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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Services

By Wendy Rose

Law Office of Arthur Lamothe

Arthur Lamothe

Practicing law provides a very satisfying opportunity for Art. “I really enjoy helping people to solve their legal problems and to give them peace of mind.” By guiding individuals as they develop their wills, plan their estates, and review contracts or legal documents, Arthur is able to enable people to avoid future problems. He also works with small businesses to create an LLC or corporation. He is even willing to meet with entrepreneurs to answer their legal questions on an hourly fee basis without a minimum retainer. This means small business owners can address particular issues and clear up legal dilemmas.

Art’s early legal career was with Central Maine Power followed by a large legal firm in Portland where he specialized in the field of Worker’s Compensation. As the law changed, he was able to transition to an individual practice. His family moved to Bowdoinham in 1991, and he opened his law practice from his home starting in 1997. He has since expanded to an additional office on Park

Row in Brunswick making it convenient for his Brunswick clients. “I usually start and end my day in Bowdoinham,



Arthur Lamothe

meeting with clients at my office here at 37 Cairn Hill Road. Then, I am able to meet with my Brunswick clients during the middle of the day at my Brunswick office,” he said.

His website at www.lamothe.com is a primary marketing tool. He also gets many referrals from happy former clients and professionals. His sign at the end of Cairn Hill Road helps to remind community residents about his services.

“I especially like to help prevent problems from happening,” Art says. “A well-structured will and estate plan will include possible contingencies and will hopefully only have to be done once.” He loves to hear a client say, “I

feel so much better having discussed this with you.” Good legal planning is a great way to prevent future tangles and uncertainty he points out.

One of the more interesting experi-



Casey Mower

ences he’s had in his career was arguing two cases before the Maine Supreme Court. “We have very active and very good judges,” he notes. It took a lot of preparation to be ready to handle all the questions the judges peppered him with.

“We love it here in Bowdoinham. It is a great community, and I like the opportunity to help neighbors and friends.”

You can reach Art by calling 666-5713 or by emailing him at art@lamothe.com.

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Message from the Sheriff

By Sheriff Joel Merry

Recently, there have been a number of complaints from residents in the Bowdoin, Bowdoinham and Topsham area of a male (age 59) and female (age 53) stopping at homes and seeking bottles to redeem in order to pay their rent. The couple is driving a black four door Nissan Sentra with Maine registration plates 2787TK.

Some residents have been suspicious of this behavior, and rightfully so. While the couple is not doing anything illegal, going house-to-house puts them in a position to “case” out who may be home and who may be away.

Sagadahoc County Deputies have identified the male and female as residents of Lewiston, although they have other listed addresses, and both have prior criminal history for burglary and/or theft.

We hope our recent contact with them has prompted them to leave the area. However, if you encounter them trying to collect bottles from you, please call us and pass along as much information as you can, including vehicle description, registration plate and direction of travel. Your assistance will help us monitor their whereabouts and may reduce potential criminal activity. The non-emergency phone number for Sagadahoc County Communications is 443-9711.

Richard Ferrier Scholarship

Richard Ferrier Scholarship offers financial assistance to Bowdoinham residents between the ages of 13 and 18 as of April 1, 2016, to pursue their artistic, academic, athletic and vocational or life's passion outside of the traditional school environment. The application deadline is April 1st. Paper applications are available at the Bowdoinham Town Office, the Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Maine Community Foundation website, www.maine.org to download and print.

Services

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Reddog Guide Service

Casey Mower

Casey knows some of the best bird hunting and fishing spots in Maine and has impressed clients from across the country when he finds just the right spot to bag the game they are seeking. While many of his clients are from the northeast, he has had folks come from as far away as California and overseas. They all discover what we already know, Maine is a beautiful and rich landscape for outdoor activity, hunting, and fishing.

