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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Tax Preparation Professionals

By Wendy Rose



**Arthur Chapman**

**A**rthur Chapman is a Certified Public Accountant who really enjoys having his own tax preparation practice. His early career helped to prepare him for this work—first as an Internal Revenue Service agent and then as an auditor for the Defense Contract Auditing Agency. He started offering tax preparation services on a part-time basis in 1989 and grew his business over the years until it became his sole focus after 2002. He reports that about 60% of his time is spent with individuals, about 30% with corporations, and about 10% with non-profits. While he concentrates on tax preparation rather than bookkeeping services, he does help non-profits with their applications for non-profit status and the layers of paperwork they need to have in place to maintain their tax exempt status. Arthur will occasionally meet with clients in his newly renovated home on Hemlock Hill Lane, but more often he is on the road and meeting with clients at their locations.

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### Gordon Smith

**W**hen Gordon Smith was in his twenties, he joined his parents in their new business as tax preparers. They had returned to Maine from the Philadelphia area and started their business in Lisbon Falls. This early beginning turned into a lifelong career path for Gordon.

After many years in Lisbon Falls, Gordon moved the business to his Bowdoinham home in 2005. Now operating out of his sunny home-office on South Pleasant St., Gordon, his wife Lois, and daughter Amanda offer bookkeeping, payroll and tax preparation services. They keep up with all the new tax rules each year through seminars, publications, and bulletins and are members of professional organizations that include the Maine Association of Professional Accountants and the National Association of Tax Professionals.

He serves both individuals and corporate clients with tax preparation, bookkeeping and after-the-fact payroll. He believes strongly in the wisdom of getting business accounts set up in the



Quick Books computer-based bookkeeping system since it is easy to understand and helps the business owner to have everything in place when tax season comes around.

“I see our role as financial detectives. We can look at the numbers and see what is needed and then help clients gather necessary information,” Gordon says. He sees his mission as using his knowledge to minimize the tax burden for his clients. Where computer programs may not know all the questions to ask, an in-person meeting can reveal

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## Arthur Chapman

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To keep up his certification and stay on top of all the changes in tax law, Arthur attends a number of workshops throughout the year. These workshops are essential because IRS rules are complex and always changing.

Arthur's schedule is heaviest from January through April, but the rest of the year has continuing demands including corporate filings, extensions, tax exempt filings (990's), and trouble-shooting issues that come up. Arthur finds the human aspects of the business to be at the core of his business. Guiding his clients with good record keeping and helping them to know the right information to provide can be challenging. For businesses, good record-keeping habits can make a huge difference in proper cash flow management since taxes are one of the largest outflows of money for a business. "My philosophy is to serve the client to the best of my ability," Arthur says. "I do as good a job as I can to save as much money as possible for them and to maximize their refunds." His tip for everyone is to get their tax information together as soon as they can and to have it ready for their tax preparer. This gives time to gather additional information if it is needed. The accountant can also help guide clients to understand what information is really needed so they don't spend precious time on unnecessary documentation.

The flexibility of Arthur's business gives him the time for a lot of community service. He is active with the local Mason Lodge, serves as the treasurer for several organizations, and recently gave a workshop in town on the real estate tax and rent rebate (the Circuit Breaker program). The many musical instruments in his home are a clue to one of his favorite activities--singing and playing with the Kennebec River Boys, a local bluegrass group. "I've lived in Bowdoinham since 1989 and found it is one of the best towns I've ever lived in," he comments. "It has a sense of community I haven't seen in other places." You can contact Arthur at 666-3280 or avchapman3@gmail.com.

## Gordon Smith

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things a client hasn't thought of and can lead to reduced tax obligations. "Actually, the best time to call your tax preparer is before something happens," he advises. "Seeing the tax implications ahead of time can really help in the final decision."

One of the trends that Gordon has seen over the years is the public's distaste for paying their taxes. He hears from a lot of clients that they are not happy with the tax code, its complexities and the level of taxation that currently exists.

Gordon's advice is "to go to a professional—it is more than worth it." Not only can a professional help a business get started correctly with their financial records, but they can help clients to understand ways to save and plan. Business owners with a great idea and early success are frequently tempted to overspend and then are caught short when it comes time to pay their tax obligations. Again, this is something that good financial discipline and planning can help avoid.

Fortunately, Gordon's busy tax preparation schedule winds down in time for him to enjoy his favorite past-time, fly fishing. It is hard to miss the photos and mementos that fill his office including the many photos of his annual trips to the Canadian wilderness. You can reach Gordon at 737-4456 or info@smithstaxservice.com.

