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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Businesses Owned by Bowdoinham Residents

By Wendy Rose

Casco Bay Frames and Gallery

Tony & Heather Cox

“We respect and appreciate all art, from paintings to needle-point,” comments Tony Cox of Casco Bay Frames and Gallery. “We frame everything.” Giving close, personal attention to every project is a hallmark of Tony’s business practice. Individuals with artwork or keepsakes, corporations who need complex installations, or artists with treasured work can bring their projects to Casco Bay Frames for advice, unique treatments, and professional service. Tony will even pick up and deliver works from Bowdoinham residents and offers them a 10% discount. If someone needs help with positioning and hanging a piece, Tony and his staff are able to help.

The opportunity to purchase CBF&G came at a good time for Tony and his wife Heather. Tony had always been interested in working for himself and Heather’s parents, who owned the business, were ready to retire. After some consideration, the Cox’s took over in 2004. Since then, the business has expanded and now employs 7 people plus Tony and Heather. Tony’s background in carpentry, photography, and art classes in college have provided a good foundation for the demands of the business, and Heather’s ability with the financial aspects helps them stay on top of the numbers.

One of the trends Tony has seen, especially over the last six years, has been a growing interest in Portland as

an art destination. Galleries, art walks, and the Portland Museum of Art all build interest in the kind of services the business offers. He has also picked up on new trends in marketing. The business has made the transition from primarily using the Yellow Pages



Tony & Heather Cox



Amy Ruksznis

offers complete information about their services, and they work hard to stay on top of their social media profile.

While there may be new ways to promote the business, the tried and true business practices that Tony learned while working at L.L. Bean make a difference. “What I’ve learned is that you have to want to do the right thing for your customer,” he says. “They come

first.” Returning phone calls, being responsive, saying yes to special requests, and treating people with respect are all built in to Tony’s approach. Then, when the customer tells Tony that they love their new framed piece or that the staff was wonderful, he feels that all the effort is worth it.

Tony cited a number of challenges that owning a business has presented. One is the unpredictable nature of business revenue. Learning about the ebb and flow has been important. Balancing business demands with family time is also a challenge. “I’ve gotten better at managing my time, and I have learned that the business will run when I’m not there. You have to empower your employees,” he says. “It helps when you have an understanding partner like Heather.”

Being an arts cheerleader and an active player in the community is a major value for Tony. “We give to local non-profits, serve on a committee at the Portland Museum of Art, and I am currently President of the Portland Buy Local effort,” he says. This is all part of building relationships in the community and giving back.

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Tony offered some advice for anyone thinking of going into business for themselves. "It's important to pick the niche that is right for you, find the right people to work with you, say yes to the customer, and get involved or donate to the folks that are your customers," he advises. One of the best things to do, he says, is to "interact with the customers face to face to face. It is really re-invigorating."

You can contact Tony through the business website at www.cascobayframes.com or by calling 207-774-1260.

Innovative Physical Therapy and Wellness Center

Doreen Holmes & Aaron Holmes

The name of the business accurately describes the services offered at the Center that Doreen Holmes has established. "We're here for healing," says Doreen. "It's all about listening to people and meeting their needs." By offering an array of innovative approaches and putting wellness at the center of their practice, Doreen and her staff of seven, including her son Aaron Holmes, are able to address an array of physical and wellness issues.

In order to address the issues customers come with, the large Center offers such services as wellness counseling, physical therapy, acupuncture, massage therapy, and weight loss counseling. "We have both a traditional and holistic approach to working with people and their needs,"

says Aaron. This allows them to use whatever techniques are most useful for their clients.

The Center grew out of Doreen's many years of working in the health field. She started the practice in 2004 in Topsham and then moved it to 728 Main St. in Richmond in 2007. The practice has grown through referrals from health professionals and especially through word of mouth from happy customers. Some of Aaron's clients travel long distances, even from out of state, in order to work with him and make progress. In the last couple of years, the Center has added three new physical therapists to help handle the growth. "It is really important to let people know that we care," Doreen says. Both their compassion and their effective treatment has helped to bring increasing numbers.

