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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Artisans & Crafters

By Wendy Rose

Bowdoinham has a wealth of skilled artisans and crafters who create beautiful and useful hand crafted items to treasure and enjoy. The Holiday Festival is a great event that showcases our local artisans.

Artisan Baskets Gallit Cavendish

Gallit Cavendish has pursued many creative avenues in her life: pottery, sewing, professional cooking, gardening, and the farm she established with her husband, Chris. None of them, however, completely filled the need she had to fill her hands and her thoughts after losing her infant son a little over a year ago. During this challenging time, she searched for something that would help her to process her loss. Basket making has ended up as the perfect way to meet her need. "Making baskets has been like a meditative process for me," she says. "It has given me a way to grieve while creating something useful."



The inspiration for her baskets first came when she saw a rope basket her sister made and then read an article in Taproot about them. She started to experiment with different cords, natural dyes, and forms until she found the right combinations. "Using plants from the farm for dyes was a natural outlet," she comments. Her baskets now come in beautiful shades of green (spinach, grass), yellows (turmeric, marigolds), orange (carrots), and purple/reds (beets). She has also experimented with indigo. From the smallest sizes that fit in one's

hand to larger sizes that can hold a family's mittens and scarves, the baskets are in many shapes with leather or cord handles and beautiful finishes.

Finding a market for her baskets has unfolded naturally for Gallit.

In the last year she has sold baskets at Wyler's Gallery in Brunswick, the farm stand she and Chris have in South Portland, last year's holiday pop-up store in Bowdoinham, and a couple of fairs. After participating in the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show this Christmas at the Bowdoinham Town Hall, she hopes to explore internet sales.

Having her creative endeavor develop into a business has brought both some rewards and challenges. "I really enjoy the process of creating the baskets," Gallit says. Preparing for a show, however,

can be stressful. The deadlines of commission sales, inventory production, and show requirements have introduced demands so, "I am trying to let it unfold," she says.

While the farm and the family come first, so far the development of the business has been meeting a need for both a creative outlet and another source of family support. In this next year, Gallit hopes to establish a name for the business, develop her marketing materials, and see which market outlets make the most sense for her.

"I really love Bowdoinham," she adds. "It is such a supportive community. Now that Calliope (her daughter) is in school, I am looking forward to getting more involved."

You can reach Gallit through email at saltpepperlemon@gmail.com.



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Wildfibers

Melissa Fiori

"I love it when people find something I've made that they really like," Melissa Fiori says. "It is very affirming."

Feedback from customers has been very helpful to Melissa in this past year while she has been developing her business. It has guided her experiments with functional items as well as art pieces which she makes out of felted wool, silk, bamboo, and other fibers. Her functional items include hats, handbags, scarves, and mittens while her art pieces are everything from wall hangings to pillows to vessels. She has even been creating clothing items.

Felting is the intense, many-stepped process Melissa uses to create her products. It can be done with a felting needle or through a "wet" process that blends colors and fibers into a variety of shapes and items. "It is a magical transformation that happens," Melissa says. "I never know how it will turn out."

Melissa's experiments with felting started with her introduction to the felting needle. "It was the tool I had been waiting for to inspire me," she says. Her early pieces were small felted creatures she made to entertain her children. When people saw them, they immediately wanted to buy them for themselves. As she developed a more diverse inventory, people encouraged her to sell them more broadly. Last year she participated in the Five Rivers Arts Alliance show at Fort Andross, the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Holiday Show at the Town Hall, and through word of mouth. Every show has been a success which is encouraging her to look into galleries as another possible venue.

Melissa's greatest challenge is finding studio space that will let her spread her materials out and work at a comfortable height. Because a lot of water is involved, she needs a good source of water and

a proper surface to work on. Having enough space to handle various stages of creating the material, working it into different forms, and drying it will enable her to work on many items at the same time.

Finding a good studio space in the next few weeks will help Melissa concentrate on production through the winter. It is the best season for her

to concentrate on her business since she works with her husband, Andrew, on their gardening business, Campo di Fiori, during the warmer months. "This really balances well with gardening," she says. While the gardens sleep this winter, Melissa will be busy creating her beautiful, felted items for the next selling season.

You can reach Melissa by email at mamafeltworks@gmail.com or by phone at 666-8419.

William Stanton

Painting has been a golden thread that has wound its way through William Stanton's career. Even while working as a civil engineer, public works department manager, building engineer, college professor, and consultant, Bill has pursued art courses and painting opportunities ever since grade school when he sold his first painting for \$3. "I found that painting is something I enjoy and something that is challenging for me," he says. "It is a form of expression that is so personal."

Bill has been able to pursue his painting full-time since retiring to Bowdoinham in 2003. "I always wanted to do it and now I can," he says. By having a studio in the old woolen mill in Richmond, Bill is able to keep all his materials out and ready for use and can work on a piece until he is completely satisfied with it.

Bill's first step is finding a subject that motivates him. Since he may work on a piece for as many as 130 hours, he wants to locate a scene that deeply inspires

him. After taking multiple photographs of a potential site, Bill tries to find the right angle and composition so the theme comes through. This can involve editing the images so there is balance and perspective. "When I paint nature," Bill says, "I want to convey a feeling that the scene gives such as peacefulness and tranquility. For instance (pointing to one of his paintings), this is calming and I feel reassured. I want to convey that more than anything."

Painting portraits is something that comes easily to Bill while landscapes can be more of a challenge. "There is something about portraits that just falls into place. I hardly have to think about it," he says. Landscapes, however, can take a lot of time to draft, and they sometimes need editing to create the right balance and color.

Bill has found a number of places to show his work such as the River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, Bangor Arts

Society, the Maine Arts Show in Waterville, the Harlow Gallery in Hallowell, the Topsham Library Show, and the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Holiday Show. Since the original painting can be very expensive, Bill has created more affordable items so more people can own his work. He makes prints of

various sizes of his originals and mounts them on foam backing or a canvas surface.