## CA\$H Maine Tax Prep Help

*By State Representative Seth Berry*

**A**re you sure that you are getting all of your tax credits? You may be able to find out for free!

With the tax filing deadline fast approaching, I wanted you to know about a statewide program for free federal and state income tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteer tax preparers.

At tax preparation sites, qualifying households can get assistance from CA\$H Maine, a collaboration of eight statewide coalitions and AARP Tax-Aide. In addition, CA\$H Maine and AARP Tax-Aide are also focused on connecting people to other financial resources, including credit counseling and financial education and home buying workshops.

In order to qualify for free tax preparation, households must have earned less than \$51,000 in 2012. Ask about our do-it-yourself option if your individual or combined household income is up to \$57,000. To schedule an appointment with CA\$H Maine, call 2-1-1 to find a tax site in your area.

All volunteer preparers follow strict guidelines to maintain client confidentiality and are certified by the IRS. Additional information is available at [www.aarp.org/money/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxaide) and [www.cashmaine.org](http://www.cashmaine.org).



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## Property Tax Programs

By Nicole Briand

**T**he State of Maine has four “current use” programs which allow for a reduction in property taxes.

### Tree Growth

The Tree Growth program came into effect in 1972. The purpose of the program is to encourage forest landowners to retain their forest lands. To be eligible for this program, the landowner must own at least ten forested acres used for commercial harvesting and have a Forest Management and Harvest Plan that is certified by a licensed professional forester. If the property is withdrawn from the program or the forestland no longer meets the eligibility, then a penalty would be assessed.

### Open Space

The Open Space Tax Law was enacted in 1971. The purpose of this program is to encourage the preservation of open space. There is no minimum acreage required to qualify for this program. However, to qualify for this program, the property, or portion thereof, must be preserved or restricted in use to provide a public benefit. Benefits recognized include public recreation, scenic resources, game management or wildlife habitat. If the property is removed from the program

or no longer qualifies for the program, then a penalty would be assessed.

### Farmland

The Farm Tax Law was also enacted in 1971. The purpose of this program is to encourage the preservation of farmland. To qualify for the farmland program, the property owner must have at least five contiguous acres of land that is used for agriculture. In addition, the property owner must make at least \$2,000 gross income from farming activities, each year. If the property is removed from the program or no longer qualifies as farmland, then a penalty would be assessed.

### Working Waterfront

This program is the newest of the programs, adopted in 2006. The purpose of this program is to encourage the preservation of working waterfront land. “Working waterfront land” means land abutting tidal waters or the intertidal zone and the use of which is more than 50% related to providing access to or in support of commercial fishing activities. If the property no longer qualifies as Working Waterfront, then a penalty would be assessed.

If you qualify for one of these programs, you may submit an application to the Town’s Assessing Agent, Ron Beal. Applications must be filed by April 1st. For more information, please contact Ron on Wednesdays at 666-5531.

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## Plumbing Tip Spray Hose Hang-ups

The side or pull out spray hose on kitchen sink faucets can become hung up on the shut-off valve handles in the water lines under the sink. If this is a problem you can use a piece of half inch foam pipe insulation, cut it into two one foot lengths and secure them over the pipes to cover the shut-off handles. The hose will simply slide by the handle. Just remember that you may someday need to quickly get to those shuts-offs so secure the insulation gently.

## CEO Corner

### Spring Clean

By Darren Carey

As we awake from our winter slumber, I would like to take this opportunity to ask residents to do a spring cleaning of their property. With the spring comes the many complaints we receive about junkyards, which is our most common violation. A junkyard is defined as “a yard, field or other outside area used to store, dismantle or otherwise handle:

- Discarded, worn-out or junked plumbing, heating supplies, household appliances and furniture;
- Discarded, scrap and junked lumber;
- Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste and all scrap iron, steel and other

scrap ferrous or non-ferrous material; • Garbage dumps, waste dumps, and sanitary fills.”

In order to have a legal junkyard you must have a Site Plan Review Permit from the Planning Board, per the Town’s Land Use Ordinance. In addition, under State law, a municipality’s Select Board is obligated to license “junkyards” each year. Having a junkyard without the proper permit and license, is a violation of the State Law and the Town’s Land Use Ordinance, which can carry heavy fines.