After retiring from the Navy and doing a 3 year stint at L.L. Bean, Casey was invited to accompany an experienced Maine Guide on his expeditions. Some of the dogs Casey had bred and trained performed very well in the field, and Casey felt it was worth it to get his Maine Guide license. He then started the business in 2013, has obtained his boat captain's license, and is now busy throughout the year with guiding trips. The business combines his deep love of the outdoors, his knowledge of the history and his skills as a hunter, dog trainer, and fisherman. His German Shorthair, Vistula, and Labrador Retriever dogs are all active assets to the business.

Casey's services include: hunting sea

ducks, upland waterfowl and turkeys; fishing for bass and pike on rivers and lakes; conducting boat tours; and training dogs for hunting. “A great part of the business is interacting with the people,” Casey says. He loves to talk about the natural landscape, fill people in on the area's history such as the ice fishing industry, and introduce them to the beauties of Maine's treasures.

Doing the operations side of the business has been a learning curve for Casey, but he has gotten some great help from family members and from websites that market his services to hunters and fisherman throughout the world. His new brochure is ready for a mass mailing, and he is currently booking trips for the rest of 2016.

The popularity and reach of his services is encouraging Casey to think about expanding his land base and building a lodge where clients can stay for longer periods. “I'm trying to decide how to go about it and to find the right steps. It's a balancing act,” he says. While he has considered other parts of the country in which to do his business, his wife is a native Mainer (she grew up in Bowdoin), and he has come to love the area ever since his Navy assignment in Brunswick. “This is a really good place to do the business.”

You can reach Casey at 737-4029 or info@reddogguideservice.com.

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CodeRED

By Jason Shedlock

Sagadahoc County utilizes an emergency notification system to ensure individuals who live and work in the county are made aware of critical emergency information within a moment's notice. Subscribers of this notification system, called CodeRED, receive information or special instructions on their cell phones, land lines and/or e-mail inboxes that serve to equip residents with the knowledge they need to keep themselves and their families safe before, during or after incidents in and around their community. Examples of the use of this geographic-specific program can be providing notifications and instructions around major weather events or alerting the public of a missing child or dangerous person. In fact, over the past twelve months CodeRED has been implemented a number of times for weather-related events and to assist with the location of older members of our community who became disoriented and unaware of their surroundings. Put simply, CodeRED helps save lives and protect property. Call or go online today to ensure you are "in the know!"

Jason J. Shedlock, Deputy Director
Sagadahoc County Emergency
Management Agency

Solarize Maine Update

By Jeff Kobrock

Solarize MidCoast Maine sponsored by MidCoast Economic Development District announced that Sundog Solar LLC of Searsport has been selected as the partner/installer for the Solarize program. The combination of a group discount and federal tax credits will provide a cost effective opportunity for residents to take advantage of going solar.

Chuck Piper, Sundog President stated that they are pleased to have been selected as the Solarize contractor and are ready to begin. Sundog Solar will now start to contact the list of homeowners and businesses interested in installing solar collected over the past few months.

Five Public Workshops are also scheduled to launch the Solarize program and the public is encouraged to attend. Sundog Solar will provide information about solar installations, will be available to answer questions and begin the process of scheduling solar site assessments.

For additional information, please e-mail Sundog at info@sundog.solar or visit www.solarizemidcoastmaine.com.

Upcoming Solarize Workshops -

- March 9th, 6-8pm
at Bowdoinham Fire Station
- March 22nd, 6-8pm
at Topsham Public Library

Skate Park Update

By Wendy Rose

What once seemed like a distant dream is now very close to reality. Thanks to a recent fundraising push, the Bowdoinham Skatepark is on track to begin its final construction phase later this year.

A big boost came from an anonymous \$10,000 matching grant that was announced in the fall of 2015. Then a major breakthrough occurred with a donation of \$7,500 from Crooker Construction. The new President and CEO, Tom Sturgeon from Bowdoinham, committed the company to make this contribution along with a personal donation. Another major gift from Matthew Parker's former fifth grade teacher, helped to complete the amount needed for the match.