Art has provided many joys and challenges for Bill. One of the joys comes when people ask him about a piece of art. "Painting gives me a chance to let people know who I am." The challenge comes not only in the technical aspects of representing a scene, but also in finding ways to convey a feeling. "If I stick with it even when I'm discouraged, I often find a way to get through the challenge."

Bill's goal is to continuously get better. "I keep trying to learn," he says. You can reach Bill at billstantonartist@gmail.com or at 942-0797.



Project Updates

By William Post, Town Manager

At a public informational meeting held in late October, the Town Manager updated those present on the current status of the Public Works Facility and Recycling Barn projects.

He reminded everyone that in March 2012 at an informational meeting attended by approximately 100 interested residents, several options for the Recycling Barn and Public Works Garage were presented and discussed. After discussion, the overwhelming majority of those present felt that the Town should pursue purchasing the Recycling Barn and land. The Town was negotiating with the owner of the Recycling Barn for a potential purchase by the Town when the owner decided that he did not want to sell the building and property at that time, but granted the Town a right-of-first refusal. This means that the Town will have the first option to purchase the building and property when the owner decides to sell.

In the meantime, the Town is implementing ways to increase operational efficiency and employee safety at the Recycling Barn while maintaining the recycling operations for residents. The hours and days of operation remain the same.

At the same meeting, several options for the Public Works Garage were presented and discussed. The Public Works Facility is currently located on the waterfront on River Road and the building being used for a Public Works garage is an old warehouse that sits close to the Cathance River. There are many problems with the structure ranging from a dete-

riorating and cracked floor to holes in the exterior walls to a structurally deficient roof and wall system. The building has limited heated space and the building is not large enough to house the plow trucks and equipment for repair and maintenance work. The winter sand pile, which is mixed with salt, is currently uncovered other than by a large tarp, and the salt supply is in a building that is close to collapse. All of the structures and storage of items is within the shoreland zone of the Cathance River, with some being within the floodplain.

Those in attendance at the meetings in 2012, expressed strong support for the Town to find a different location to construct a new Public Works Facility that would include a new garage for the trucks and equipment and a sand/salt storage structure.

Since 2012, the Town has been actively looking for land in Bowdoinham that would be adequate for this use. The ideal land for a new facility would be one located centrally to plow routes so that the plow trucks are as efficient as possible; have a minimum of ten acres for a building area, with more acreage to act as a buffer to surrounding structures; be buffered or away from residential structures to minimize impact on the neighborhood; and have easy access from the road.

The Town Manager has viewed and researched several properties to determine their feasibility for the construction of a new Public Works Facility. The first that was reviewed was property at 8 River Road where the Public Works Facility is currently located. For various reasons, this property does not make sense to construct

a new facility. First, most of the land is in the shoreland zone or floodplain, which requires more and arduous permitting by the State of Maine, if construction is allowed at all, which is also more costly. Second, there is one small area of land that is away from residential buildings that could be a location for a new garage. This area is on the southern most end of the property, but would require a road to be built of approximately 1,250 feet. Third, the property has been identified in the Waterfront Plan as space to be redeveloped in the future by the Town because of its location on the waterfront and in the village.

At this point, the Town has narrowed down the location for a new Public Works Facility and hopes to be able to present a possible location to the public within a month or two. If the location proves to be suitable, the Town will hold another informational meeting and possibly call for a Special Town Meeting to consider purchasing the property. If the property is purchased, then the Town will begin the process of designing and engineering the structures for the new Public Works Facility. As this process continues, there will be public informational meetings so that residents can offer their opinions on this project. The Select Board and Town Manager hope that this project will be completed within two years.

If you have any questions or comments on this project, please contact Town Manager Bill Post at wpost@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531, or any Select Board member.

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Citizen of the Year

By William Post, Town Manager

The Citizen of the Year award is to recognize an individual that goes above and beyond for the people of the community. Bowdoinham's Citizen of the Year for 2016 has volunteered for decades in the community starting with leading Girl Scout troops and teaching local students about gardening at the Bowdoinham Community School. She also has taught knitting while providing starter knitting kits to local students. She donates hand-knitted mittens and quilts and donates vegetables from her garden to the Food Pantry where she has volunteered from the start of the program. Recently, she has been involved with the Advisory Committee on Aging and helps organize the annual Wellness Fair.

In appreciation of her many years of dedication to the people of our community, the Select Board of Bowdoinham thanks and recognizes Nancy Curtis as the 2016 Citizen of the Year. Congratulations Nan and thank you!

Advertising Opportunity

By Nicole Briand

The Bowdoinham News is published six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November by the Bowdoinham Department of Community and Economic Development. It is mailed directly to the all households in Bowdoinham (approximately 1,400) and placed on our website. Advertising is restricted to businesses located in Bowdoinham. The ad rates for 2017 are as follows:

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- 7" wide by 4.5" high is \$125

For more information, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or go to the Town's website, www.bowdoinham.com/bowdoinham-news-advertising.

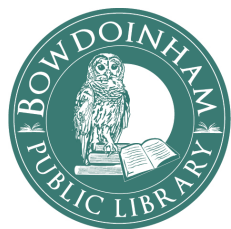
Celebrate Bowdoinham

By Nicole Briand

We have a lot of people to thank for helping to make Celebrate Bowdoinham such a wonderful community event, so please join us in thanking the following people and businesses:

- All Participants
- Bowdoinham Fire Department - Parade, Lobster Crate Races, the KenDucky Derby, and set-up and pick-up
- Adelaida Gaviria, Carmen Serier & Susan Brown – Bowdoinham's Best
- Missy Halsey & Diana Mosher – Parade
- Bob Lenna– KenDucky Derby
- Five County Credit Union – Face-painting & Balloon Twisting Sponsor
- Jay Read – Strolling Magician
- Ammon Smith, Charles Lopez & Wendy Rose – Open Skate
- Merrymeeting Arts Center – Kids Art Activities
- Mount Ararat Cheerleaders – Running Kids Activities
- Shotokan Karate Academy – Karate Demonstration
- Ron Houston - Participant Set-up
- Seth Berry, Principal Chris Lajoie and Bob "the Bus Driver" White - Dunk Tank
- **Silent Auctions Donors -**
 - Ackers Acres
 - As We Grow
 - Bergen & Parkinson, LLC
 - Bilodeau Insurance
 - Blue Bell Farm
 - Bowdoinham Country Store
 - Bowdoinham Fire Department
 - Bowdoinham Hardware
 - Bowdoinham Historical Society
 - Bowdoinham Public Library
 - Casco Bay Frames
 - Christian & Robinson Plumbing
 - Cobb's Repair Servcie
 - Country Fair
 - Cumberland County Glass
 - Doug Tourtolette Construction
 - Enterprise Farms
 - Exit 43 Quick Stop
 - Extreme Clean
 - Fire House Subs

Bowdoinham Public Library Used Book Sale



Saturday, November 12th, 9am-2pm

at Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School St

Hardcovers \$1, Paperbacks .50
Specially priced vintage and collectable books.