An unlicensed and unregulated junkyard is not only a nuisance but also a health hazard and detrimental to the environment. The potential risks are, but not limited to, pollution of groundwater, damage to natural resources, distracted driving and the health and welfare of abutting landowners. A property that

has a junkyard is not only an eyesore for neighbors, but also negatively impacts property values. Please help us maintain the wonderful rural character of Bowdoinham by cleaning your property.

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in keeping Bowdoinham clean. If you have any questions, please contact Darren Carey at [dcarey@bowdoinham.com](mailto:dcarey@bowdoinham.com) or 666-5531.

## 2012 Giving Tree

With the generous help of FHC and the wonderful people of Bowdoinham, we were able to help 20 families with gifts this Christmas. Thank you all! And thank you to the Town Landing Restaurant for hosting the Giving Tree.

## What is Emergency Management?

By David Lewis

Emergency Management is a forum of emergency responders, fire department, law enforcement and emergency medical services working together to plan mitigation strategies for potential natural and man-made disasters. These plans focus on preservation of life and minimizing adverse impact on property and the environment.

Who is Emergency Management? Bowdoinham’s Local Emergency Management Director is Town Manager Bill Post and the Deputy Director is Dave Lewis. Sagadahoc County’s Director of Emergency Management is Misty D. Mixon and the State Director is Robert McAleer. Maine falls under Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region I with the headquarters out of Boston Mass., now lead by Acting Regional Administrator Bill Young.

What is your responsibility? Be prepared for a disaster; the magnitude of a disaster can only be measured by its impact on those affected by it. Preparation begins at home; be prepared to leave

your home immediately for seventy-two hours. Develop an Emergency “Go Bag”. Each member of your family should have a Go Bag. For great information of what should be included in a “Go Bag” go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and follow their directions. Some items that should be included in a Go Bag are food, water, flashlights with extra batteries, first aid kit, and a manual can opener. Develop a Family Communications Plan for what to do and where to meet in an emergency.

What has the Town of Bowdoinham done to prepare? Emergency Responders and Town Officials have attended a variety of trainings. Some training was required by FEMA to maintain compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and make us eligible to receive grant money. Through a series of federal grants awarded to Sagadahoc County, emergency responders have been able to upgrade local communication capabilities and transition to the federally mandated Federal Communication Commission narrowband communication system.

What has Sagadahoc County done? This year they implemented CODE RED, a mass emergency communication capability system that allows officials to send

emergent messages to citizens in an affected area of Sagadahoc County via home, VOIP or cell phone numbers. Through a series of grants over the past five years fire, law enforcement and emergency medical services have been able to upgrade portable and mobile radios. With improved communication capabilities dead zones were identified and computer software applied to measure anticipated effectiveness of equipment relocation and or upgrade. County EMA has provided classes to responders to attain and maintain compliance and eligibility for grant funds. Annual exercises are scheduled throughout the county to test and evaluate responders’ capabilities as well and the exercises are documented and measured in the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

What about American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Public Works Dept., Churches, Community Clubs, businesses and organizations? Please do your part, be prepared and spread the word. Remember the Titanic Effect “The effect of a disaster is directly proportional to the extent people believe they can and will happen and then take steps necessary to minimize their effect.”

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## Land Use Mapping Workshops

By Nicole Briand

**A**fter two years of work, the Comprehensive Planning Committee is beginning its work on the Future Land Use section of the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the Future Land Use section is to designate those areas of Town that are most suitable for growth and those most suitable to be rural areas. To accomplish this task the Committee is holding two Land Use Mapping Workshops:

- **Wednesday, March 20th at 6:30pm**
- **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30pm**

At these workshops, participants will map out the areas of Town in which they believe should be designated growth areas and rural areas, using our resource maps.

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## Maily Waterfront Park Planning for Restroom & Pump-out Facilities

By Nicole Briand

**T**he Town is beginning the planning process for a restroom facility and pump-out station at Maily Waterfront Park. Using the \$10,000 Shore & Harbor Planning Grant, we have hired Wright-Pierce to develop a preliminary design for a restroom facility and pump-out station.

Our next step is to determine what Bowdoinham needs and wants. What will the usage be? What does the capacity need to be? Where should it be located? Should it be a seasonal or year-round facility? Should there be hours of operation or fees? To answer these questions we need to hear from you. Please join us for a meeting to discuss these issues and more on **Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm** in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

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

Then on **Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm**, the Committee will hold a third workshop to review the draft Future Land Use Map. The purpose of this workshop will be to obtain your feedback on the draft Future Land Use Map.

