



# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

### Bowdoinham Farms

By Wendy Rose

**A**griculture is one of Bowdoinham's largest business sectors; this is our third year featuring Farms! It is impressive to see how many of them provide a living income to the families who run them and how many people they employ.

### Harvest Tide Organics

Bethany Allen & Eric Ferguson

Harvest Tide Organics is one of the newest farms in Bowdoinham—part of the growing sector of farms run by young, energetic individuals who wish to make a full-time career in agriculture. Bethany and Eric have worked in farming for many years. Eric started when he was in high school in Fryeburg, Maine and continued his interest by majoring in environmental studies in college. Bethany has always been interested in nutrition and food access and has worked on those issues in an urban setting. After serving on farms in the Bowdoinham area, they were able to start up Harvest Tide Organics on 45 leased acres at 148 Center Point Road in November, 2014, and are now certified

as organic growers.

Bethany and Eric will provide a full range of organic produce through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model starting this summer. Customers can buy a share of the weekly harvest for a 24 week season for \$375 (good for a family of 2) or a larger share for \$585 (good for a family of 4 and up). Up to 40 shares are available. Shares will be delivered weekly to workplaces,



such as FHC in Bowdoin, and central sites in Portland, Lewiston, and Augusta. In addition, they will supply organic produce to the wholesale market

such as The Crown of Maine. Local customers can visit them at the farm on Thursdays or purchase fresh produce through Brian Smith's Farm Cart at 219 Main Street in Bowdoinham on weekdays from 4-7pm starting June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bethany and Eric agree that their greatest need is for more infrastructure at their farm site. Water, a cooler, a greenhouse, and processing facilities are all part of their plan for growth. "This

year, however, is all about building the markets," Eric says. "The soil is so good, and we have great community support." Even though this is only their first year, they are employing one part-time and one full-time employee while putting in full-time hours themselves. Both also have part-time jobs off the farm, but want to eventually have the farm support them.

"Not only do I want to feed people healthy food, but I want to run a successful business," Bethany adds. "I like working hard, getting up early—the whole lifestyle of farming." Eric especially enjoys meeting the challenges each day brings and seeing the fruits of his labor. "I like the instant gratification and getting to engage in a practical science," he says. They both agree that they enjoy being a part of the Bowdoinham farming community because of the encouragement, collaboration, and support they have received.

If you want to contact Bethany or Eric, you can call them at 508-789-2233. Check out their website at [www.harvesttideorganics.com](http://www.harvesttideorganics.com) in order to learn more, to email them, or to sign up for a CSA share.

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## Bowdoinham Farms

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### Havenridge Farm

*Debbie & Dick Spaulding*

"I love the creative aspect of farming, the process of taking something from the start to the finish,"



Debbie Spaulding says. As a talented quilter and artisan, Debbie brings her creative talents to the farm operation

she and her husband started on their 37 acres at 727 Ridge Road back in 2008. Until now, their farm has mostly provided meat and produce for their own use, but it has grown to the point where they are able to sell some of the surplus.

Dick is making a transition from his career as an electrician and enjoys working with their herd of low lying black angus cattle, a smaller breed of black angus. Meanwhile, Debbie has been experimenting with a permaculture garden that has 11 varieties of garlic along with broccoli, cabbage, celery, and other produce. Having a permanent cover of hay or wood chips on the garden protects their soil from dry, windy conditions and maintains the moisture. "I seem to be really good at germinating plants," Debbie says, "and get almost 100% germination. Dick says I don't have a green thumb, but a golden one," she laughs.

Havenridge Farm is participating this year in Open Farm Days on July 19, and Debbie is looking forward to using it as an educational opportunity. "I like to share what I've learned about raising garlic as well as permaculture farming. In the future, I'd like provide education for folks who want to raise their own produce"

"The farm has taken on a life of its own," Debbie adds. While it is mostly a hobby farm for now, she is interested in learning new techniques and seeing where her experiments will take her. She's been growing herbs and been making tinctures and other products with them, and will be sharing some of her results during Open Farm Day. She will also be displaying a

couple of raffle quilts she has recently created that will benefit local causes.

Debbie and Dick can be reached at 666-5684.

### Helios Horsepower Farm

*Lizzy Koltai*

Working with Moment and Gaila, the two draft ponies she acquired in 2013, Lizzy is carving out a unique niche for her farming operation located on the White Road. "I love working with the horses," she says. "I have to stay focused and grounded." Lizzy and the horses are learning the ropes together on the five acres she is leasing from George Christopher. The horses power the plowing, harrowing, bed prep, and cart the vegetables. "The plowing is my favorite thing," Lizzy says. "Working with the horses is dynamic, always changing, and really fun," she adds.



Last season was her first round of experimentation, and this year she is cultivating a full acre of fall storage crops such as baby beets, husk cherries, heirloom flint corn, dry beans, and Parisian market carrots. She is able to sell much of this crop wholesale to value added food producers such as Turtle Rock and Gracie's Garden. Relishes, chutneys, pickled beets, jams, sauerkraut, and cornmeal, are just a few of the delicious products that result. Lizzy also sells some of her items, such as cabbage, to places such as the Bath Natural Market and Goranson's Farm. "I've been able to establish myself with a quality product from the get go which is great," she says.

