succeed. Here are some helpful tips for how to take your first steps:

1. Work on a written business plan whether your idea is small or large. Even if you don't know a lot of details yet, writing down what you do know will help you to see the things you need to research. It will also help you answer the key questions. Is this idea feasible (can I get it underway)? Is it viable (can it grow to the point where it will meet my financial goals)? Is it desirable (will the demands of the business fit into my life and be something I want to spend my time on)? There are free services that can help you write your plan including one-on-one help or workshops. See the footnote.

2. Decide if you want to operate as a sole proprietorship, partnership, or corporation. Forming an LLC has become more popular in recent years (rather than

a corporation). A business counselor or lawyer can help you decide which form is best for you.

3. If you decide to incorporate, you can obtain incorporation papers from the Maine Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, State House Station #29, Augusta, Maine 04333.

4. A federal employer identification number is required if you intend to have employees. It is also helpful on some federal forms even if you are a sole proprietor with no employees. You can obtain the needed form from the nearest Internal Revenue Service Office (Form SS-4, EIN) or you can download it from the IRS website, www.irs.gov. Use the search bar to get to the form you need.

5. Obtain a State Sales Tax Number if you plan to sell a taxable product. You can get this from the Maine Department of Finance, Bureau of Taxation, State House Station #78, Augusta, Maine 04333. (207) 287-2336. They can give you guidance about the current sales tax rate and on how often you need to file your sales tax forms and revenue given the volume of sales you think you may have.

6. Talk with the Bowdoinham Town Office about the permitting process. This process is also outlined on the Town's Website.

7. If your business is operated in your home, check in with the Town's Code Enforcement Officer on whether or not

you will need a Site Plan Review Permit from the Town.

8. If you plan to have employees, there are a couple of other things you will need. One is an unemployment insurance identification number from the Unemployment Compensation Division, Maine Department of Labor. Also, make sure you are in necessary compliance with the Workers Compensation Act by contacting the Maine Workers Compensation Commission. Finally, contact the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to determine compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The Maine State website can help give you information on all of this. Simply go to www.maine.gov.

For more information, you can:

- visit the Business section of the Town's website. There you will find Resources for Businesses and New Business Guide; and
- contact Nicole Briand, Planning & Development Director at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

Select Board Asks for Input on next Town Manager

The Select Board is asking residents to provide input on the next town manager. What attributes do you believe the next manager should have? If you have any thoughts, please attend the July 9th Select Board meeting at 5:30pm at the Coombs Municipal Building to provide comments or email any Select Board member:

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tlewis@bowdoinham.com

Jeremy Cluchey
jcluchey@bowdoinham.com

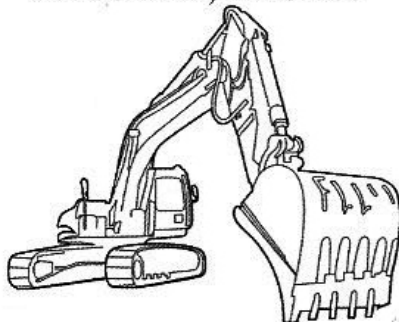
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**New Site Prep
Land Clearing**

**Ponds
Gravel**

**Septic Systems
Driveways
Tree Work**

ADAM SAMSON
(207) 837-3935

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New Public Works Facility - Open House - June 22, 2019





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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002
(207) 287-1400
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Dear Bowdoinham Residents,

Thank you for the honor of serving as your State Representative once again. I have been working hard on your behalf to provide responsive constituent services, be your advocate in Augusta and advance legislation that improves life in our district and in our state.

Over the past several months, we considered close to 2,000 pieces of legislation covering several topics. We expanded health care coverage, passed measures to provide relief from the opioid crisis, expanded access to solar power and high-speed broadband internet, set the stage to build a more resilient power grid, increased protections for both workers and consumers, expanded access to prescription medicines, expanded voting rights and took steps to improve public health.

I'm especially proud that we passed a state budget that begins restoring revenue sharing money for our town, increases education funding and support for teachers, increases the homestead exemption and expands the Property Tax Fairness credit for low- and fixed-income Maine families. The budget will ensure we do a better job protecting the independence of seniors and caring for our neighbors with disabilities. It also pays for roads and other key infrastructure services across the entire state.

I was glad to return this year as House chair of the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. We knocked down barriers holding back solar power and broadband. We also passed measures to hold CMP accountable for the way they have treated Maine's electricity customers for at least the last two years, and there are still more measures on the table to keep offshore investors from profiting from inflated electricity bills.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I will continue to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

As always, please contact me anytime at seth@sethberry.org, 207-522-1609, or at [facebook.com/berryformaine](https://www.facebook.com/berryformaine). I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Seth Berry
State Representative

Representative Seth Berry provided this updated annual report letter for this newsletter, as his original letter was not included in the Town's Annual Report.