We are bringing back Craig Freshly of Good Group Decisions to facilitate all three workshops. As always, refreshments will be provided and we will have activities to keep the kids busy too. All three workshops will be held at Town Hall. You can attend one workshop or all three.

We encourage everyone to get involved in the process! Help us make a Plan for all of Bowdoinham to be proud of.

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

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## Bowdoinham Recreation

By Brandi Lohr

**D**on't forget, **baseball and softball** registrations are due on or before March 15th. Registration can be dropped off at the Town Office or sent in to the School. Late registrations will be accepted only if there is room available and a late fee of \$10 will be charged for each registration received after March 15th.

**Co-Ed Adult Basketball** will be at the Bowdoinham Community School on Monday nights from 6:30-7:30pm.

The Recreation Department will be holding a **Table Tennis Tournament** to raise money for the Recreation Department. This will be a double elimination tournament for ages 10 and up, with several age brackets for kids, adults and seniors. The tournament will be held on March 30th and 31st from 11am to 4pm at the Town Hall, 13 School Street. Please register with Brandi at blohr@bowdoinham.com or 666-5531 by March 25th. The entry fee will be \$3 for kids and seniors and \$5 for adults. Lets have some fun and raise money for our recreation department at the same time.

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## Business Workshops Website & Facebook

By Nicole Briand

**A**s part of our efforts to support local businesses, we are offering a pair of workshops for Bowdoinham businesses that wish to improve their website and online presence. The workshops will focus on increasing sales, maximizing one's social network (with a look at Facebook), eCommerce options for online sales, basic website functionality (such as navigation, search engine optimization, and speed) as well as any other concerns participants may have.

Participants will learn how to collectively help one another achieve a higher search rating and quantity of viewers through networking. The gathering will help members of our local business community share what is or isn't working for them online. Participants are encouraged to pre-register. No website management experience is necessary. All skill levels welcome.

These workshops will be held on **Wednesday, March 27th and Wednesday, April 10th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm** at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street. You may attend one or both nights. These workshops are free for Bowdoinham businesses.

The workshop instructor will be Bowdoinham business owner, Will Zell of Zellous.org Website Services. With over fifteen years of experience, Will works with businesses, individuals and non-profits, improving communication, online presence, and sustainable business practices. Will has a degree in Visual Art, a certificate in K-12 Education, and pursued graduate course work in Education Technology.

To register for the workshop or for more information contact, please Will Zell at 737-8787 or will@zellous.org.



# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## Ice & Smelt Festival

By Leleah Parker

The Merrymeeting Arts Center would like to thank those who helped make the 2nd Annual Ice & Smelt Festival a success! We are so grateful for the support of our community, with special thanks going to: the Bowdoinham Public Library, the Honorable Order of Masons, Friends of Merrymeeting Bay and the Maine Facial Hair Club.

The festival kicked off on Friday night with a showing of "HARDWATER," a documentary about ice fishing, directed and produced by Maine natives Ryan Brod and Daniel Sites. Ryan was on hand for a Q&A following the show.

Saturday, February 2nd was a busy day for those who attended the Festival. There was no lack of things to do for people of all ages, including art activities, board games, a smelt parade, a "best beard" contest, archery, fairy house building,



and a Punch-and-Judy-style puppet show performed by the Shoestring Puppet Theater of Portland. The Center's gallery featured the current exhibit, "Bryce's Winter Scenes." And we enjoyed warming ourselves at the bonfire down by the waterfront!



The day concluded with a soup and bread dinner. There were seven different varieties of homemade soups to choose from and three types of bread. The festival closed with people releasing Chinese lanterns at Maily Waterfront Park.

With the booming success this year, Merrymeeting Arts Center is sure to bring this Festival back in the years to come!

## Cemetery Clean-up Day

By Albert Stehle

On the occasion I make the trip into the big city (in-town Bowdoinham), I'm reminded by fellow residents of that special day where we all came together to do a good deed and then enjoyed a meal with friends. Then I'm asked, "will you be doing Cemetery Clean-up Day again?" And my answer is "YES."

Being able to take to the woods and find a cemetery that is recognizable is a true testament of those who make up our community. Last year's clean-up cleared the way for additional work to be completed. The McFadden yard has been completely rebuilt; bases and stones have been found, reset and cleaned, all thanks to an eagle scout, his friends, family and church members. The Hill Cemetery has also had recent work completed, so that all that is left to do is seed and plant.