By not taking on debt, working at an off-farm job, and keeping her costs down, Lizzy has been able to handle the start-up costs and nearly break even in her first year. This season, she is able to work full-time on the farm, and is hoping to see a small profit. Her goal is to get 6 acres in rotating production with 2 acres growing vegetables, 2 acres in cover crop, and 2 acres in hay. As the farm grows, she hopes to invest in infrastructure.

Lizzy's path to farming evolved from her initial interest in medicine. She saw that health issues, such as obesity, can be addressed at the front end through access to healthy foods. "I'd rather produce the food and work on the access issue than treat the disease," she says. Her volunteer work on a farm in high school and at a farmer's market during college were her initial training ground, and she saw that farming could be a career choice. The MOFGA Journeyprogram program, work on other farms, and the great support she has gotten from area farmers has given her the knowledge and courage to take the leap. "I am so grateful to have the opportunity to lease this land in Bowdoinham," she says. "This area has such an amazing support network." The morning of our interview she had been tapping into some of that local expertise by speaking on the phone with a master draft horse handler who had given her needed guidance.

"When I started, I could have given you 100 political reasons why farming was a good thing to do," she adds. "Now, I would simply say I love it. I get to be outside, produce healthy food, and work with wonderful animals."

You can reach Lizzy at 231-1976 or email her at [Elizabeth.koltai@gmail.com](mailto:Elizabeth.koltai@gmail.com).

### Hobart Farm

*Brian Hobart*

Throughout Brian's multi-faceted career in construction, public works and political office, he has always maintained a farming operation which has brought him great satisfaction. He is now focused on selling hay. While he has a steady base of customers, he can add new ones if they are willing to pick the hay up from the field. While most of Brian's customers are horse owners, many use his hay for mulch. He delivers to Harpswell, Litchfield, Topsham, and, of course, locally in Bowdoinham. Brian's previous farming operations such as bush hogging, rototilling, and hay delivery are now covered by his nephew, Gary West, in Bowdoin (607-3915).



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Brian is part of a long farming tradition. His grandfather moved to Bowdoinham from Calais in 1935 and had the large farm that stretches from the current Recycling Barn on the Post Road east towards Ridge Road. Brian grew up in the red house that is currently next to the Recycling Barn. After his grandfather passed on in 1980, Brian acquired 15 acres of the farm and later bought 30 acres east of Ridge Road where his home is now located. Because of his off farm jobs, Brian was able to get back into farm work a little at a time, and enjoys focusing on the haying now that he is “retired.”

“Weather is the big challenge,” Brian says. “I try to do 2 crops a year, but a lot depends on how the summer weather turns out.” With Brian’s duties as our State Representative in Augusta, it is hard for him to get time in the fields until the Legislature adjourns later this summer.

“I’m encouraged to see all the new farmers in town,” Brian comments. “I would like to see farming stay so we can continue to have open land.” He observes that a benefit of the recent recession was a slowdown in home building that was putting pressure on open land in town. He’s happy to see a better balance today.

Looking back on his years of public service in Bowdoinham, Brian says, “The thing I like the most is seeing how the community is closer now than it has ever been. There are a lot of folks who are volunteering and helping the town.”

If you are interested in buying hay from Brian, you can call him at 666-3075 or 212-2890. You can also “like” Hobart Farm on Facebook.

### **Additional Farms that will be participating in Open Farm Day**

#### **Apple Creek Farm**

Apple Creek Farm is a second generation family farm. Established in 1985, Pete and Janet Galle moved from Brunswick to Bowdoinham. It is currently managed by Jake Galle and Abby Sadauckas along with Pete and Janet Galle. All the land used by the farm is certified organic including leased hayfields and pastures. The products from beef cows, sheep, goats, laying

hens, broilers, geese and turkeys are certified organic.

#### **Blue Bell Farm**

David Asmussen & Meredith Eilers are on their 2<sup>nd</sup> season growing organic produce in Bowdoinham. At Dartmouth College, Dave studied environmental biology and earth science and worked in the biology department greenhouse where he met his partner Meredith. After graduate school, where he studied plant and soil science, Dave was excited to find a home for Blue Bell Farm in Bowdoinham. Dave is a graduate of MOFGA’s Journey person program and is proud to be farming on land with an agricultural conservation easement through the Maine Farmland Trust.

#### **Campo di Fiori**

Campo Di Fiori is a specialty nursery growing hardy wildflowers, ornamental grasses, and select cultivars. Andrew Fiori’s goal is to inspire and encourage imagination in the art of garden creating with respect to the dynamic beauty and emotion of nature. In creating the plant palette particular attention has been given to plants that are hardy, robust-growing, and low-maintenance while embodying a more natural or wild aesthetic. The majority of these plants have a long season of interest, and for that reason are particularly useful in keeping our gardens attractive from spring into winter.