District 55 Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Richmond (part), plus the unorganized territory of Perkins Island Township



Friends of Merrymeeting Bay
Summer Outside 2019!

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE* AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

- July 20** **Lower Androscoggin Kayak Paddle-Michelle & Stan Moody**
Brunswick, Call for time, Michelle Moody 406-5221
- Aug 10** **Cathance River Paddle with Michelle & Stan Moody**
Bowdoinham, Call for time, Michelle Moody at 406-5221
- Aug 24** **Forest Insect Walk with Cathy Reynolds**
Bowdoinham, 9:00 am-11:00 am, Ed Friedman at 666-3372
- Sept 6** **Swan Island Outing-Jay Robbins*(\$8 Island Fee)***
Richmond, 9:00 am - 1 pm, Jay Robbins at 737-2239
- Sept 15** **Swan Island Circumnavigation by Boat-Jay Robbins**
(\$ Island Donation Appreciated)
Richmond, 3:15 - 5:30 pm, Jay Robbins at 737-2239

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. To register for a program or for questions, please call the contact number for each individual trip.

PADDLERS PLEASE NOTE: Participants must bring own boat and possess at least intermediate paddling skills. PFDs required.

For More Information: Ed Friedman at 666-3372

Participants attend at their own risk.
www.friendsofmerrymeetingbay.org

2019

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Maily Waterfront Park ~ On The River ~ Downtown Bowdoinham

Every Sunday 6pm - 8pm
June 30 - August 25, 2019

- Events start at 6pm in the gazebo unless otherwise noted
- Rain date for each event is the following Wednesday
- See "Town of Bowdoinham" on Facebook for weekly updates



June 30

EARL BIGELOW & THE
MOTOWN AFFAIR

Detroit hits Bowdoinham as the re-vamped Blues Buzzards crew drives that motor city sound



Food Vendor

BOWDOINHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committed to keeping the history of this riverside town alive

July 28 Open Farm Day & Art Trail

FARM TOURS

• Studio visits 9am-4pm *More info at:*
• Waterfront Barbeque www.bowdoinham.com

In the Gazebo 3pm-6pm:



The Intergalactic Yurt Band
playing songs of love, heartbreak and celebration

at 6:00pm:

JIMMYJO & THE JUMBOL'AYUHS Cajun Louisiana with ayuh accent



July 7

MAINE MARIMBA ENSEMBLE



Performing complex polyrhythmic arrangements of Zimbabwean music on handcrafted marimbas

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BOWDOINHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Aug 4

CILANTRO BAND

Classics from the past 50 years with blended harmonies and delicate instrumentation



Food Vendor

girl scouts

LOCAL LUMINARIES UNDER THE LIGHTS!

July 13

Two Saturday night performances

Aug 10

Best of

Watersong

A wide range of music showing the work and accomplishments of Watersong musicians.



Featuring

the **MELLOWTONINS**

Peter & Gallway
The Real Band



With Peter's 2018 return to Maine, the resurgence of The Real Band has been unstoppable!

Open stage at 8:00pm - contact Earl at Watersong 607-9027 to perform - Peter Gallway will follow at 9:00pm

Aug 11

CRIBSTONE.



Playing a mix of eclectic-acoustic flavored tunes from blues to folk to Celtic, rock, country and jazz

Food Vendor

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROJECT



July 14

One hot band of top jazz musicians taking the audience on a hard driving, hard swinging musical journey

Scott Davis Big Band



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TBD

Aug 18

Pretty Girls Sing Soprano

A beautiful folk/acoustic trio in the vein of Joni Mitchell and Allison Krause



Food Vendor

PPR PASSION FOR PETS RESCUE

A non-profit run by volunteers helping to find homes for dogs

July 21

OFF THEIR ROCKERS



Members within the retirement community playing doo-wop, folk and country music

Food Vendor

BOWDOINHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Aug 25



STRING TIDE

An entertaining folk grass/Americana quartet with amazing close vocal harmonies

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BOWDOINHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

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Community Calendar

July

4th

Town Office Closed

7th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

13th

Saturday Night Concert, 8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

14th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

21st

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

28th

Open Farm Day

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

August

4th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

10th

Saturday Night Concert, 8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

11th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

18th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

25th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

September

2nd

Town Office Closed

Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held in 2nd Floor Meeting Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

Select Board Meetings

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham

2nd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

Cemetery Committee

1st Monday of Month at 4:00pm

Town Office

Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8:30am-4pm

Wed: 9am-6pm

Contact Information:

Phone: 666-5531 Fax: 666-5532

Website: www.bowdoinham.com

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.bowdoinham.com/calendar.

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