This year along with clearing leaves and branches, we will be cleaning a few stones. If we have enough volunteers, we can take back few of our more rural cemeteries too. So **PLEASE JOIN US on Saturday, April 13th for Cemetery Clean-up Day!** Once again, we will meet at the Fire Station at 9am and head out to designated cemeteries for cleaning, *please bring a casserole, spray bottle, rakes and other tools.* Then around noon we will meet back at the Fire Station for a well deserved lunch.

Please contact me, Albert at 666-3493 or [alstehle@yahoo.com](mailto:alstehle@yahoo.com) to sign-up for a cemetery. If you can't join us, but you would still like to help, please send a dish for lunch. Kathy Gallant will be coordinating the lunch menu, please contact her at [kgallant@bowdoinham.com](mailto:kgallant@bowdoinham.com).



**The Long Branch Buying Club** is a service of The Long Branch General Store. It was established to give customers access to a much larger selection of Maine foods than can be carried on the store shelves and to support the small farmers and producers that grow, raise and make that food.

We place emphasis on the **farmers and producers** nearest to us and source the rest through Crown O'Maine Organic Cooperative.

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## News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Leleah Parker

### Upcoming Exhibits at Merrymeeting Arts Center

Merrymeeting Arts Center is pleased to announce its upcoming art exhibits. "Bryce's Winter Scenes," featuring sculptures and paintings of winter in Maine by Bryce Muir is open through March 9th. Our Emerging Artist Show (for artists 18 and under), "Vernal Pools and Other Signs of Spring" will open with a reception on Friday, March 22nd from 5-8pm. Our gallery winter hours are Saturdays, 10am-1pm.

On May 10th our show "Every Maine Lighthouse" will open. The artist, Ernest DeRaps of Richmond, is a former lighthouse keeper and painted all 65 lighthouses after his retirement. This is the first showing of his complete collection of paintings titled "Every Maine Lighthouse". There will be a Formal Artist Reception on Friday, June 28th from 5-8 pm at the Arts Center. The show will be open until Celebrate Bowdoinham in September. Beginning June 29th our summer hours are Saturdays, 10am-1pm and Sundays, 1-4pm.

### Classes at the Arts Center

Winter classes started on Monday, February 25th and include: Pottery, Drawing, Lego Robotics, and Place Based Pre School. Space permitting students may join classes after they start. Spring and summer classes will be announced in April.

Merrymeeting Arts Center will have Drop-In Art Sessions for all ages during the week of April Vacation. Children in 1st grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children in second grade and up may attend without a adult (pre-registration is required). \$5 per session donation is requested. Please check our website and the Falcon Flash for more information.

For more information, please check our website [www.merrymeetingartscenter.org](http://www.merrymeetingartscenter.org) or call 841-5914. Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

## News from Long Branch

By Pete Feeney

### What's new with the Long Branch School?

For the summer, we plan to team with local lodging establishments to offer package deals for two and three-day visits. Our goal is to offer "summah folk" unique experiences in Bowdoinham and on Merrymeeting Bay. This summer we are introducing two-day intensive courses on the fundamentals of timber framing and how to build your own outdoor wood-fired pizza oven. There will also be a chicken coop challenge, you and up to four of your friends come build a chicken coop from recycled materials under the direction of one of our professional craftsmen. The "best in show" coop does not pay material fees.

### What's happening at the Long Branch General Store?

Not all food was created equal! We continue to develop our local on-line food buying club. Do your grocery shopping without ever leaving home. We cannot compete with Walmart prices, but we can offer healthy choices that support your local farmers. We have introduced some features to the buying club in an effort to better serve our local community. One, we have introduced a frequent buyer program that offers discounts. Two, we are offering a Friday food delivery service to your doorstep. Three, we are offering a cross-promotion with G&G gas station (George and Irene). Once a buyer has reached the frequent buyer status, each subsequent \$1000 of purchases will be rewarded with a \$40 gas card redeemable at our local gas station.



Tim Vaughn (center), presenting check to Mark Warren (left), of Founder of Homes For Disabled Veterans of Maine. Pete Feeney on right.

### The Veterans Work Shop

Making that old fire station a workshop sure is a lot of work! But alas, progress is being made. Our alliance with Homes for Disabled Veterans continues to grow. We have also welcomed another veterans' organization, please welcome Tim Vaughn, Service Officer for the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The DAV recently made a donation to help revitalize the kitchen area of the workshop. The kitchen will help facilitate the workshop as a meeting place for the DAV and other interested parties.