#### **Fairwinds Farm**

Fairwinds Farm is a diverse 60 acre fruit and vegetable farm owned and operated by Pete and Cathy Karonis. Pete retired from the Marine Corp in 1995 and started Fairwinds Farm shortly thereafter, with just three acres of mixed vegetables. Cathy grew up in Bowdoinham and made her own entry into full-time farming in 1998. In 2003 they joined the two farms and expanded to make Fairwinds Farm the successful farm that it is today. The farm is located in both Topsham and Bowdoinham; along the banks of the beautiful Kennebec River including 12 acres of delicious strawberries; 3 acres of raspberries and 4 acres of high bush blueberries, and large assortment of vegetables.

#### **Gruff Acres Farm**

Diana and Dale Mosher started Gruff Acres Farm as a hobby when they entered retirement. Now they have goats, hens, alpacas and several gardens. They raise both meat goats and dairy goats. Dale makes goat milk soap, which is so good for your skin! Diana makes cheeses, which she also teaches at the Long Branch School and Gardiner Adult Education. Diana also creates greeting cards and does decorative tole painting.

#### **Life Force Farm**

Ben Dearnley runs Life Force Farm, a diversified organic vegetable CSA. He has been farming for 9 years and strives to create nutritious healthy soil and crops by balancing the soil chemistry and maintaining a biologically diverse rotation that leads to plants with higher levels of minerals and more resistance to insects and disease.

#### **Six River Farm**

Nate Drummond and Gabrielle Gosselin started Six River Farm in 2007. It is a diverse organic vegetable farm located on the shores of Merry Meeting Bay. Nate and Gabrielle own seven acres of fields and lease an additional eighteen. They, along with their employees, grow twelve acres of vegetables, berries, herbs, and cut flowers and manage the remainder of their fields in cover crops for crop rotation. Their produce is sold at the Brunswick farmers markets, as well as to restaurants and natural food stores in the area.

#### **Stonecipher Farm**

Stonecipher Farm is a small diversified organic vegetable farm, purchased by Ian Jerolmack in 2009. Ian’s love of farming began at a young age, despite the limitations of his suburban Pennsylvania setting; keeping chickens, ducks and geese, and growing all sorts of vegetables and fruit. After several years of apprenticeship and employment at various farms, Ian endeavored into the adventure of starting his own farm from scratch. Ian loves growing food and is proud to be a member of it of Maine’s agricultural community.

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## Open Farm Day

By Nicole Briand

Join us in celebrating Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. The day will begin with farm tours including six of which have been preserved as "Forever Farms". Several farms will have displays, farm-raised products for sale, fun activities to enjoy and tasty samples to try. So come explore our local farms!

## Farm Tours, 9am-4pm

Times vary, please see below.

### (1) Campo di Fiori

212 Fisher Rd

9am-4pm. Come explore Andrew's naturalistic gardens, an experimental hybrid hazelnut orchard and new nursery.

### (2) Apple Creek Farm

448 Millay Rd

9:00am-12pm. Come enjoy pasture walks and meeting the livestock. Products will be available for sale including: beef, lamb, goat, chicken, eggs, sheep & goat skins as well as pre-orders for geese and turkeys.

### (3) Gruff Acres Farm

919 Post Rd

10am-3pm. Come see the beautiful gardens, meet the goats, alpacas & hens, and try goat meat and home-made cheese samples.

### (4) Life Force Farm

71 Carlson Cross Road

1-4pm. Come meet farmer Ben and tour his organic vegetable farm located in the heart of Bowdoinham.

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### (6) Blue Bell Farm

767 Carding Machine Rd

12-4pm. Come tour the hoop-houses, take a stroll through the fields and

pick up some fresh veggies from the stand!

### (7) Stonecipher Farm

1186 River Rd

12-3pm. Come visit Ian and his 65-acre Forever Farm, dig up some carrots and cool off in the giant sprinkler.

### (8) Fairwinds Farm



554 Browns Point Rd

9am-12pm. Come tour Pete & Cathy's Bowdoinham fields and enjoy some samples of fruit shortcake.

### (9) Six River Farm

513 Browns Point Rd

9am-12pm. Come discover a diverse array of vegetables, berries, herbs, and cut flowers along Merrymeeting Bay. Please park by the greenhouses.

### (10) Harvest Tide Organics

148 Centers Point Rd

11am-3pm. Join us in welcoming Eric & Bethany to Bowdoinham by joining them for a farm tour.

### (11) Jellerson School

2 Centers Point Rd

9am-2pm. Join the Historical Society for their Open House.

### (12) Meeting House

1 Browns Point Rd

9am-2pm. Come see the Historical Society's "Year of the Camera" Exhibit featuring old Bowdoinham Farming photographs.

## Barbecue, 3-6pm

at Maily Waterfront Park (13)

Join us for a Barbecue featuring fresh foods from local farms and live music by Intergalactic Yurt Band, a collective of artists, misfits, craftsmen and dreamers drawn together by love of music from the deep well of Americana, certified organic music.