Taking orders for Wreaths & Poinsettias.
Volunteers needed. Please call the Library 666-8405

- Five County Credit Union
- Freight Liner of Maine
- Game Box Video Games & Comics
- Harry C. Crooker & Sons
- HP Fairfield
- Innovative Physical Therapy
- Jane Page-Conway Artist
- K&G Hardware
- Knights Farm Supply Store
- Lobster Buoy Birdhouse Company
- Long Branch School of Maine
- Mateo's Hacienda
- Max Zachau
- NAPA (Topsham)
- Old Goat
- O'Reillys (Topsham)
- Pine Tree Engineering
- Ray Labbe and Sons
- Richmond Home Brew Supply
- Riverview Sauna
- Shotokan Karate Academy
- Six River Farm
- Stonecipher Farm
- Swan Island Restoration
- Taurus System
- The Red Barn
- Tidewater Tree Service
- Town Fair Tire (Topsham)
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- Walmart (Brunswick)
- Watersong Music
- Woodys (Topsham)
- Zumba with Stephanie

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- Ann Touretlotte of Bilodeau Insurance
- Kabayan Philippine Foods
- Law Office of Brenden Smith
- Smith's Tax Service
- Winding Rose Studio

THANK YOU!!!

5th Annual Holiday Festival

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale

Friday, December 2nd, 6-8pm
 Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-5pm
 Sunday, December 4th, 10am-1pm
 at Town Hall, 13 School Street

Top quality fine arts including jewelry, pottery, fiber art, photography, prints and paintings all crafted by the members of the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans will be on sale at this show which is now in its 14th year. Come enjoy the delicious food and great live music by some of Bowdoinham's best while you shop.

Christmas Open House

at 312 Millay Road
 Friday, December 2nd, 3-8pm
 Saturday, December 3rd, 9am-4pm

The Christmas Open House will be full of a variety of crafts from Maine Artisans. Enjoy some refreshments and be entered into a free drawing for a gift basket filled with donated items from the Artisans participating in the open house.

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-2pm
 at Bowdoinham Community School

There will be lots happening so come join the fun with:

- Over 50 Crafters
- Bake Sale and Café (5th Grade Fundraiser)
- Pictures with Santa (11:30am-12:30pm)
- Scholastic Book Sale
- Holiday Village Display
- And much, much more!!

Pottery Studio Open House

Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-5pm
 at Arts Center's Pottery Studio

Come decorate an ornament to take home with you. All ages welcome. Donations appreciated.



Merrymaking Arts Center Open House
 Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-5pm
 at Merrymaking Arts Center

Come have a fun interactive experience with our special Skatepark Mural Planning Exhibit and enjoy some refreshments. Come see what ideas we have for the Skatepark Mural and add your ideas!

Horse Wagon Rides

Saturday, December 3rd, 10am-5pm

Rides will be available between the following locations: Bowdoinham Community School, Town Hall, and Merrymaking Arts Center. Tips are appreciated.

Family Movie Night

Saturday, December 3rd, 6:30pm
 at Bowdoinham Community School

Join in the laughs as we watch The Santa Clause! Admission is free, refreshments will be available. Kids - wear your pj's, bring a blanket & pillow!

Dance Party

Saturday, December 3rd, 7pm
 at Watersong Music

Come dance the night away with Cilantro and the Blues Buzzards!

Santa Comes to Town

Sunday, December 4th, 4pm
 at Bowdoinham Fire Station

After a short ride around the village, the Fire Department will be bringing Santa to the Fire Station at 4pm to light the Christmas Tree. Join the Scouts in singing our favorite carols, come inside to meet Santa, and enjoy some refreshments.

For more information, please visit www.bowdoinham.com or Facebook.

Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

The 6th Annual BHS Yard was a great success. Thanks to all who donated items, rented table spaces, came and shopped, and special thanks to all who helped organize and run the sale.

The Meeting House and Jellerson School are looking sharp, thanks to Andy Desjardins of A & D Painting, thank you Andy! And the Carriage House is also looking fine; Tom DeForest, Dave Piccuito, and Leslie Anderson are responsible for that!

Cemetery Information: In 1977 Marilyn Hinkley visited Bowdoinham's known cemeteries and recorded all the gravestones. Several years ago, Todd Woofenden began making that information available on line. Now, thanks to Merrymeeting Arts Center's 'Hallowed Ground Forgotten Voices' grant from Maine Humanities Council, we are able to continue and perhaps finish that process. To see what has been done so far go to <http://www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/> and click on 'Cemeteries' and then 'Name Search Tool'. If you click on one of the cemeteries listed at right, you will see a map of that cemetery, location information, and a list of burials there.

Plans are afoot to hold an Old Fashioned Christmas Party at the Meeting House on Sunday, December 11th.

BHS's theme for 2017 will be Bowdoinham Farming, we'd love YOUR input!

Contact BHS

Mail: PO Box 101, Bowdoinham

Email:
info@bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org

Facebook & Website:
www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org

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

Membership:
\$15 Family, \$10 individual.