### Heating Assistance Fund

Thank you to everyone who as contributed to the Bowdoinham Heating Assistance Fund! Your generosity is helping families stay warm this winter. But more families still need help! If you would like to donate, please make your check Payable to the Town of Bowdoinham and reference the BHAF. Mail to: 13 School Street, Bowdoinham, ME 04008



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## Health Officer News

### Medication Collection Day

By Becky Miller

**D**o you have unused and expired medications sitting around? There are several ways you can get rid of your medications.

Maine has been a leader in establishing medication drop boxes at police stations around the state. If you have medications you need to get rid of, you can take your medications to a drop box near you at any time. You do not need to be a resident of that town. For a list of the drug box locations, please go to [www.safemeddisposal.com](http://www.safemeddisposal.com).

On **April 27th from 10am to 2pm**, there will be medication collections at several local locations. The collections are being funded by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency. For a list of locations please go to [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov).

It is important to properly dispose of medications for several reasons:

- Children and pets may get poisoned.
- Environmental and water contamination.
- There has been an alarming increase in home robberies and medication thefts in Maine and nationally.

For more information, please contact our Health Officer, Becky at 666-5531 or [rebeccamillermph@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccamillermph@gmail.com).

## Bowdoinham Senior Center is Now Open

By Theresa Turgeon

**T**he Senior Center is open every **Thursday from 10am to 3pm** at the Second Baptist Church, located at 1 Church Street, off Main Street.

We are planning to have guest speakers, take day trips to a variety of places (the Maine Museum in Augusta or the Portland Flower Show), watch movies and other activities such as free Bridge classes. If you are interested in learning to play Bridge or you've played before and would like a refresher, please sign up for an 8 week course which will start in April.

We are also planning to start a walking group (weather permitting, of course). Additionally, we will have guest speakers and some elder-friendly exercises. In the meantime, each week we will have the newspaper and coffee (both high test and decaf), along with a Ping-Pong table for you. So stop by and say hi.

If you have questions or comments please call us at the Town Office 666-5531 and ask for the Senior's Voice Mail. Someone will call you back as soon as possible.

## Ridge Road Church Changing Hands

By Albert Stehle

**O**ver the years the Third Free Will Baptist Church on the Ridge Road has fallen into disrepair and is now vulnerable to collapse. So with the goal of saving this historical building, I contacted the owners and was able to attain ownership. Now I plan to restore the church so that it can be used for "getting married and getting buried."

I have begun cleaning the church and securing the structure, but I need your help and I believe the residents of Bowdoinham will once again step forward.



If you have pine logs, blown down trees (they don't need to be fresh) or maybe even some left over lumber,

please consider donating them, so that I can have them milled into boards. Please contact me, Albert at 666-3493 or [alstehle@yahoo.com](mailto:alstehle@yahoo.com). I appreciate your help in saving this church, thank you!



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## News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

In January, Bowdoinham Historical Society members joined with the 250th Anniversary Committee to begin assessing the materials from the Bowdoinham Century Box. We found a list of contents made in 1962 and were able to locate and number the items on the list. We also put many items in archival sleeves, photographed or photocopied some. Our plan is to transcribe or photocopy all these materials before they go back into the box, so that they will be available at the library.

On January 31st, BHS had its Annual Meeting combined with a chance to examine the materials from the Century Box. Frank Connors spoke about the origins of the Century Box and William Kendall's Bowdoinham Plan and shared some interesting material from the box. The contents were on display for viewing by year: 1912, 1932, and 1962. There



were newspapers, souvenirs from the birthday celebrations, business materials, documents, photographs, and (most precious of all) personal memories and messages to the people of Bowdoinham in 2012. Minerva Dunlap's 1932 writing about the homes and families of the Abagadasset Road and Norman Foss's 1962 book on the houses of the River Road drew special interest, copies of both are now available at the library.

We also elected our officers: President: Todd Woofenden; Vice President: Wayne Dorr; Treasurer: Betsy Steen; and Secretary: Sylvia Edmundson; Trustees: Leslie Anderson, Frank Connors, Glenna Morin, Chet Gillis, Tom DeForest. The Historical Society Board has decided to hold regular monthly board-business meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Coombs Municipal Building. We welcome anyone who would like to be more involved with any aspect of the society and Bowdoinham's history. We would love your ideas and suggestions. We especially need help planning programs, managing our buildings, putting Jellerson School to use—hopefully including class visits among other uses, and cataloguing and preserving our collections.