The Barbecue will be catered by Texas Barbeque Company, a locally owned and operated catering business. Mark and Jen Wescott matched their love of barbeque with catering in 2012 and are looking forward to applying their special recipes with locally grown and raised products! As they have a busy season lined up, they have teamed up with members of Village Lodge # 26 AF & AM the local Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham. Masonry is one of the oldest Fraternities in the world and their charity within this community is extensive. Bowdoinham Historical Society will also be joining the barbeque with their famous strawberry shortcake to raise money for the Carriage Shed. So come join us for some great local food!

### Menu

(Items subject to change)

- Pulled Chicken smoked carefully with selected hardwood.
- Beef Brisket smoked to perfection.
- Potato Salad
- Baked Beans
- Coleslaw
- Corn Bread
- Strawberry Shortcake

### Cost

- \$10 - Adults
- \$8 - Kids & Seniors (smaller serving)
- \$4 - Strawberry Shortcake

*Pre-registration for the Barbecue is appreciated, please contact Nicole at [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com) or 666-5531. Or you can buy your tickets in advance at the Town Office.*

**Thank you to our Sponsors!**

**Maine Farmland Trust**

Maine Farmland Trust works to protect farmland, support farmers, and grow the future of farming in Maine. Maine Farmland Trust has worked with many of the farms on the Open Farm Day tour, and is thrilled to see such a vibrant agricultural community continue to grow in Bowdoinham.



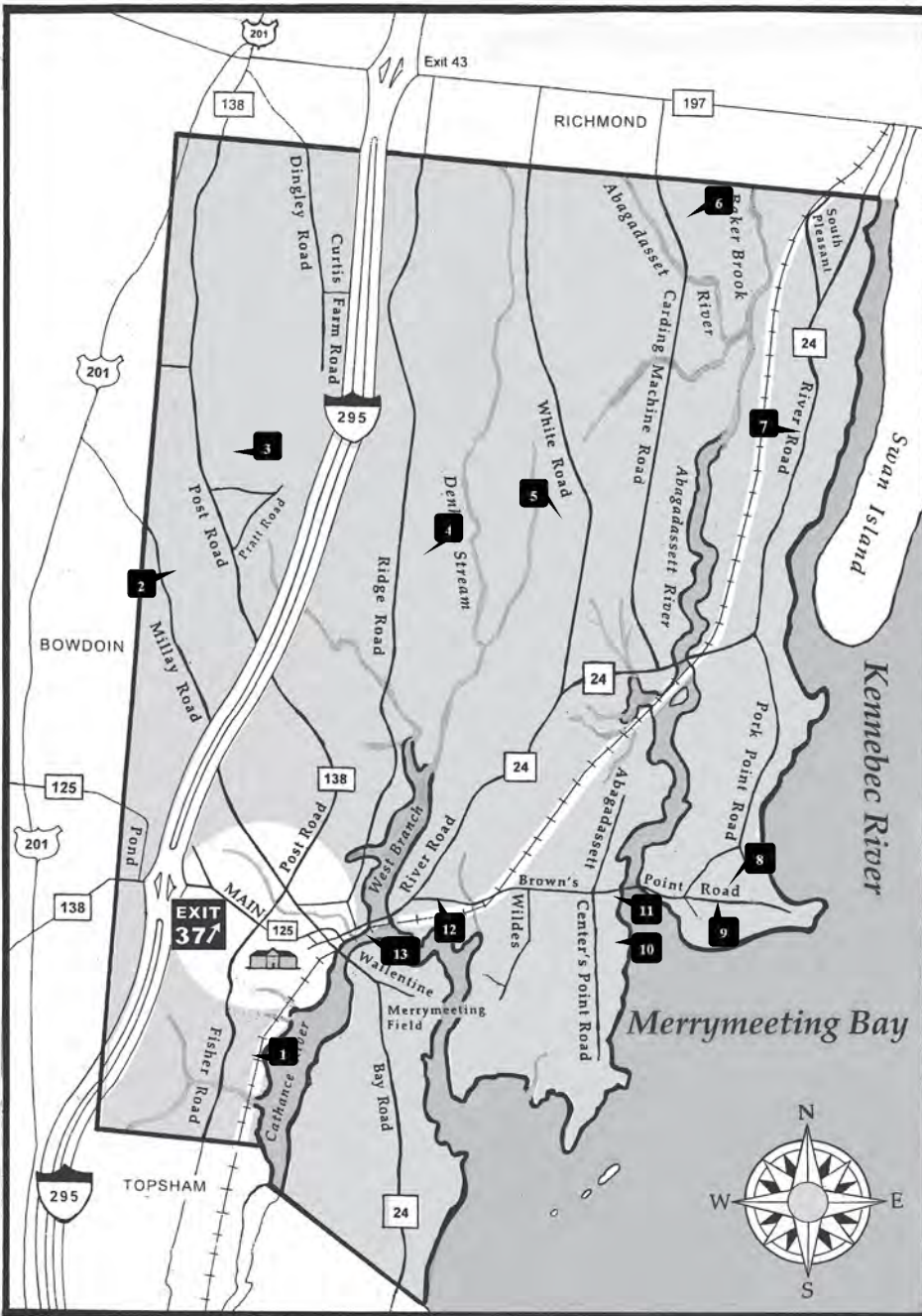
**Local Farms - Local Food**

Local Farms-Local Food is a collaborative project between the Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust and the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust to support local, working farms, increase access to healthy local food, and improve the sustainability of local agriculture through conservation, education, and outreach. The Local Farms-Local Food project is generously supported by the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation.