Handling the business aspect of the practice has come relatively easily for Doreen. Growing up, her father was self-employed so she saw what the demands were. Later on, she had an excellent business mentor who helped her with practical aspects of running a business. Any challenges she has faced, including the recent recession, have been opportunities for learning and growth in her view. She did cite one particular challenge, however; "Hiring the right staff can be difficult," she says. "There are a lot of applicants for any opening, and finding the right person is really important."

Doreen believes that her business should take an active part in the community so it has sponsored events, sports teams, and activities. "We are so grateful to the communities around us. They

have brought us our success," Doreen concludes.

You can reach Doreen by calling 737-7000 or emailing her at Doreen-operations@innovative-therapy.com. More information about the practice is at www.innovative-therapy.com. Aaron can be reached at awesomearon@innovative-therapy.com.

Topsham Veterinary Wellness Center

Amy Ruksznis

Seeing Amy Ruksznis interact with the many animals that populate her clinic will give anyone who visits a window into to her approach to veterinary care. She is very attentive and loving towards the animals, and she patiently listens to pet owners. She makes sure to schedule longer-than-usual appointments, especially when she first meets a pet, in order to get to know her patients and their families.

The Center is intimate and homey with large exam rooms which also serve as the treatment area so families can be on hand when any routine procedures take place. There are no "back rooms" where pets mysteriously disappear to be treated; instead, everything is transparently handled in the consulting rooms.

Amy developed these ideas for best practices during her training at the Atlantic Veterinary College on Prince Edward Island and her 7 years at a large veterinary practice in Portland. Then, during a cross-country trip in 2011, she came to realize that if she really wanted to implement her particular ideas, she needed to set up her own practice. Just a little over a year later in Dec. 2012, she found an

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ideal facility at 10 Monument Place in Topsham and set out on her own. Having the opportunity to put her ideas in place has been very rewarding. She says, "The best thing about having my own practice is that the specific way I want to do veterinary work is what is most appreciated by my customers. They will tell me how much they like the fact that I don't rush. It turns out that practicing the way I want ends up making my customers happy."

One of the best parts of practicing close to Bowdoinham, according to Amy, is the opportunity to see her customers out in the community. "I really enjoy getting to know my clients," she says. "Seeing them out and about and having a chance to stop and strike up a conversation is great." Amy has preferred keeping her practice on the small side and hopes to maintain a family feeling with patients and staff. After starting with just 2 assistants she has now grown to 8 employees including a second veterinarian. They now have coverage for 6 days a week and offer a full array of services including wellness plans, screenings, surgery, and boarding.

The business side of providing her service has presented Amy with some challenges. While the staff has a family-like relationship, there are times when Amy needs to be "the boss." Learning how to do this well has been important. She has also learned from experience that the most effective marketing strategy is to sponsor events and to be actively out in the community. Finally, balancing her work and home life was difficult during the intensive start-up phase of the business. When she only had one day a week off, she learned to use it like a mini-vacation and to schedule fun activities. "I'm lucky that my partner understands that some work things need to be done after work hours," Amy says.

Now that the start-up phase of establishing the practice has been accomplished, Amy has been able to pause and appreciate what she has accomplished. "I am very proud of what I've done," she says. "I love my community and serving my clients."

You can contact Amy through the business website at www.topshamvet.com or by calling 207-406-4468.

Proposed Amendments Land Use Ordinance

By Nicole Briand

The Planning Board will be holding two Public Hearings on the proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance on:

- **March 23rd, 6pm and 7pm
at 13 School St**

- **April 27th, 7pm
at 13 School St**

The proposed amendments address the following:

- Create two Village Districts to allow for smaller lots sizes, lot frontage and front yard setbacks.

Since the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in June of 2014, the Planning Board has received requests to create a Village District, in order to alleviate some of the requirements for the many legally non-conforming lots and buildings in the village area. There are many lots and buildings within the downtown area that were created before the Town had dimensional requirements. Now these lots don't have the minimum lot size or frontage and/or their buildings do not meet the

required setbacks.

In addition, the Land Use Section of the Comprehensive Plan calls for the area in and around the village to be the Town's growth area. However, many of the lots within this area either don't meet or just meet the dimensional requirements of the ordinance. Therefore, the dimensional requirements within this area would need to change to allow for growth in this designated growth area.

- Create a permitting process for greenhouses, to address larger scale agricultural operations.