"Our funds on hand are now so close to the construction estimates, we will go ahead and put it out for bid and see if there is any gap remaining," commented Nicole Briand, Town Planner. "We still need to raise the funds for required elements in the park such as a fence, landscaping, and a paved entry path."

Special thanks go to Seth Berry, Brian Smith, Will Zell, the Parker family, and all the other individuals who are helping to "close the gap."

In an emergency, seconds count. Now you can be the first to know!

Sagadahoc County has implemented an Emergency Notification System, known as CodeRED, to ensure you have the information you need to be safe before, during and after an emergency situation. A notification or special instructions can be sent to your cell phone, land line, TTY and/or email via this system. Free for subscribers, CodeRED has been used to inform the public on situations such as severe weather alerts, evacuation notifications and missing persons information.

Visit www.sagcounty.com/emergency-notification or call (207) 443-8210 to sign up!



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News from ACOA

By Patricia Oh

The Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA) makes Bowdoinham a better place to live for residents of all ages... whether ACOA is hosting a Mardi Gras party, sponsoring a class on healthy but frugal eating, working with the library to bring technology classes to older residents, or making recommendation to the Select Board about ways to make the Coombs Municipal Building more accessible, ACOA is proud to be a vital part of the community. The ACOA-sponsored Shipmates Senior Club provides a safe haven where we older residents can relax and enjoy spending time with our friends and neighbors in Bowdoinham and can also learn a thing or two. The new heated stair treads on the library stairs make it easier for residents of all ages to enjoy all our library has to offer. ACOA members couldn't do the work they do without the incredible community of volunteers and organizations who help ACOA enrich Bowdoinham resident's lives.

March brings many opportunities to get out and enjoy community life in Bowdoinham. Join us at the Merrymeeting Arts Center on Thursday, March 17th from 1-2:30pm for a discussion of Spoon River Anthology which will be facilitated by Frank Burroughs. While you are there, take time to enjoy the Winter Light/Winter Darkness exhibit.

If you are interested in learning how to make your "Smart" phone work for you, the Bowdoinham Public Library's technol-

ogy series has the class for you. Watch the ACOA Resource list and calendar for the exact date and time.

While you are at the library, be sure to take a look at the new display of devices—such as prism glasses, jar openers, and different types of pill minders that can be borrowed from the library. ACOA understands that not every device that is supposed to make life easier lives up to its hype. The lending library will allow you to try one of the items in your own home for a few weeks to determine if it works for you.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms:

The Village Lodge and Bowdoinham Fire Department have teamed up to provide FREE Carbon Monoxide Alarms to older residents of Bowdoinham. For more information, call Chief Frizzle at 666-3505.

Smoke Alarms:

About 25 people in Maine each year die because of a home fire. When fire strikes, you have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home. Working smoke detectors are an important part of a fire safety plan. The Red Cross has teamed with the State Fire Marshall Office to provide free smoke detectors to families that need one. Trained volunteers will come to your home and conduct a free home safety fire visits for anyone who would like one. To schedule a visit, call 874-1192. For more information about the Red Cross program: <http://www.redcross.org/local/me/home-fire-preparedness-campaign/home-visit>.

Merrymeeting Arts Center

The Merrymeeting Arts Center's project "Hallowed Ground, Forgotten Voices" is using Edgar Lee Masters' classic book "Spoon River Anthology" as inspiration for a comprehensive community project. As part of this project, the second of two Community Read events will be held on March 17th, 1-2:30pm at the Merrymeeting Arts Center. Franklin Burroughs will facilitate a discussion of "Spoon River Anthology" by Edgar Lee Masters. The book tells the story of a small American town in the early 1900s through individual "epitaphs" written by the dead. Copies of the "Spoon River Anthology" are available at the Bowdoinham Public Library.

April is the month for the annual spring exhibit "Vernal Pools & Turtles" featuring the works of artists under the age of 18. The theme of the show is connected to the distinctive spring environmental feature and gives young artists the chance to draw inspiration from art history, world cultures as well as local ecology. Turtles figure prominently in the mythology of many peoples and the area around Bowdoinham has a variety of turtles. The exhibit opens Friday, April 8th, 5-8pm. For more information, contact Peggy Muir at pegbryce@comcast.net.