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## News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Lee Parker

The Merrymeeting Arts Center Board of Directors would like to thank the residents of Bowdoinham for their continued support shown at the annual Town Meeting.

MAC's new-constituted board consists of Forrest Lowe, Wendy Rose, Jennifer Tankersley, Carter Smith, Howard Solomon and Lee Parker. They will be responsible for the center's overall management and financing. The MAC Programming Group (MPG), a cohort of energized and creative volunteers, will take on the exciting work of developing our exhibits, events, and educational programs. For more information about becoming part of the MPG, call Peggy Muir at 666-3426.

We're inviting everyone to an open house reception at the Center, 9 Main Street, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:30pm, refreshments, children's activities, a chance to see our new exhibit ("Bay Clay, Bay Brick, Bay Pottery") and to hear about our plans for building community through our exhibits, events, and educational programs. There will be a Sunday Waterfront Concert going on at the same time, so come on down and see us, too!

Merrymeeting Arts Center has a busy summer planned. The summer exhibit "Bay Clay, Bay Brick, Bay Pottery" opened on June 19<sup>th</sup> featuring works by area ceramic artists as well as information on the bay clay deposits and the pottery and brick industries they made possible. The Bowdoinham Historical Society has found fascinating history on these which is included in the exhibit

Several events will accompany the exhibit this summer. During July bay clay will be used for projects at Drop-In Art and in a workshop with potter Matt Ahlers. In August talks related to the exhibit will be held on the geology and archaeology of bay clay and a writing workshop will be offered.

The show and the associated activities are made possible by a Community Arts & Humanities Grant, a combined grant of

the Maine Humanities Council and the Maine Arts Commission. It will be open through Celebrate Bowdoinham on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Gallery hours are Saturdays 10am-1pm and Sundays 1-4pm.

Merrymeeting Arts Center is proud to announce a Summer Arts Camp, every Wednesday from June 24 through August 26, from 9 to 11 am. Children can come and make a piñata, go letter boxing, build a fairy house, make art with plants, put on a puppet show, and perform in a play! Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. All sessions are \$5/child or \$8/family. Scholarships available and registration is recommended. To register or for more information, visit [www.MerrymeetingArtsCenter.org/Education-Outreach/](http://www.MerrymeetingArtsCenter.org/Education-Outreach/) or email [jennifer@listplanit.com](mailto:jennifer@listplanit.com).

Once again MAC will hold its annual Wonderland Tea Party on Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3pm. Join us for a fun filled afternoon with delicious treats and old favorites and newly discovered activities. Check the website for details later this month.

### Summer Workshops

Drop-In Art with Bay Clay: Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-12pm. No sign-up needed. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a



responsible adult.

Pottery Workshop with Matt Ahlers used Bay Clay: Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm for ages 12 and

up. Reservations required, 10 person.

### August Sunday Series

In collaboration with the Bowdoinham Historical Society, these events are free and open to the public. All will take place at Merrymeeting Arts Center, 9 Main Street, Bowdoinham.

1. Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, Jay Robbins & Bill Burgess will give a talk on "Our Shared Heritage: Little Pieces of Pottery Found Around Merrymeeting Bay" (information from the archaeological record around Merrymeeting Bay).

2. Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm, Dr. Arthur Hussey will discuss the geology of the Bay and its clay deposits.

3. Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm, Gary Lawless will give a writing workshop entitled "Clay Songs, Clay Stories". All ages welcome. Space is limited, please call to reserve your place.

For more information, please contact the Arts Center at [merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com) or 207-370-5002.

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## News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

**T**he Historical Society is busy, busy, busy! What have we been doing?

- At Jellerson School we've had nine 1910 school day classes with schools from Durham, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, and Woodside
- Year of the Camera Exhibit was open at the Meeting House for Open Studio Day.
- At the Bowdoinham Community School, we had at 4<sup>th</sup> Grade History Day, with Leslie Anderson & Sylvia Edmondson for Old Fashioned School Day, Steve Bunn for Woodworking, Nan Curtis for Needlework & Knitting, Cathy Reynolds for Knots and Braiding, Joanne Savoie for Life 100 Years Ago, Sarah Skolfield for Ice Industry, Betsy Steen for Shipbuilding & Seafaring, and Jamie Berhanu & Phoenix Kenny for Old Fashioned Games.



*Proposed Carriage Shed*

thanks to Bowdoinham photographer Brendan Bullock.