News from MAC

By Lee Parker

Merrymeeting Arts Center will be marking this year's Veterans Day with a month-long exhibition of

historical posters from the First World War.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning": A Collection of Original Posters from World War I",

will present a collection

of 13 original museum-quality posters -- some of them rare, all of them visually striking and thought-provoking -- depicting America's involvement in the First World War. Materials provided by the Bowdoinham Historical Society will also be on display. Howard Solomon, who has collected these posters, is donating them to the University of Southern Maine's Glickman Library in January 2017. MAC and Howard are happy to share them with Bowdoinham before they head south. The exhibit will open on Veterans Day, Friday November 11th from 11am to 7pm and on Saturday November 12, 19, and 26 from 10am to 1pm. Also on November 11th, is Richmond's Southard Museum's special Veteran's Day programming for veterans.

Merrymeeting Arts Center closed its summer long exhibit at Celebrate Bowdoinham with a showing of the film of the play "Merrymeeting Monologues", written by Stephen Legawiec. The art exhibit, "Hallowed Ground, Forgotten

Voices: Cemeteries and Memorials" included works by over 15 area artists using a variety of media from photography to drawings to oil and watercolor paintings. The exhibit, play and other activities were funded in part by a major grant from the

Maine Humanities Council.

Members of the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans were featured artists at the Merrymeeting Arts

Center's October show, "Favorites from the Studio." Works included photography, pottery, fiber art, jewelry, and paintings chosen by the artists to represent their current work. An Opening Reception was held on Sat. Oct. 15 from 5-8 p.m. at MAC's gallery located at 9 Main Street in Bowdoinham's village. Music and refreshments were offered and the artists were on hand to answer questions.

Donna Lee Jason is managing the Pottery Project. Currently membership fees are \$50/month for 24/7 access to the studio; \$5/drop in during Open Studio times. Drop in on Saturdays between 10 and 2! We'd love to have you!

Over the past year we have amassed a collection of pottery with no known owners. Please come to the Pottery Project no later than Saturday, November 12 to claim your work. Stay and glaze it and it will be fired during the week and you can pick it up the following Saturday, November 19. All unclaimed work will become the property of MAC.

It is time to be thinking about Ice & Smelt. The annual festival will be held on February 4th. Let us know if you have some ideas or are interested in being in on the planning.

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

Contact us at:

www.merrymeetingartscenter.org

www.merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com

207-370-5002 (messages only)



Boy Scout News

By Athena Mann

Boy Scout Troop 699 had a very active summer, culminating on August 21st, at Baxter Peak, Mount Katahdin (5,267' elevation). The Troop made their way backpacking through Baxter State Park from South Branch Campground, to Russell Pond, to Roaring Brook, up Katahdin, a night at Chimney Pond's Bunkhouse and back down to Roaring Brook. An adventure none will forget, with stories to share for a lifetime. For many on this trip it was a first time backpacking trek, gaining knowledge and skills for future adventures; learning how to carry just enough to reach your destination. The Troop contingent ranged in age from 11-50+ yrs. lugging packs from 20-49 lbs. The challenge was met by all! Some Scouts had to be dragged away from the trail, as they were ready to begin a trek on the Appalachian Trail, others were happy to be returning home.

Wasting no time upon returning from one adventure, the Scouts are already talking about a bike tour of Acadia, as next summer's big trip. So the planning begins.

Troop 699 will be participating in Scouting for Food this November, all items will be donated to our local Food Pantry. Please be on the look-out for door tags to be distributed the last weekend of October, with Scouts returning to your home November 5th to collect your donations. If you do not receive a Scouting for Food tag and would like to contribute, we will accept donations in front of Bowdoinham Country Store on November 5th from 10am-noon.

We would like to thank the many community members who have reached out to our Troop, in support of the program. Scouting is a national program run by volunteers. We are very appreciative of the many hands that provide this opportunity to our youth. If you are an adult interested in Scouting, please

consider serving as a volunteer leader. We welcome community members to join our Troop, the Cub Scout Pack, and our District. There are many positions to fill, and great fun to be enjoyed by Scouters of all ages and experience! If you would like to learn more about the NEED for VOLUNTEERS in scouting please contact Athena Mann- 207-737-4641 or amanncspack699@yahoo.com

If you are a YOUTH interested in JOINING Troop 699 please contact Scoutmaster, David Mann- 207837-4270 or dmann88napa@gmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!

Troop 699 meets Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm, at Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church, 1 Church St.



Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

Pack 699 spent the summer attending Day Camp and Webelos Resident Camp. 13 cubs visited Camp Gustin in Sabattus and 6 Webelos spent three nights at Camp Hinds in Raymond. Boys participated in CSI themed activities including archery, slingshots, BB guns, outdoor cooking, nature activities, swimming and boating. Our CSI Float was part of the Celebrate Bowdoinham's parade. We welcomed 9 new Cubs into the Pack in September. We also hiked at Vaughan Woods in Farmingdale in early October.

Thank you to those of you who supported our annual popcorn sale which helps fund Pack activities including summer camp and Pack trips.

In early November please watch for our Scouting for Food service project where the Scouts help collect food for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

BCDI News

By David Whittlesey

It has been a busy time for BCDI as we take on implementing the grants that we received at the beginning of the summer from the Sewall Foundation and the Maine Community Foundation. To develop an interactive farmland inventory and to strengthen its capacity to engage with the community in revitalizing the Village area of town in line with the Comprehensive Plan, BCDI has created several Working Groups on its Board. We will be presenting both of these projects at our Annual Meeting in December - stay tuned!

On September 17, Bowdoin College Common Good Day, twelve students came out to Bowdoinham as a follow-up to the Common Good Grant BCDI received this year. The students rolled up their sleeves and painted the fence at the school (Bowdoinham Community School now really stands out!), helped plant daffodil bulbs to embellish the new Town signs, and helped mulching around the school garden. It was a very cheerful and productive (if messy) afternoon - Thank you to the students!