- Address recreational marijuana retail establishments. The Town placed a moratorium on recreational marijuana retail establishments and social clubs at a special town meeting in December. Now the Planning Board is discussing the permitting process and standards that the Town should require for these uses in Bowdoinham.

For more information, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at nbriand@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531.



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News from ACOA

By Patricia Oh

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham is a local program that is linked to national and international efforts to develop more age-friendly communities. What does that mean? Essentially, that people across the age spectrum have the opportunity to lead healthier, happier lives as a result of well-designed, livable communities that allow people to stay active, engaged, connected, and respected on a lifelong basis.

As you can imagine, creating an aging friendlier Bowdoinham is a complicated endeavor. The age-friendly team has started a Facebook Page that will keep you updated about the work of the age-friendly committee, list local and regional activities, and share articles. Please take the time to “like” and follow our new page: <https://www.facebook.com/Age-FriendlyBowdoinham>.

The winter weather hasn't slowed the pace of fun! Bowdoinham Outdoors, an email list for active people 60+ who want to enjoy the outdoors together. We have had plenty of snow for the hearty adventurers to enjoy snowshoeing this year. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Linda Jariz (email: ljariz123@gmail.com).

Line Dancing has gone from meeting

once/month to meeting twice! Led by George Oliver, this workshop is geared for adults of all ages. Beginners and all levels of experience welcome! It is a great way to meet new people while staying fit! Both meetings are at the Fire Station. The first meeting is from 9-10:30 on the first Tuesday of the month. The second meeting is from 6:00-7:30 on the third Tuesday. FMI, email George at golivergo5@gmail.com.

Gentle yoga meets each Thursday at 9AM in the Kendall Rom at the Town Office. The class is for people of all ages. Even if you have never taken a yoga class before, you will enjoy the gentle stretches that Lina leads us through. The fee for the class is \$3/week.

For the crafters, Craft, Laugh, and Learn meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 at the Fire Station. The craft is different each month. For a full description, take a look at our monthly Activity and Resource List.

The Activity and Resource List is available online at: <http://www.bowdoinham.com/COA-activities-and-resources>. Copies are also available at the Town Landing, at the Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Town Office. To be added to our email or postal mail list, contact Missy at the town office (email: assistantclerk@bowdoinham.com or phone: 666-5531).

Fire & Rescue News

By Arthur Frizzle, Fire Chief

Are you familiar with what an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is and what it does? An AED is a portable device that analyzes the hearts rhythm and can deliver an electric shock to a patient following sudden cardiac arrest. The best chance for a positive outcome from sudden cardiac arrest is prompt CPR and quick defibrillation with an AED.

Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue is very pleased to announce the addition of three AED's to our existing units. We were able to obtain a single unit through a Rural AED grant and with a generous donation from the Lancaster Estate the Bowdoinham Fire Department Association purchased two additional units. This brings to a total of six AED's available in Bowdoinham. WE now have AED's located at the fire station, on our primary response fire engine, with an EMS responder living on the East side of town, at the Community School, at the Town Office and one located at the Town Landing Store.

Thank you to the estate of Carmeline Lancaster for the donation to the Bowdoinham Fire Department Association. Carmeline was a member of the ladies auxiliary and her husband, Horace, was a long time member of the fire department and both were amazing supporters of the organizations.

Bowdoinham Fire & Rescue conducted training in “hands only CPR” and AED use for employees of the Country Store, The Town Landing and Bowdoinham Town Office staff to ensure that if the need arises they will be comfortable with its use. Thank you to all for your participation and continuing support.

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Cemetery News

By Tony Lewis

The Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee has been hard at work collecting information regarding cemeteries in town. We are identifying cemetery locations and needed repairs in preparation of the coming good weather of Spring! We are looking for volunteers to assist with our efforts! If you like helping preserve the history of Bowdoinham, are interested in cemeteries or are just looking for a way to get involved in your community, let us know. To volunteer with the Committee, please contact Elaine Dias by email at elainediaz@gwi.net or by phone at (207) 666-8255.

Regularly scheduled Committee meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 5:30pm in the Graduate Room of the Coombs School Building.

Finance Advisory Committee

The Finance Advisory Committee will be meeting at 3pm on:

- March 1, 8, 15 and 29
- April 12

at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School St.

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Recreation News

By Lisa West

With spring just around the corner, there's lot happening!