The Pottery Project continues to be open on Saturdays, 8am-2pm, a \$5 fee covers the cost of materials and tools.

www.merrymeetingartscenter.org

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Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

In January, Cub Scout Pack 699 enjoyed a Winter Fun day at Camp Hinds in Raymond Maine. They were recognized for their popcorn sales averaging \$250 per Cub. Boys were treated to snow shoeing, sledding, using the BB range and snow sculpting. Kyle Siebert was recognized as our top popcorn seller this year, with Jonathan Cooper and Tyler Wescott in 2nd and 3rd place.

Scout Sunday was held on February 7th where Cub Scouts are invited to attend a worship service. Many Cubs attended the Second Baptist Church's



service (our charter organization) where they assisted with the service and shared what they have been doing in scouting.

Our annual Blue and Gold Banquet was held later that day with a CSI theme. Caution tape decorated the school gym with the opportunity to have a mug shot and participate in investigation activities. Cubs brought home-made cakes which were auctioned off to raise money for our campership fund. \$394 was raised. The Cubs voted on their favorite cake and Ethan Berry took home the Golden Cupcake Award (3rd year in a row) for his carved-soap polar bear and jackknife cake. Honorable mention went to Aiden Fisette for his campfire cake, Colby Bleau for his magnifying glass cake, and George Czerwinski for his bank robber cake.

Our pack is getting ready for its Pine-wood Derby on March 19th at the school gym. The community is invited to come watch the racing excitement (10:00 AM). Topsham Pack 646 is kindly loaning their aluminum track and timer for the event. Our pack is fundraising for a new track - thank you to the Bowdoinham Hardware Store for allowing us to place a donation jar at the store!

Boy Scout News

By Athena Mann

The boys focused on training for cold weather outings this past January and February, even camping outdoors in hand-made shelters. They had a nice overnight temperature, only dropping into the 30's. The survival shelters they built with little snow cover, proved successful, as the Scouts found they could last through the night. One of the main goals in Scouting is to teach skills of survival and leadership in a safe, fun environment.

News from BHS

By Betsy Steen

Coming up on Sunday, March 13th at 2:30pm at Coombs Municipal Building, "Digging up HIS Past in Bowdoinham." Brad McFadden discusses and shows his work, and what he has found on his ancestors' home site in Bowdoinham, typical of the people who settled this region in the 1700s.

The Phenix

David Falconi, fire apparatus expert from Handtub Junction, USA visited Bowdoinham and assessed both the Phenix and the Water Witch fire hand tubs. He wrote, "The members of the Bowdoinham Fire Department did a masterful job of restoring the Water Witch and should be very proud of their accomplishment. The work was very professional, and I really don't think that a better job could have been done by any individual that is professionally restoring hand engine today." He said that the Phenix was indeed salvageable. In talking to us, he recommended it, too, be restored in town, where he felt we have both the expertise

and dedication to do the job. Interested citizens and eager school children can then watch the progress and participate in fund raising.

Mr. Falconi confirmed that Phenix was built in 1798 by Ephraim Thayer of Bos-

ton, the eleventh of 30 hand tubs he built. Thayer, an expert builder, had apprenticed with Paul Revere. In the same year he built Phenix, Thayer received "\$2,201.29 from the US Navy for making the ship's [USS Constitution] gun carriages, fire engines, and 'sundry work.'" Another of his hand tubs is in the Ford Museum.

This summer we will be moving the Phenix into the BHS Carriage Shed, where she can be restored. Planning and fundraising will begin in earnest in the near future. Please let us know if you are interested in helping save this treasure for Bowdoinham's future generations.