- 1912 Century Box Books, containing copies of all the messages and items put in the Century Box time capsule in 1912, are now in the library for you to enjoy reading. Thanks to Mary Bussey for accomplishing this daunting task.
- We'll be doing the following for Open Farm Day on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>:
  - Jellerson School will be open 9am-2pm.
  - The Meeting House will also be open 9am-2pm, featuring the ongoing Year of the Camera Display including added Old Bowdoinham Farming pictures.
  - BHS will sell delicious strawberry short cake at the Barbecue to benefit the carriage house.
  - Gala Yard Sale. It's not too soon to start thinking about BHS's Annual Yard Sale. This year it will be Sept. 19 with the 20th as rain date. All earnings will go to the Carriage Shed. As always, we encourage people to bring their own table and sell their unwanted treasures. \$15 a space. We will also need donations of items to sell for BHS.

We are still looking for information about or pictures of the brick yard(s). Also, the loan of old Bowdoinham Photos so that we can scan them and thus add them to our collection.

## Farmers' Market

By Wendy Rose

**T**he Bowdoinham Farmer's Market is starting its season at a new location with some new vendors, and a lot of excitement for what it will be able to offer. On June 13<sup>th</sup>, local farms started selling a full range of fresh produce, poultry, eggs, lamb, goat, fall crops, and berries at Maily Waterfront Park near the gazebo. The Market is open from 8:30am to 12:30pm every Saturday. Children will have their "sprouts" table with items they have made such as brownies, cookies, and hand-crafted products. Kate Cutko is once again coordinating this effort.

By locating at the Waterfront Park, the Farmer's Market will have ample parking with plenty of room to circulate among the vendors. SNAP participants are welcome and several of the vendors can take credit card payments. While many of the farms also participate in Farmer's Markets in other locations, they feel it is vital to have fresh, locally grown food available for their neighbors in Bowdoinham. The convenience of a village location means folks don't have to drive 12 miles further for great food.

There is still room for more vendors, so interested parties should call Pete Galle at 409-2035. "The Farmer's Market is a lot of fun to come to," Pete says. "There's a lot of interchange with folks, and it is a very friendly environment."

### What's New?

- An excellent, full size, photograph of the painting of the Bowdoinham ship Wash, built in in 1849 by John Harward,

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

## Tonka Truck Restoration Challenge

By Lynn Spiro

The Bowdoinham Public Library and Cruise 'In On the Cathance, are teaming up once again to bring Bowdoinham, The Tonka Truck Restoration Challenge 2015. We have been given and collecting Tonka Trucks of all shapes and sizes since last year's event. Participation is open to kids of all ages.



This year, we will hold workshops. Tools and instruction will be available to all participants at each event. Come learn about how it is done. And as we did last year, look forwarding to learning a lot more as you progress. This is a work at home project. Our workshops are to guide you, and instruct you, and give you the opportunity to work with others! Meet the people and schedule some sand-blasting time. You will get the opportunity to talk to the people that do this on a big scale basis, and get their expertise on the process.

Something Old, Something New, Something for kids of all ages!! Who didn't play with Tonka's as a kid! Let's bring Bowdoinham to Tonka.... Let's make something old into something NEW! Bring a kid, bring a grandkid.... bring a neighbor's kid.... Let's have fun restoring some old Tonka equipment! Bring your own, or see what we have available. All finished Tonka's will be on display at the final Cruise 'In On The Cathance on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:30pm. Are you up for the challenge? Bring it on!

## Boy Scout News

By Anthena Mann

The Boy Scouts have kept a full schedule this Spring, participating in Maine's first Scout O Rama, May 15-17, marching in the all Scout parade in Freeport, and again participating in the Memorial Day parade from Topsham to Brunswick. The Troop may be spotted canoeing the Cathance and Abagadasset rivers in the month of June, as they prepare for their trip on the Moose River in Jackman, Me. The Scouts will be attending a week long overnight camp at Camp William Hinds in Raymond, Me in the month of July. This will be a time to working on skills required for rank advancement and earn Merit Badges. Merit badges allow the boys a more in depth learning of many life



long skills and possible career choices.

We have welcomed 3 new Scouts to the Troop and are happy to have them join us, Nate Skolfield, Angel Ortiz III and Cole Brooks. All boys between the ages of 11-17 yrs. are eligible to join a Boy Scout Troop.

We encourage anyone interested in learning more about our Troop to contact Dave Mann, Scoutmaster of Troop 699, 207-837-4270 or email [dmann88napa@gmail.com](mailto:dmann88napa@gmail.com).

A continuous thank you goes out to the many community members who give us support and donations to our Bottle box! We are excited to be able to purchase the camping and cooking gear needed.

*Boy Scouts, the journey to prepare for life!*

## News from Bowdoinham Public Library

By Kate Cutko

The library was recently awarded a telescope through a grant program from Cornerstones of Science. A grant application was submitted including an essay about how the telescope will increase the library's science programming and dialog about science topics through the use of library resources.