Bethany Allen and Eric Ferguson of Harvest Tide Organics, who received a BCDI Community Development loan last year to put up a propagation greenhouse, have had a pretty good year in spite of the drought, selling at various markets and supplying The Farm Cart. They have winter CSA shares for sale that will be available after Thanksgiving right through into March. Check out their website for further information! <http://www.harvest-tideorganics.com/winter-csa-sign-up/>

In order to participate in this "neighbors investing in neighbors" program, you must be a Member of BCDI. We are now encouraging new Members and asking Members to renew their Memberships for 2017. It is easy to join on-line by going to www.bcdi.us. You can also do so by sending your name, address and email along with a check to: BCDI, 182 Ridge Road, Bowdoinham. Thank you!

Food Pantry News

By Linda Jariz

Now someone who is hungry? We can help. For any number of reasons, it can be daunting to go to the food pantry. Sometimes people don't want to take from someone else who they think needs it more. Or maybe they can't get to the Food Pantry. But here's the bottom line: there is plenty of food to go around and we can work out deliveries for people who can't get there due to infirmity.

Recently the Food Pantry in collaboration with MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program participated in the Wellness Fair sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Aging. MCHPP brought food to share such as strawberries, green peppers, onions and bread. Both organizations want to inform people about the type of food that is available, raise awareness of the hunger statistics for seniors in Sagadahoc County and encourage neighbors (friends and relatives too) to make sure people who could use some additional food receive it. The food that was shared at the Wellness Fair did not take away from anyone in need. There is more than enough

food to meet the need. And some food spoils quickly so must be used quickly; such as fresh produce and bread.

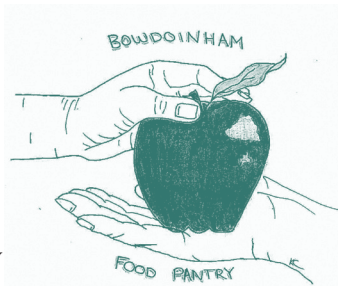
In Sagadahoc County an estimated 5% of the senior population live at or below the Federal Poverty Level. For a single

person that means making less than \$11,800 per year. And even though many low income seniors would qualify for SNAP benefits (otherwise known as Food Stamps), only 10% actually get SNAP. Imagine trying to pay rent, utilities, food and other bills on less than \$11,800 a year. Getting

additional food can help tremendously. The Food Pantry offers a wide variety of food including fresh produce and meat. It can also help connect to other resources - such as SNAP benefits.

Many thanks to all who stopped by the tent at Celebrate Bowdoinham. Your support and donations are greatly appreciated. And many thanks to all of our volunteers and donors who are critical to the on-going success of the Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

If you or someone you know could use a bit of help, please come by on Wednesday afternoons between 3:00 and 6:00 or call us at 751-7779.



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Community School Fundraising

By Kate Gray

This school year, as in years past, fifth graders at the Bowdoinham Community School will make a trip to Boston in the spring, to walk the Freedom Trail, to see the sights at the New England Aquarium, and to explore the market at Fanueil Hall. It's a big event and costs quite a bit of money.

In addition, the fifth grade teachers are investigating some new beyond-the-classroom learning experiences they may pursue this year and there are other costs associated with being the top dogs at the elementary school.

In order to assure that all fifth graders may participate and because the school budget doesn't cover all the special fifth grade costs and in order to get fifth graders helping to work for this great adventure, we are embarking on a year-long fundraising effort and hoping all interested people in town (and elsewhere) will jump in and contribute however they can and wish to do.

There will be other opportunities to support your favorite fifth graders throughout the year:

Calendars with fifth grade art and craft items made by fifth graders will be on sale.

The Holiday Craft Fair will be on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10am to 2pm in the school gym.

One fifth grade dad, Jon Beede, plans to jump in the Cathance in February at the Smelt Festival to benefit the group. You can chip in some money to see this awesome feat. Well, anyone can see it. You can chip in some money to inspire it.

There will be a GoFundMe site set up so you can make a donation outright.

The fifth graders will participate in a Read, Write, and Rock and Roll event in the winter or spring and anyone may sponsor them to show their grit by reading, writing, and dancing for hours on end.

The fifth graders will square off against the school staff in a fast-paced, action-packed basketball game in the winter or spring and there will be snacks on sale to raise money for fifth grade activities.

We hope to see you at these events and we thank you for your support!

Student Achievement

By Chris Lajoie, Principal

At the time of this writing (early October), Maine schools are still awaiting the results of our state assessment from Spring 2016. This was the second year our third-through-fifth graders participated in the computer-based version of the Maine Educational Assessment (MEA). While this is just one piece of data we use to measure how we are doing in educating our children, it is still important. I also believe it is important to be transparent about our student achievement data so that our community members know how their investment in our children is paying off.

In Spring 2015, our students completed a much more rigorous MEA for the first time. Here is how we did as a school (percentage shows students who met or exceeded the standards in those content areas at our school, as compared to all the MSAD 75 elementary schools, and the state of Maine as a whole):

Subject	Bowdoinham	MSAD 75	State
Language Arts	58%	55%	49%
Mathematics	58%	50%	40%
Science	73%	65%	65%

Clearly, while we performed better than the district and state, we have work to do to help more of our students achieve at the level of challenge set by Common Core State Standards. We know that as our test scores increase, it will be evidence that these students will be very well prepared for life in college, career, and citizenship.

This September we also used our own measures to determine how many of our current K-5 students are on track to finish the year meeting those important benchmarks in Reading and Math. The data showed that approximately 60% of our students are currently at the expected benchmark levels. Our major work this year as a staff is to learn more about research-based teaching strategies that are proven to make the most positive impact on students.

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News from ACOA

By Patricia Oh

There's a rumor going around that aging can be quite difficult. Katharine Hepburn supposedly said, famously, "old age is not for the faint of heart."

Of course, she lived on the lower Connecticut River, not in Bowdoinham, which, thanks to the efforts of many people in this community, is a great place to grow up and to grow old.

The Advisory Committee on Aging would like to thank all of you who made the Third Annual Bowdoinham Wellness Fair a success. More than 80 people attended this year! We were joined by fourteen health-related programs and several people who provided demonstrations of exercise and stress-relief techniques. The fair is over for another year but it isn't too late to join in the fun.