For more information, please contact Betsy at bayviewess@comcast.net.

## Century Box

By Lara Ashouwak

When we opened the Century Box at our 250th Birthday Celebration it was filled with memorabilia and messages from over 100 years ago. The messages are unique, but in some cases are so familiar. The adults wrote to tell us about life in Bowdoinham a century ago, shared wishes and prayers for the future, while children hoped to see "air ships."

Now it is our turn to write messages for our future generations to enjoy! If you need help to get going, some message suggestions are: narratives of growing up in Bowdoinham; everyday life in 2012; plans or predictions for the future; or what you like about Bowdoinham. Please include your: name, address; birthdate; family members; occupation; and connection to Bowdoinham. Messages can be dropped off at the Town Office or Library or emailed to tessianne@gmail.com.

**Please help us fill the Century Box for future generations!**

**BHS 2013 Memberships** are now due. \$5.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for a family. Please mail to: BHS, PO Box 101, Bowdoinham, or visit our web site.

### **BHS Items For Sale**

Albert Dunlap's Life on the Abbagadasset - \$20.00.

The Jellerson School Mug - \$8.00

[bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org](http://bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org)

### **Boston Post Cane**

With a heavy heart the Town of Bowdoinham said good bye to our Boston Post Cane recipient Ellen Greer. Ellen was awarded the Boston Cane on February 10, 2007 when she was 97 years old. She passed away at the age of 103 on December 28, 2012. If you know who the oldest Bowdoinham citizen may be, please contact Pam at the Town Office, 666-5531.

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## News from Cub Scout Pack 699

By Athena Mann

If you were to venture out to one of our meetings, you may find us playing a game, learning about what it means to be a good citizen, or practicing a new skill. The whole point of Scouting is to develop a boy's character, train them to be good citizens, and encourage them to be fit – physically, mentally, and morally. The Cub Scout Pack encourages family involvement. Everyone is welcomed to join in on our fun and learning.

We welcome new Scouts at any time. All of our current Scouts attend the Bowdoinham Community School, and they range in grades from 1-5. When a boy reaches the spring of his Fifth grade year, he is eligible to join a Boy Scout Troop. Bowdoinham does not currently sponsor a

Troop, so our boys have been making a choice to join in Bowdoin, Richmond, and Topsham. Our Pack meets at Bowdoinham's Second Baptist Church, which also sponsors us, as our Chartered Organization. It has been wonderful to have their support, even supplying us with transportation for our boys to a week of Day Camp, at Lake Pemaquid last summer.

Each year we participate in various service projects. We have had a wonderful time helping with Earth Day clean-up, last year's Cemetery clean-up, Scouting for Food, wintertime letters to Richmond nursing home residents, letters to military personnel overseas, delivering May baskets to the residents at the Bowdoinham Estates and singing Christmas carols to them as well. We are always looking for new ideas and would love to help fill a need.

Our Pack is very excited to be taking a trip during April school vacation to the

Boston Museum of Science for their Overnight Camp. We attended 2 years ago and slept beneath the Virtual Fish Tank. We look forward to the, 'Night at the Museum,' full of Scouts. While attending the museum, the boys will work toward their achievements and build a memory to last their whole lives.

We are gearing up for our Pinewood Derby, which will be held March 16th, at the Bowdoinham Community School gymnasium. This has got to be the most iconic event of the Cub Scout program. Every Scout gets the chance to be creative and experience building a car from a block of wood, four nails, and four plastic wheels. It is amazing to see what they come up with. For the past 2 years we've allowed family members to have their own race, and their own fun building cars. They may join the race for an entrance fee which covers the cost of the kit.

We have a wonderful group of Adult Leaders, and supportive parents, who make the magic happen. Without our families' involvement we wouldn't have a thriving Pack. Our Leaders work hard to follow BSA guidelines, to keep our children safe and teach them to be the leaders of tomorrow. The Boy Scout Law is a great reminder of what we're all about. The law simply states, "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent." Thank you to the parents and grandparents who work so hard to give this opportunity to their children.

For more information about the Cub Scouts in Bowdoinham, please contact Athena Mann, 737-4641.