The Orion StarBlast Reflector telescope is modified by Cornerstones with the help of Southern Maine Astronomers. The telescope is ruggedized and made more user friendly so that it is a loanable scientific tool. The telescope is part of the STAR program (sharing Telescopes and Astronomy Resources) and part of Cornerstones' Loanable Scientific Tools Initiative. By "ruggedize", we mean it has been adapted so that people with little skill and minimal training can safely transport the telescope and operate it without supervi-



sion.

So, you guessed it...anyone with a Bowdoinham Public Library card will be able to check it out and take it home for some stargazing!

To introduce the telescope to our patrons we will host a Star Party, on Friday night, July 10<sup>th</sup> at dusk on the runway of Merrymeeting Field on Bay Road. In case of cloud cover, or rain, the backup date is Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>. People of all ages are welcomed to gather and, with the help of the telescope(s) see stars, planets and other interesting celestial objects. We hope that this introduction to the telescope will allow you to feel comfortable borrowing it from the library at a later date. Assisting Library Director Kate Cutko at the Star Party will be local astronomer Bill Gray. Thank you to Mark and Patrizia Bowker who are graciously allowing the use of the airport runway for clear stargazing. Please reserve your spot at the party and learn more details by calling the library at 666-8405 or emailing [kcutko@bowdoinham.lib.me.us](mailto:kcutko@bowdoinham.lib.me.us).



## Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

The highest award in Cub scouting, Arrow of Light, was earned by three Webelos II's on April 19<sup>th</sup>: Grady Satterfield, Nathaniel Skolfield, and Angel Ortiz III. Congratulations on bridging to Boy Scouts! Thank you to Joe Satterfield for being a den leader and serving as treasurer of Pack 699 the last four years.

Pack 699 traveled to Fall River, Massachusetts on April 24<sup>th</sup> and spent the night on a Battleship at Battleship Cove Museum;



12 Scouts and 10 adults slept on canvas bunks and toured the Battleship. A highlight was meeting one of the men who served on the ship during World War II. The Pack also cleaned town roads on May 9<sup>th</sup> as a service project.

New ranks were awarded in April and May:

- Tiger Ranks were earned by Zachary Mesich, Chase Hardee and Jacob Perkins. Thank you to Crystal Cloutier for leading this den.

- Wolf ranks were earned by Theo Saucier, Colby Bleau, Lucas Pinkham, Hayden Read, Emerson Smith, Isaac Casoni, Ethan Berry, and Aiden Tremain. Thank you to Jenifer Berry and Chris Porter for leading this den.

- Bear ranks were earned by Frazer Smith, Aiden Fissette, Johnathan Cooper, Jackson Poirier, Alex Skolfield, Tommy Laguardia, Owen Cross and George Czerwinski. Thank you to Cathy Curtis for leading this den.

- The Webelos badge was earned by Tyler Berry, Damien Hale, Chris Mann, Dash O'Hanlon and Kyle Siebert. Thank you to Athena Mann and Heather Magaw for leading this den.

The Pack looks forward to Cub Scout Camp this summer at Camp Hinds in Raymond and Camp Gustin in Sabattus.

## Skatepark Update

By Wendy Rose

New momentum is growing with Bowdoinham's youth for a skatepark. Approximately 40 third, fourth, and fifth graders at the Bowdoinham Community School chose this spring's skateboard elective as their first choice among many other interesting electives available. With a limited number of safety gear and skateboards available, the class had to be limited to the 12 fifth graders who signed up. As of this writing, the group has met on two occasions and has made significant progress with their skills. Seth Berry is coordinating the instruction on safety and technique, and is assisted by Wendy Rose and skateboarding experts such as Charles Lopez. The class has both novice and intermediate boys and girls, and all are now doing a good job of coasting, stopping, and turning. During the second session, the students tried out long boards, and several expressed a preference for this type of board.



The town's Community Development Advisory Committee has been developing fundraising ideas so the Skateboard Park Fund can add to its balance and find the resources needed to complete the Park. People can donate directly to the Fund, can buy a commemorative brick with their name or a chosen message on it for \$100, or contribute their energies to the fundraising effort. Children who donate \$25 for a brick will have this matched by \$75 by Dwight Sholes while his contribution lasts.

"Over ten years ago this town made a promise to its children and to the memory of Matt Parker, a young man who loved skateboarding, that it would build a park where kids could use skateboards, in-line skates and BMX bikes. We're not there yet, but the renewed momentum gives me hope that we'll keep our promise in time for these kids to actually use it," Seth Berry commented.

## Recreation News

By Lisa West

Thank you for every person who helped make this baseball/softball season a success. Thank you to our coaches! Thank you to the ump's for your volunteer time! Thank you for all the hours put in to the snack shack so we can have drinks and snacks all season long! Thank you to all our sponsors! Thank you!!!

Summer Soccer is under way. This is Bowdoinham's first soccer program organized by Dean Zoulamis. The last day of the program will be an 8 hour review, reinforcing what was learned over the summer. Thank you, Dean!