George Oliver has increased the number of line-dancing classes he is offering each month. On the first Tuesday of the month from at 9:00AM and on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM, at the Fire Station, join George and his dancers for Beginning Line Dance. The class is open to adults of all ages. It is a great way to meet new people while staying fit! Speaking of fun.... Last year's Holiday Snack pot-luck was so popular that ACOA is planning another one this year! Join us on December 1st at 11:00AM in the Graduate Room of the Coombs Municipal Building (second floor—across from the library) to watch The House without a Christmas Tree. Bring your appetite and a snack to share—appetizer, desert or anything fun to eat. The Advisory Committee on Aging will provide beverages and tableware.

The Advisory Committee on Aging is looking forward to a fabulous 2017! Our New Year's Wish for all of our residents is that you will be enjoying the wonders of this marvelous town in which we live.

As Spock might have said, "Live happily, prosper and stay active!"

Committee & Board Updates

By Nicole Briand

With the Skate Park Project near completion, Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) has started working on their next project, how to best get all of Bowdoinham connected to the internet. CDAC started by meeting with members of the previous Cable & Internet Committee. Now CDAC is talking with perspective providers (Comcast, Fairpoint, Red Zone, etc) to investigate the Town's options and their associated costs. CDAC will present their findings once they complete this research phase of the project.

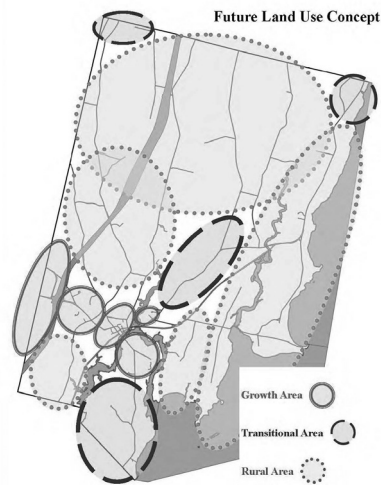
As part of the process the Committee is doing a survey to determine who has internet service available, from which providers and the speed of that service. Please help us by filling out the enclosed postcard and mailing it back (postage has been pre-paid).

The Planning Board has received requests to review the Land Use Requirements in the Village Area. The Town of Bowdoinham currently does not have a Village District (the whole Town is in the Agricultural-Residential District), so they are reviewing the Future Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Board will be discussing which recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan to bring forward for implementation and how best to do so. Should the Town create a Village District? Where should a Village District be located? What should the standards (lot size, setbacks, etc) in a Village District be? What is the best way to engage the community in the planning process? These are some examples of questions the Planning Board will be discussing and looking to get the community's input about.

The Planning Board will be meeting at 7pm on the third Thursday of the month for November and December, all meetings are open to the public and can be viewed online at Town Hall Streams. Please look for updates in the next newsletter and online as this process moves forward.

The Town has a new Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC), whose purpose is to both implement and update the Comprehensive Plan. The Committee held its first meeting in October, and will be meeting at 6:30pm on the second Tuesdays of the month in the Graduates Room. The Committee will spend the next couple of months discussing which recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan they want to implement and how best to carry out the implementation, so stay tuned for more information.



Transportation Survey - Deadline Extended

The Towns of Richmond and Bowdoinham would like your opinion about the transportation needs of our residents. Would you like a transportation system that could get you to an appointment? Take you shopping in Gardiner, Topsham or Brunswick or to visit a friend in Richmond or Bowdoinham? Take children to sports events or a group of teens to a movie at Smitty's on a Friday night? The Towns of Richmond and Bowdoinham would like your thoughts. Please complete the survey online at www.bowdoinham.com by Friday, November 11th. Don't forget to put your name and preferred contact information on the back for a chance to win one of three prizes!

Brown Tail Moth Update

By Kate Cutko

Aerial surveys conducted by the Maine Forest Service staff indicate that the infestation by the Browntail Moth in our town and in the region is spreading and we are told to anticipate a much bigger problem next spring and summer. According to Charlene Donahue, entomologist with the Forest Service, winter nests are visible on many more trees in Bowdoinham and throughout the state. She reported that Bowdoinham seems to be extremely hard hit. The infestation represents a 6 fold increase since last year at the same time

At this point in the year, the baby caterpillars are in their winter nests, colonies of hundreds of tiny caterpillar (pupae) wrapped tightly within individual leaves at the tips of tree branches. People can more easily see the small nests when the other leaves fall off the trees. While the winter nests in the tops of oaks are usually too high to reach, people may be able to clip nests in fruit trees or smaller shrubs.

Citizens should learn to identify the nests! The webs are often confused with silken structures formed by other less serious species of moths. Browntail moth winter webs are:

- 2-5 inches long
- white silk, tightly woven around a leaf

or leaves

- wrap of white silk tying leaf petiole to twig
- small, brown hairy larvae within dense silk
- occur more commonly on twig ends of oak, apple, shadbush, cherry, beach plum, and rugosa rose



Clipping and destroying overwintering webs by either soaking in soapy water or burning in a barrel or a woodstove can provide control of isolated populations located in low trees and shrubs. The woven winter nests and the tiny larvae within them **DO NOT** hold the toxins and generally do not cause a skin rash unlike the hairs of the browntail moth caterpillars that hatch out in the spring. During the spring and summer, the hairs of the caterpillars can cause both skin irritation and respiratory problems when the hairs become airborne from

mowing, raking or other tree work. Still, people should still be careful and limit exposure to skin.

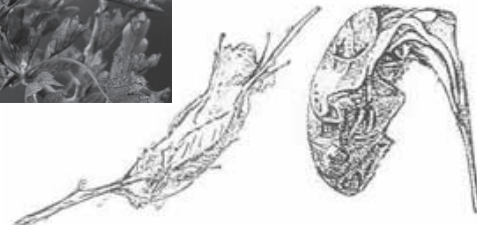
Cold winter temperatures do not kill the nests, however wet and cold conditions in the spring may encourage the fungal infection which has been known to kill the young caterpillars. Scientists know very little about the yearly fluctuations of this population and research is ongoing.