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## Friends of the Library Volunteers Needed

By Diana Mosher

Forty years ago several young mothers in Bowdoinham felt strongly that the town library could be better utilized. As part of a plan to accomplish this it was decided that it might help if the drab gray walls of the library could get a facelift. Instead of asking for donations of cash, these ladies asked for donations of plants. And the Bowdoinham Library Plant Sale was born.

Forty years later it is still going strong, thanks to the many volunteers who make it happen. This year's sale is still the third Saturday in May (the 18th) and still 9am until 4pm, so mark your calendars. The proceeds of the sale are a major part of the library's budget and volunteers are needed to keep this tradition going strong.

The sale is a lot of work but it's also a lot of fun and gives you a wonderful sense of accomplishment, along with an education in plants. As a member of the Friends of the Library and a Plant Sale volunteer, I want to especially invite you to the **Friends of the Library meeting on Monday, March 25th at 7:00pm at the Bowdoinham Public Library** to plan the Plant Sale. Join the fun and help your community at the same time!

For more information, please contact Kate Cutko at 666-8405.

## Scholarships Available for Bowdoinham Teens

By Jill Hooper

Is there something you want to do? Do you want to take horseback riding lessons, attend a camp, travel to Europe? The Maine Community Foundation's Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship offers assistance to Bowdoinham residents between the ages of 13 and 18 to pursue their artistic, academic, athletic and vocational or life's passion outside of the traditional school environment.

The application process is simple. Since the inception of the scholarship, over \$75,000 has been awarded to Bowdoinham teens so that they could expand their horizons by participating in activities such as cross country running camp, golf camp, voice lessons, equestrian training, dance lessons, martial arts lessons, travel, and much more.

In order to be considered, all applications for the Ferrier Scholarship must be postmarked by April 1, 2013. Applications are available on the Town's website under the Recreation Department at [www.bowdoinham.com](http://www.bowdoinham.com) and on the Maine Community Foundation website at [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org). Applications are also available at the Bowdoinham Town Office and the Bowdoinham Public Library.

For more information, contact Jill at [hoopersj@comcast.net](mailto:hoopersj@comcast.net).

## Masonic Grant Award

By Arthur V. Chapman III

The Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham will again be awarding two \$1,000 Grants in May 2013. One will go to a student who lives in Bowdoin, Bowdoinham or Topsham. The other will go to a student who lives in Richmond. These grants are for high school students pursuing advanced education beyond grade 12, have good moral character, have a financial need, and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Applications must be received by May 1, 2013. For an application, please contact me at [avchapman3@gmail.com](mailto:avchapman3@gmail.com)

The Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham awarded two \$1,000 Grants in May 2012. The first went to Danica M. Hurley of Richmond who is attending the University of Maine at Orono, Maine; the second went to Owen D. Blease of Bowdoinham who is attending Maine Maritime Academy, at Castine, Maine.

## Bowdoinham Food Bank is Coming!

We need your help to "Feed our Neighbors." Non-perishable donations can be dropped off at the Town Office. For more information, please email [bowdoinhamfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:bowdoinhamfoodbank@gmail.com).

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## Community Calendar

### March

#### 20th & 21st

Land Use Mapping Workshop, 6:30-8pm  
Town Hall

#### 26th

Shore-Harbor Grant Meeting, 6:30-8pm  
John C. Coombs Municipal Building

#### 27th

Business Workshop, 6:30-8pm  
Town Hall

#### 30th & 31st

Table Tennis Tournament, 11am-4pm  
Town Hall

### April

#### 10th

Business Workshop, 6:30-8pm  
Town Hall

#### 13th

**Cemetery Clean-up Day**

#### 15th

Patriots' Day  
Town Office Closed

#### 23rd

Land Use Mapping Workshop, 6:30-8pm  
Town Hall

### 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

#### Biking, Walking, Paddling\*\*

4th Monday of Month at 6:30pm

#### Cable-Internet Committee\*\*

4th Thursday of Month at 6:30pm

#### Committee of Aging

2nd & 4th Fridays of Month at 3:00pm

#### Community Development Advisory Committee\*\*

3rd Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

#### Comprehensive Planning Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

#### Finance Advisory Committee

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month at 6:30pm

#### Solid Waste Committee

To Be Announced

### Tax Bill Reminder

The Second Half of your 2013 Real Estate Taxes is due by APRIL 16th. If you are unsure of the amount due, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531.

#### Office Hours

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Wed - 9am-6pm

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For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at [www.bowdoinham.com/calendar](http://www.bowdoinham.com/calendar).

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