Adult Pickleball continues on Mondays March 6, 13, 20 and April 10, 24 at Bowdoinham Community Gym 5:30-7:15pm.

Baseball/Softball Season: Baseball assessments are scheduled at the Bowdoinham Community School Gym for Friday March 24th. Softball is pending. Registration forms are available at the Schools, Town Offices, and on the Town's website.

Sponsorships and Home Run Fence Banners: Our youth sports program is again offering advertising opportunities. If you are interested in sponsoring a team or flying your banner this year, our baseball/softball community greatly appreciates the continuous support.

Community Swim is on Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, and April 2 at Bowdoin College's pool, 4:30-5:30pm FREE to residents of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell & Topsham. Non-residents \$2 per visit.

Earth Day: Along with the Boy Scouts, the Recreation Dept will again hold our Road Side Clean Up on Earth Day Saturday, April 22nd. Thank you Heather Jackson and Athena Mann for heading up this community event. Bowdoinham resi-

dents please meet at the Gazebo between 8:30-9am to pick up trash bags, gloves, & route suggestions.

Indoor Walking continues Tuesdays & Thursdays until March 23, then restarts for April 11, 13, 25 & 27. Please come in the door on the left side of the building (not the main entrance), next to the gymnasium and sign in using the "walking program" notebook. Thank you.

Introduction to Canoe Skills & Maine Fall Foliage Canoe Tours: Bowdoinham Recreation has collaborated with the L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery Schools to bring these classes to our Mailyly Waterfront Park!! Go to their website soon to place your reservation.

Preschool Age Program: Folk Fun is a sing and play class for babies to children 0-5yrs. Learn finger-plays, folk songs, play with musical instruments and puppets. Look for a new session with Susan Brown later in April or contact me to be put on the contact list for this activity.

Volunteers Always Needed/Please Consider Volunteering time for: Walking/Running Group for 2nd-5th grade; Youth Tennis program; Celebrate Bowdoinham kayak/canoe race; Snack Shack time; Softball/Baseball field maintenance. For more information, please contact Lisa West, Recreation Director at 666-3504 or LWest@Bowdoinham.com.

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Plumbing Tip Running Toilet

An easy way to check if your toilet is running is to pour a few drops of food coloring in the tank. Let it sit for about one half hour and if the color shows up in the bowl it is time for a repair. The usual culprit is the flapper which can be easily replaced. Many toilets have flappers that are specific to that brand and sometimes to that model. A so called universal flapper will fit many, but not all, toilets.

Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

The Bowdoinham Cemetery Online Data Base is complete through 1977, thanks to a grant from Maine Humanities Council and the efforts of Donna Lee Jason and Todd Woofenden. To see how it works, go to our website and click on 'Cemeteries' and then 'Name Search Tool'. Or if you click on one of the cemeteries listed at right. For a lesson, come visit us in the Lancaster-Bishop Room.

At our Annual Meeting, Jake Galle of Apple Creek Farm, David Asmussen of Blue Bell Farm, Ian Jerolmack of Stonecipher Farm, Eric Ferguson of Harvest Tide Organics, and Nate Drummond of Six River Farm talked about why they and their partners farm, their methods, products, markets, and goals. There were great questions, good fellowship, delicious refreshments, and all left knowing much more about Bowdoinham's thriving 21st Century farm community.

Our next Farming in Bowdoinham program will be Sunday, March 12th starting at 2pm in the Kendall Room at Coombs. The theme will be "Bowdoinham Farm Stories from the 20th Century." Join us to tell and hear stories about farming, growing up or working on a farm, large or small during 100 years that went from horses and oxen to tractors!

We would also like to collect as many farming memories (and photos) as possible. Please consider capturing your stories, on paper or computer, for future generations to illustrate Farming in Bowdoinham 1717-2017.