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BHS Theme for 2016 -

Digging Up the Past... In Bowdoinham

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www.facebook.com/thebowdoinham-historical-society

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

Recreation News

By Lisa West

In honor of Earth Day, the Town and Boy Scouts are holding a Road Side Clean Up on Saturday, April 23rd. Meet at the Gazebo between 8-9am for your trash bags, route suggestions and trash drop off plans. If you would like to get a head start on your own road, I will have trash bags at the Town Office the week of April 18th.

Adult Programs:

- Basketball and Volleyball nights at the Cathance Fitness Center.
- Pickleball Monday nights at the Bowdoinham gym 5:45-7:15pm.

Preschool Program:

“Folk Fun” with Susan Brown. Sessions run 4-6 weeks on Sat mornings. Forms available on the Town Recreation wall in the office or call Susan at 666-8162.

Baseball-Softball:

- Assessments for baseball will be Friday, March 18th. Softball is TBD.
- Snack Shack: I am always looking for some community members to help with organization, lists and ways to schedule its use.
- Fundraising: I hope to have Dunkin Donuts coupon books available for sale in the Town Office.
- Home Run Fence Banners: If you are interested in advertising your company from April to October, contact Lisa.

Volunteers Needed:

- Tennis Program in spring/summer
- Walking/Running Group 2nd-5th grade

Recreation Wall in the Town Office will always have the current registration forms you may be looking for including ongoing programs, Committee on Aging Schedules, Cathance Fitness Center Class Schedule, and more. For more information, please contact me at LWest@Bowdoinham.com or 666-3504 and don't forget to like our Facebook page: Bowdoinham Recreation Dept. for local updates.

Recycling Barn News

By David Berry

Please do not combine mixed paper and mixed recyclables (commingled containers) in the same bag. The mixed paper we bale and sell, but the mixed recyclables are shipped out of Town, at a significant cost, to be sorted. Having the paper properly separated from the mixed recyclables saves the staff from doing that job and helps keep the cost of our program down. Also, please take care there is no plastic included in your mixed paper bag, or film plastic (plastic bags, etc.) included in your mixed recyclables bags, even if the film plastic has a recycling triangle and a recycling number on it. We have been unable to find a market for film plastic, although both Hanafords and Shaws supermarkets accept plastic shopping bags, and presumably recycle them.

Please try to leave bags for curbside pickup within six to eight feet of the roadway. This makes it easier for the drivers to spot the bags, and saves them steps getting the bags to the truck. On stormy winter days when the roads are being plowed it's advisable, if possible, to hang on to your bags until the next pickup day.

Another good way to help keep the cost of our program down is to be sure your recycling bags are full when you set them

curbside. The Town pays our curbside hauler by the bag for recyclables pickup, and a half-full bag costs as much as a full one. Filling the large translucent blue Bowdoinham Recycling bags (available at the Bowdoinham Country Store and the Town Office) will save you money for bags and the Town money for pickup. If you don't use the Town bags however, any clear bag will do.

Be sure your recycling (and trash) bags are securely tied, so that the contents won't blow out of the hauler's open truck.

Identification decals for Town residents who use the Recycling Barn are now available at both the Town Office and the Recycling Barn. Your vehicle registration or a utility bill will be required for proof of residency.

The Recycling Barn is now accepting all types of paint - latex as well as oil-based - at no charge.

For detailed information about material separation, curbside pickup details, materials acceptable at the Barn, etc., visit the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com), click on the Town government page, then to Solid Waste and Recycling to find the Solid Waste Guidelines. The Guidelines are also available in paper form at both the Town Office and the Recycling Barn. Further questions can be directed to the Solid Waste Manager, David Berry, at 751-2809.