The town staff will continue to gather information about the infestation and to coordinate the sharing of information and resources that become available. A volunteer task force

is currently organizing a panel discussion to educate residents about chemical options to control the Browntail moth caterpillars.

Interested residents can follow "Mid-coast Maine Browntail Moth Support" on Facebook, and on the Forest Service website.

This link leads to fact sheets, history of Browntail infestations, information about the Browntail's life cycle, instructions on safe handling, and how to identify winter nests - www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_info.htm.



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Recreation News

By Lisa West

We have several programs running through the winter, so come join us and lets have some fun!

Community Fall Swim at Bowdoin College Pool is every Sunday in November and ends on December 4th and is free to all SAD 75 residents.

Bowdoinham Recreation Basketball registrations for 3-6th were due October 28th. The Coaches Meeting will be November 9th at 6:30 at the High School. Following the meeting, the varsity coaches put on a coach clinic in the gym. The Scheduling Meeting for the Board is November 16th. The schedule will be available on league line-up the following week. The first games will be December 3rd and the season ends February 4th.

Adult Programs:

*Pickleball is held at the Bowdoinham gymnasium 5:30-7:15pm on Mondays until November 21st. Depending on basketball practices, we may have to change the pickleball evening.

*Pick-up Basketball and Volleyball are sponsored by the Cathance Fitness Center along with several exercise classes.

*Check out the ACOA (Advisory committee on Aging) Activity and Resource Lists available in the town office.

Winter Tips

By William Post, Town Manager

Although the month of October provided some nice weather, the inevitable will happen and we will soon have freezing temperatures and snow. Last year may seem like it was an easy winter, but in fact, the amount of snow we received in Bowdoinham was average. It probably seemed easy because the winter before (2014-15) was one of the busiest winter seasons in years with 94.5 inches of snow and 29 different winter related events. Here are a few winter tips for you to consider:

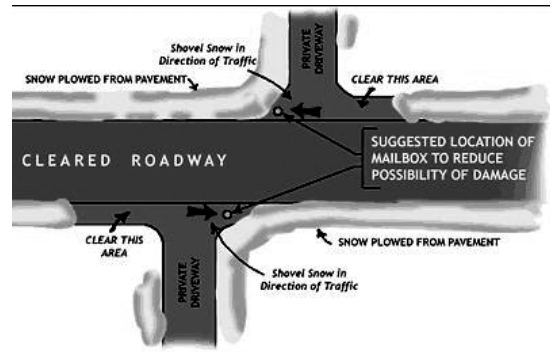
Who plows what roads?

The Town is responsible for plowing, sanding and treating most streets and roads in Bowdoinham. The exceptions are Main Street (from Fisher Road to Bowdoin) and Post Road. These two roads are NOT plowed, sanded or treated by the Town – in fact, Main Street from Fisher Road to the Bowdoin town line and the entire length of Post Road are plowed, sanded and treated by the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Snow in your Driveway

The Town's crew is not done clearing the roads of snow, slush and ice until well after storms have stopped. In order to get to clear pavement, the plow trucks scrape the roads after the storm. This results in snow and slush being pushed back into driveways after they have been cleared. One way to help eliminate this issue for

your driveway is to clear an area on the right side of your driveway (the right side if you are entering your driveway). If this is done, the snow and slush being scraped off the road will be deposited in this area and not into your driveway entrance. See the illustration below:



Courtesy sand pile

The Town maintains a courtesy sand pile for residents at the entrance to the Public Works Garage. Please keep to the two five-gallon bucket limit per visit. It is very important that we stay within this limit to assure there is sand for everyone. No pickup truck loads or commercial haulers. The taking of salt is strictly prohibited.

2017 Dog Licenses

The 2017 dog licenses are now available at the Town Office. Fees are \$6.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$11.00 for a "fully equipped" dog. Please license your dog(s) annually on or before January 1st.

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News from Around Town

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24th at 12pm

Come join members of the community for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Transportation or Meal Delivery is available. To reserve your seat (or meal) or to donate food, please contact Ann Davis at 798-1830.

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Tuesday, November 22nd 8am-5pm

Why spend hours in the kitchen when you can get homemade pies (and various other deserts) for Thanksgiving and support the Fire Department at the same time?!?! Only \$8 per pie.

Holiday Giving Tree

The giving season is coming quickly and we have already started preparations here at the Town Office. There will be two different businesses hosting our giving tree. The Town Landing Restaurant and the Bowdoinham Hardware Store.

If you would like to help bring some holiday cheer to our fellow residents all you need to do is go to the Town Landing or the Bowdoinham Hardware Store starting November 21st and choose a gift tag from the tree. The gift tags will have all the pertinent information that is needed. We ask that you bring the unwrapped gift (along with the gift tag attached) back to the Town Office by Monday, December 19th.

The purpose of this tree is to help any resident, family, or elderly person who may be in need this time of year. Please know that the name(s) are kept strictly confidential. If you have any questions or know a family or someone who may need help this season, please call Pam at the Town Office at 666-5531.

Heating Assistance Program

Winter is right around the corner and

the heating assistance program needs your help. This program is funded entirely from private and business donations as well as fundraising efforts, since it began in 2008. Please consider making a donation, to help your neighbors stay warm this winter. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Town Office at 13 School Street. For more information, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531.

Call to Artists & Crafters

Join one (or both) of this year's Craft Fairs:

- Holiday Craft Fair
December 3rd, 10am-2pm
at Bowdoinham Community School
Contact - Jessica Sullivan, 504-7103 or jessicamaysullivan@gmail.com
- EMS Craft Fair
November 19th, 9am-2pm
at Bowdoinham Fire Station
Contact - Annie Davis, 798-1830 or adavis0624@yahoo.com

Recycling Barn Tips

Is the Barn open on Thanksgiving?

NO, but we are open on Saturday, and that is when the curbside pick-up will happen as well.

What do I do with my Holiday items?