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

Volunteer Service

By Kate Cutko

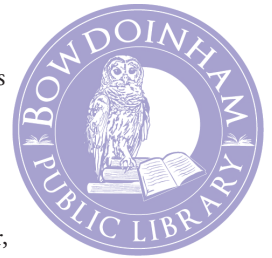
After serving as President of the Bowdoinham Public Library's Board for 12 years, Jill Hooper is stepping down. In addition to her full time job, her continuing education and her family responsibilities, Jill will soon be serving as the Chair of the Lupine Com-

mittee, an important award committee of the Maine State Library. She is saddened to say she doesn't have the time needed to lead the library board. As an example of Jill's deep love of libraries, she returned to school 10 years ago to earn

her master's degree in Library Science and now works as the librarian at Freeport Middle School. Jill directed the work of Bowdoinham's library board by helping to manage each of the many successful library fundraisers and many programming initiatives. During her time as President she secured a large grant from the Libra Foundation to expand the library's collection and she designed and expanded a new Young Adult section after the library



reorganized the rooms and the collection. She has been a thoughtful steward of the library's finances, a careful and creative fundraiser, and an empowering staff manager.



So much of her work has happened behind the scenes, like making hundreds of wreaths in her barn and hauling hundreds of plant sale tables in and out of the Town Hall. And where there is one Hooper volunteer, you are likely to find a few more. Jill's husband Steve has volunteered so much of his own time; whether it's selling raffle tickets for mulch, cutting and hauling trees for wreath-making, or building dozens of custom tables to hold our perennials, he does it with both a light-hearted grumble and a smile. The Hooper daughters, Ali and Jorja, have also followed their mom's lead and offered help since they were little girls. While she will no longer serve as the board president, you are certain to see Jill at the next library fundraiser. When you do, please say "Thank you" for her many years of service!

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News for Arts Center

By Lee Parker

Merrymeeting Arts Center held its Annual Meeting on January 26 and elected to the Board of Directors were two new members Rebecca Smith and Melissa Fiori. They join continuing members Howard Solomon, President, Wendy Rose, Secretary, Lee Parker, Treasurer and Jennifer Tankersley. The Board looks forward to an exciting year and celebrating MAC's 10th Anniversary. MAC opened its doors during Celebrate Bowdoinham 2007.

Ice & Smelt Festival

The Festival opened on Friday, February 3rd with the exhibit "Out of Darkness, Light" with work in a variety of genre suggesting images of bonfires, sunrises, the flash of color against snow. The questions asked of exhibitors and visitors alike were "Where do we find light in a dark season? What signs of rebirth and spring are available to us? Where do we look for energy and growth in our own community?"

On Saturday visitors enjoyed the exhibit and visited the Pottery Project where a variety of activities were offered. The Frogtown Mountain Puppetry entertained a crowd of young and not-so-young with their performance of "The Legend of the Banana Kid". Afterwards folks stayed to make puppets, play with Legos and decorate post board skateboards and add their ideas to the plans for the Skatepark mural.

An enthusiastic crowd attended the Soup Supper, enjoying 12 different kinds of soup made by our neighbors with



Art For Everyone

proceeds benefitting the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. Students from the Pottery Project sold handmade bowls to benefit the center.

Vernal Pools - "Skunk Cabbage and Other Stinky-helpful Plants"

The Merrymeeting Arts Center (MAC) invites young artists under the age of 18 to submit works of art for its Spring Show, "Skunk Cabbage and Other Stinky-helpful Plants." The show opens on Friday, April 7, 2017 with a reception from 5-7 p.m. and will close on May 20th. Works should be brought to MAC at 9 Main Street, Bowdoinham on Wednesday, April 5 from 3-5. Delivery can be arranged for another time by calling or texting 207-504-1132.

Original student work in any medium or any size can be submitted for its first showing in the exhibit. Works on paper may be pre-mounted on construction paper, but this is not required. Each piece of art should have a label firmly attached to the back with the title of the piece, name of the artist, medium, and price. If the piece is for sale, 30% of the sale will go to MAC.

Traditionally, themes for the young artist shows at MAC are related to the plant and animal life that can be found in vernal pools, a key feature of the spring woods in Maine. This year's star, skunk

cabbage is a colorful plant that can be transplanted from the wild into gardens where they provide a lot of benefits. Students are encouraged to represent skunk cabbage, or related stinky or helpful plants, in any whimsical depiction that appeals to them.

MAC will be collaborating with the Bowdoinham Community School Garden Project, the Bowdoinham Historical Society, and the Bowdoinham Public Library Plant Sale for this show. For more information, call or text 207-504-1132.

MAC Pottery Project

MAC Pottery Project continues to be open on Saturdays from 10-3 for anyone interested in trying their hand at ceramics. Drop in and see us! Check our website for more information.