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Wildfire Rating System

By Arthur Frizzle, Fire Chief

As we progress slowly towards spring a quick lesson on the Maine Wildfire Rating System and how it works with open burning permits in Bowdoinham. The fire class day is usually announced throughout the State right around 9 A.M. every day from early spring through to the first snowfall that remains on the ground. The fire class day is determined using several factors such as fuel types, moisture levels, weather, topography and other risks. The class day is then used by fire departments and fire wardens to determine if they will be issuing burning permits or not. This system attempts to assign a numeric value with a corresponding color code to the level of fire danger in a particular indicating how quickly a fire can start and how rapidly it may spread:

- 1 (Green) is Low
- 2 (Blue) is Moderate
- 3 (Yellow) is High
- 4 (Orange) is Very High
- 5 (Red) is Extreme

The State of Maine is broken down into 7 zones and every day freshly collected data is transformed into the fire class day for each zone. Bowdoinham sits in Zone 1 which covers the coastal area from Kittery

to Penobscot Bay and we are right on the border with zone 3 which roughly runs just inland of the I-95 corridor from the New Hampshire border to Bangor. The class day is usually posted and updated daily at the front of the fire station or is available through the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry website. Due to the manpower and resources required to battle a wildfire burning permits are only issued on the lowest class days (1 or 2) and very rarely depending on circumstances on a class 3 day. There are also occasions that we won't issue permits on a class 1 or 2 day depending upon wind, expected weather changes and availability of firefighters. Since there is sometimes a very narrow window of ideal days to rid the yard of the winter debris that has collected and the fire department only issues permits on Saturday and Sunday mornings we have partnered with www.wardensreport.com to provide burning permits any day of the week. This system still relies on the fire class day which is why permits are not available until after 9 A.M. but it is a great service. If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding burn permits or the fire department in general please let us know.

Community School News

By Chris Lajoie, Principal

The Bowdoinham Community School is proud to announce performances of its first school musical, *A Year With Frog and Toad – Kids!* This musical is based on the well-loved books by Arnold Lobel, and has been adapted with book and lyrics by Willie Reale and music by Robert Reale. The show will star fifth graders Claire Tankersley and Royal Kloberdans in the title roles, with a supporting cast and crew comprised of Bowdoinham students from grades K-5.

With a rich career in the theater, Producer/Director (and Mom), Dana Wieluns Legawiec, is leading this incredible experience for our students. She is joined on the production team by Ms. Sarah Stratton (musical director, and Music Teacher at BHM); PJ O'Hanlon (technical director); and Tessa Kingsley (costume and prop director). A string band will enhance the piano playing of our friend Susan Brown, and BHM alumnus Olivia Cox.

To make this a rich experience for many students, we are also integrating elements of the musical into our Arts Alive Elective program. Set, prop, and costume design will be worked into elective offerings leading up to the performances. Students will learn about the technical aspects of production, and a student director will learn and practice what it takes to bring all the elements together. Helping to make this special opportunity possible is a grant from the Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund. Thank you to all our supporters, and to our parents, community members, and staff members who are all an important part of this experience.

Please accept our invitation to attend our free performances, all at the Community School:

- Friday, April 1st, 2:00pm
- Saturday, April 2nd, 3pm & 6pm

We will accept donations to continue supporting the arts at Bowdoinham Community School into the future. Thanks, and hope to see you for *A Year With Frog and Toad – Kids!*

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Community Calendar

March

9th

Solarize Maine Workshop, 6-8pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

13th

Digging up HIS Past, 2:30pm
John C. Coombs Municipal Building

17th

Spoon River Anthology, 1-2:30pm
Merrymeeting Arts Center

22nd

Solarize Maine Workshop, 6-8pm
Topsham Public Library

24th

Public Hearing - Land Use Ordinance
Kendall Meeting Room, 7pm

April

1st & 2nd

A Year With Frog and Toad Performance
Bowdoinham Community School

8th

“Vernal Pools & Turtles” Opening, 5-8pm
Merrymeeting Arts Center

15th

Property Taxes Due

23rd

Roadside Clean-up Day

26th

Business Meeting, 6:30-8pm
John C. Coombs Municipal Building

Town Board & Committee Meetings

All meetings are open to the public and held in 2nd Floor Meeting Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

Select Board Meetings

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

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Finance Advisory Committee

March 8, 31 and April 5 at 3:00pm

Committee on Aging

4th Monday of Month at 3:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

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

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