Wrapping paper including foil paper, is mixed paper. Paper can be torn, and leaves a rough, almost feathery edge when you do so. Paper can be crumpled in your hand and does not uncrumple much when you let it go. Plastic wrap is not easy to tear, does not stay crumpled when released from your hand, and is not recyclable. It goes in your tagged trash. *Real Trees* can be brought to public works for chipping, or recycled into pea brush, bird shelter near the feeder, or a bonfire at home. The needles or smallest branches can be made into balsam pillows for those who can't get home for Christmas and the "cookie", the end half inch of the trunk can be sawn off and made into a yearly ornament for the family tree, with the year and the names of the celebrants on

it. Brush can be piled over tender plants to help protect them from ice and heaving in the spring time. The trunks of several trees can become bean poles or tent poles, or sawn into camp fire length for the summer. *Artificial Trees* may be brought to the Barn gift shop annex. *Wreaths* may be brought to the Barn and placed in the small wood box. *Candles* may be brought to the R Barn and placed in the gift shop, or the ends may be melted down and formed into new candles. (Never melt wax directly over a flame, always heat a larger container of water in which your smaller can of wax is warmed, and remember to use hot mitts!) *Bows and Ribbon* may be placed in a plastic bag and placed in the gift shop. *Ornaments and Garland* may be placed in boxes or bags and placed in the gift shop. *Cards and Gift Boxes* are mixed paper. *Too Much Food* - if it's still packaged it can go to the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. We can handle food, including fats, bones and meats, but we *can't handle plastic!!* Please remove the plastic when placing the food in the food waste barrel. It will never break down, and makes it extremely difficult (and really yucky) to handle.

Restrooms at Maily Waterfront Park

The new public restrooms at the Maily Waterfront Park have been in operation for several months now. Besides offering handicapped accessibility, they also feature automatic systems and appliances. Now visitors to the Bowdoinham waterfront, boaters, and smelt fishermen will have the convenience of a public restroom that is open from 6am to 8pm.

The building will soon be equipped with a monitoring system which will help cut down on recent incidents of misuse. While the cameras will honor individual privacy, they will help identify such things as trash dumping and vandalizing.

Having such a state-of-the-art facility not only meets a need, but also as something the whole community can be proud of and work to preserve and protect.

Elections

The State Referendum and Municipal Election will be on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 8am to 8pm at Town Hall, 13 School St.

State of Maine Sample Ballot General Election, November 8, 2016 for Bowdoinham

<p>Instructions to Voters</p> <p>To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●</p> <p>To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.</p> <p>To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.</p> <p>If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p>	<p>Rep. to Congress District 1 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Holbrook, Mark I. Brunswick Republican</p>	<p>Judge of Probate Sagadahoc County Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Voorhees, John W. Bath Republican</p>	
	<p><input type="radio"/> Pingree, Chellie North Haven Democratic</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>Register of Probate Sagadahoc County Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bird, Carolyn A. Bath Democratic</p>
	<p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>State Senator District 23 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lebida, Guy M. Bowdoin Republican</p>	
	<p>President/Vice President Statewide Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Clinton, Hillary Rodham Kaine, Timothy Michael Democratic</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Vitelli, Eloise A. Arrowsic Democratic</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>Sheriff Sagadahoc County Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Merry, Joel A. West Bath Democratic</p>
<p><input type="radio"/> Johnson, Gary Weid, Bill Libertarian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Stein, Jill Baraka, Ajamu Green Independent</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Trump, Donald J. Pence, Michael R. Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>Rep. to the Legislature District 55 Vote for ONE (1)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Berry, Seth A. Bowdoinham Democratic</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Hobart, Brian D. Bowdoinham Republican</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	

Sample Ballot Town of Bowdoinham, Maine Municipal Election November 8, 2016

Instructions to Voters	
<p>◆ To vote for the candidate(s) of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●</p> <p>◆ To vote for a write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the write-in space and write in the person's name.</p> <p>◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.</p> <p>◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p>	
<p>For Selectperson, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor (3 Year Term) Vote for 2</p> <p><input type="radio"/> CLUCHEY, JEREMY Bowdoinham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> ENGLER, DAVID Bowdoinham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> MOSHER, DIANA Bowdoinham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD MEMEBER (3 Year Term) Vote for 1</p> <p><input type="radio"/> BOOTY, JULIE Bowdoinham</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>

Friends of Merrymeeting Bay 2016 – 2017 Speaker Series

November 9th, 7pm
Electronic Silent Spring
Katie Singer, Investigative Journalist & Novelist
at Unitarian Universalist Church, Brunswick

Decmeber 14th, 7pm
Twisted Genes, Distorted Narratives
CR Lawn, Founder, Fedco Seeds
at Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick

Contact fomb@comcast.net for more information.

**State of Maine Sample Ballot
Referendum Election, November 8, 2016**

<u>Instructions to Voters</u>	Question 3: Citizen Initiative	Question 5: Citizen Initiative
<p>Fill in the oval next to your Yes or No choice, like this: <input type="radio"/></p> <p>To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.</p> <p>If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.</p>	<p>Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activity?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins by majority?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 1: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Question 4: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>Question 6: Bond Issue</p> <p>Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?</p> <p>Total estimated life time cost is \$133,000,000 representing \$100,000,000 in principal and \$33,000,000 in interest (assuming interest at 6.0% over 10 years).</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Question 2: Citizen Initiative</p> <p>Do you want to add a 3% tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>		

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Community Calendar

November

8th

Elections, 8am-8pm
Town Hall

11th

Town Office Closed
in observance of Veterans Day

12th

Book Sale, 9am-2pm
Bowdoinham Public Library

19th

EMS Craft Fair
Bowdoinham Fire Station, 9am-2pm

22nd

Pie Sale, 8am-5pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

24th

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 12pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

24rd & 25th

Town Office Closed

December

1st

ACOA Holiday Snack Pot-luck, 11am
Graduate Room

2nd, 3rd, 4th

Holiday Festival

11th

BHS Christmas Party
Meeting House

23rd & 26th

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, 13 School Street.

Select Board

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

Planning Board

3rd Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Committee on Aging

3rd Monday of Month at 3:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee

2nd 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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