Merrymeeting Arts Center appreciates the support it receives from the Town of Bowdoinham.

For more information, please visit our website at www.merrymeetingartscenter.org, email us at merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com or call and leave us a message at 370-5002.

Merrymeeting Arts Center encourages art, education, and community, celebrating the cultural heritage and natural environment of Merrymeeting Bay.

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Bowdoinham Food Pantry

By Linda Jariz

In 2016, the Food Pantry provided food to 82 households comprised of 148 adults and 66 children. It collected 15,230 pounds of food during the same time period; more than 1200 pounds of which were vegetables and eggs donated by our local farmers.

*How is the Food Pantry organized?
Who runs it?*



The Bowdoinham Food Pantry is an independent, not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide supplemental food to residents of Bowdoinham and Bowdoin who are in need. The Food Pantry exists due to generous private donations from individuals and businesses. It is operated entirely by volunteers who give their time and efforts to help individuals and families have access to adequate, nutritious food. While the Food Pantry often coordinates with the Town of Bowdoinham, it is not funded or operated by the town. If you have any questions or concerns about the operation of the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, please call 207-751-7779 and leave a message or e-mail us at bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com. Someone will respond to you promptly.

Recent Holiday Donations

This is a community effort responding to a community need. And it would not happen without all of your wonderful support. Christmas donations, including the Giving Tree, yielded \$1140.00. Thank you!! We cannot say thank you enough to all of the community who come together to make this work.

Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

Pack 699 has been on the go. In November our pack and troop collected 450 pounds of food for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. The pack assisted in helping our charter organization, The Second Baptist Church of Bowdoinham, pack over 100 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. In December we helped with the tree lighting and caroling at the Fire Station welcoming Santa to Bowdoinham. We did some winter camping in January with a sleep-over in the school gym complete with tents. Outdoor cooking was a big hit with Dutch oven cakes, foil dinners, walking tacos and S'mores. Webelos spent a night at Camp Bomazeen in Belgrade, staying in a wood stove-heated cabin. Scouts participated in Scout Sunday on February 5th helping with the church service at the Second Baptist Church.

All our dens are busy working on achievements to complete their ranks by the end of the school year. Upcoming events include our annual Blue and Gold banquet in February, Pinewood Derby on March 19 at 10am at the school gym (public welcome) and a trip to the Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut to spend the night at the end of April vacation.



Ferrier Scholarship

By Jill Hooper

The Maine Community Foundation's Richard Ferrier Scholarship offers financial assistance to Bowdoinham residents between the ages of 13 and 18 as of April 1, 2017, to pursue their artistic, academic, athletic and vocational or life's passion outside of the traditional school environment. Eligible applicants must be residents of Bowdoinham who clearly demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Preference is for applicants who have resided in Bowdoinham for at least one year. Awards are not retroactive; the student's program must start after June 1 of the application year. The fund does not pay for equipment, instruments, or Drivers' Ed.

Last year, the committee awarded \$10,287 to 27 students who used the funds to participate in activities including sports camps, a bike tour, music lessons, a humor workshop, fiddle camp and riding academy enrollment.

The application deadline for the Ferrier Scholarship is April 1, 2017. Paper applications are available at the Bowdoinham Town Office, the Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Maine Community Foundation website, www.mainecef.org to download and print. Please contact committee members Jill Hooper (hoopersj@comcast.net), Amy Petitti (petittia@link75.org), Lisa West (lwest@bowdoinham.com), or Jon Beede (beedej@link75.org), or Liz Fickett at Maine Community Foundation (efickett@mainecf.org or 207-412-2015) if you have any questions.

A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation has worked with donors and educators since 1983 to provide Maine students with access to educational opportunities. The community foundation manages more than 500 scholarship funds.

Clothes Closet

By Christina Couch

The Clothes Closet at the Nazarene church will be open every Wednesday from 3-6 pm beginning February 1st and until further notice. Donations of clean clothes in good condition can be dropped off at that time as well.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer is also welcome. There is no charge or registra-

tion process to use the clothes closet, but those who wish to contribute to the ministry are welcome to do so.

Donations given for the clothes go back into the Clothes Closet ministry. The ministry is located at 7 School St. in Bowdoinham (corner of School and Main, the house behind the church).

For more information, contact Christina at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.

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Taxes is due APRIL 15, 2017

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Since its founding in 1954 by Brunswick High School Principal Mario Tonon, the Brunswick Area Student Aid fund has been helping area students with the cost of post secondary education. **Over 4,000 awards have been granted.**

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Join the effort to Eliminate Browntail Caterpillars Now!

Entomologists from the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry say now is the time to decrease the numbers of browntail caterpillars in trees that are accessible. Browntail caterpillars cause a rash like poison ivy and they are spreading across more and more of Maine. Contact with caterpillar hairs can cause severe reactions for some individuals.

The caterpillars spend the winter webbed in silken-wrapped leaves on the tips of branches of oak and apple trees. NOW is the time to look for the bright white silk tying a few leaves to the TIPS of your apple, crab apple, plum, cherry and oak tree branches. If you see a web CLIP IT OUT and destroy the web by dropping it in a bucket of soapy water, do not just leave it on the ground. The caterpillars will begin to emerge in the spring as soon as the trees begin to leaf out. Forest service staff anticipate a 6 fold increase in the infestation from last year.

The Bowdoinham Public Library is loaning pole pruners for use by Bowdoinham residents. The pole can reach 8' with one section and 16' with the second section added. More information can be found at the Town of Bowdoinham website as well as the Forest Service website.

A video showing how to clip the webs and a list of arborists who could prune webs can be found at:

http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm

Facebook users can find more information at "Midcoast Maine Browntail Moth Support" on Facebook.

A public information meeting is being held Monday, March 6, at 7 pm in the Coombs Municipal Building. Kendal Meeting Room.



STATE OF MAINE
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 75
SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION REFERENDUM
FOR THE TOWN OF BOWDOINHAM
MARCH 7, 2017
OFFICIAL BALLOT


Susan Brown, Chair Board of
Directors

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the left of your choice(s) like this: ●

Yes

Article 1:

Do you favor authorizing the board of directors of School Administrative District No. 75 (the "District") to construct and equip a new high school on the real estate described below at a cost not to exceed \$60,055,671 (the "Project"); to issue bonds and notes for that purpose in the name of the District in an amount not to exceed \$59,695,139; and to fund the balance of Project costs with \$39,532 previously appropriated in the District's operating budget, \$119,220 in rebates from Efficiency Maine and \$201,780 from grants and donations?

No

The following Project information is provided as part of this Article 1:

A. Description of Project. The Project will include construction of a new facility for Mt. Ararat High School and will be located on the site of the current Mt. Ararat High School and Mt. Ararat Middle School campus in Topsham. The Project will include building construction and site improvements including athletic fields, vehicular and pedestrian areas.

B. Responsibility for Bond Payments. The District shall be responsible for the local share of annual principal and interest payments for this school construction project included in the total cost of education appropriated pursuant to Title 20-A M.R.S.A. § 15690(1), if any, and for the annual principal and interest payments for the non-state funded portion of this school construction project.

C. Additional Operating Costs. It is estimated that there will be no additional operating costs attributable to the Project during each of the first two years.

D. Replacement of Existing School. As part of this Project, the existing Mt. Ararat High School will be replaced and removed.

Yes

Article 2:

If Article 1 is approved, do you favor authorizing the board of directors of School Administrative District No. 75 to issue additional bonds or notes in the name of the District in an amount not to exceed \$649,000 in order that the Project budget may include artificial turf instead of grass turf for the competition athletic field that will be relocated as part of the Project?

No

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Community Calendar

March

6th

Browntail Moth Meeting, 7pm
Kendall Meeting Room

7th

School Referendum, 8am-8pm
Town Hall

11th

Dance Party, 6pm
Watersong Music

12th

Farming in Bowdoinham, 2pm
Kendall Meeting Room

23rd

Public Hearings, 6pm & 7pm
13 School St

April

1st

Dance Party, 6pm
Watersong Music

7th

“Skunk Cabbage & Other Stinky-helpful
Plants” Opening, 5-7pm
Merrymeeting Arts Center

15th

Property Taxes Due

22nd

Roadside Clean-up Day

27th

Public Hearing, 7pm
13 School St

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

Comprehensive Planning Committee

2nd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Committee on Aging

3rd Monday of Month at 3:00pm

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

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