Folk Fun for little ones has had two 4 week sessions. Organized by Susan Brown, Folk Fun is a sing and play class ages 0-5yrs old. If you are interested in an upcoming 4week session on a Sat morning, please contact Lisa West, Recreation Dept. at 666-3504 or lwest@bowdoinham.com.

To help increase the efficiency of the recreation programs, I am considering creating a recreation committee. Please contact me with any interest you may have with any of our programs or if you have some ideas you would like to bring in to the department.

Remember to check in on the Recreation Dept website or Facebook page for the community links connecting you to programs, activities and exercise.

### Volunteers Needed!

The Bowdoinham Fire Dept. Auxiliary provides the funding for specialize equipment for the Fire Department and they need you help!

You can help in one or all the following ways: make a pie for our Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale, make a casserole or dessert for a bean supper, come to a bean supper and/or become an auxiliary member.

A sign-up poster is at the Recycle Barn, or you may call one (of our 3) members: Susie Uhle 666-8801, Deb Butler 666-8169 and Jacinta Blodgett 841-2270.

## News from Advisory Committee on Aging

By Patricia Oh

It's summer in Bowdoinham and the living is good! The summer concert series has returned to Sunday evenings from 6-8pm at Maily Waterfront Park. It is the perfect place to be if you are in the mood for some good music with your friends and neighbors while enjoying the peaceful beauty of the Cathance River. Some of you may have noticed that there have been



a lot of changes at Maily Waterfront Park! As part of their commitment to making Bowdoinham a more aging friendly place, the Select Board has made the park more accessible to residents of all ages and abilities.

One way to appreciate the changes in the park is to stroll the wide, flat paths that can accommodate a person pushing a child stroller or using a wheelchair or walker. The large sign/map has been lowered so that people using wheelchairs can easily see it. New picnic tables invite families and friends to gather in the park for a picnic or just to sit and watch the activity on the Cathance River. The new picnic tables can be enjoyed by people of all abilities, including those who use a wheelchair.

To celebrate all the wonderful changes in the park, the Shipmates Senior Club, sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Aging, is planning a picnic and lawn games at Maily Waterfront Park on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 11:30 to 1:00 for a free hot dogs and hamburgers and bring any other food item you would like to share. As an added bonus, Merrymeeting Arts Center will be open so we can enjoy their exhibit, Bay Clay, Bay Brick, Bay Pottery. Join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing afternoon by the Cathance.

The Advisory Committee on Aging is sponsoring several other summer activities. Check the ACOA July and August activity and resource lists for more details!

## Legislative News

By Brian Hobart

In May the Legislature passed a bill, LD 131 that will fund Charter schools for FY15-16. This has a huge impact on SAD 75 and reduces what would have been a burdensome tax increase for member Towns.

Governor Paul R. LePage issued the following statement regarding the release of Maine's improved ranking among states as a place in which to do business. Maine has moved up six points in Chief Executive magazine's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Best and Worst States for Business survey. "This survey of more than 500 CEOs has now ranked Maine as the 30th best state, moving us up six points from 2014," said Governor LePage. "CEOs prefer states that 'foster growth through progressive business development programs, low taxes, and a quality living environment.' My administration has focused on making Maine more competitive by lowering energy costs, lowering taxes, and streamlining our regulations. These efforts are paying off, and CEOs are taking notice."

If you're concerned about identity theft, those reported mega-data breaches, or someone gaining access to your credit report without your permission, you

might consider placing a credit freeze on your report. Also known as a security freeze, this tool lets you restrict access to your credit report, which, in turn, makes it more difficult for identity thieves to open new accounts in your name. That's because most creditors need to see your credit report before they approve a new account. If they can't see your file, they may not extend the credit. A credit freeze does not affect your credit score. To place a freeze, contact each of the nationwide credit reporting companies.

- Equifax- 1 800 525 6285
- Experian- 1 888 397 3742
- TransUnion- 1 800 680 7289

You'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and other personal information. Fees vary based on where you live, but commonly range from \$5 to \$10. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze. A freeze remains in place until you ask the credit reporting company to temporarily lift it or remove it altogether. A credit reporting company must lift a freeze no later than three business days after getting your request. The cost to lift a freeze varies by state.



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## CEO Corner

By Darren Carey

It is always in the property owners' best interest to contact the Town Office before starting a project. As we all know a project is started well before a shovel or chainsaw is lifted. The days of "it's easier to ask of forgiveness than to ask for permission" no longer exist. This is because of mandatory state and federal laws that need to be enforced by the local officials. In the last few months a number of land use violations have occurred and could have easily been avoided with a simple phone call or e-mail before commencing.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the residents for keeping Bowdoinham looking clean. After the tough winter it took a couple of extra weeks to get motivated and start the spring clean-up. It should be noted that the number of junkyard complaints were roughly the same as last year. The easiest way to resolve a junkyard violation is to store the material in question in an appropriate manner. An unlicensed and unregulated junkyard is not only a nuisance but also a health hazard and detrimental to environment. The potential risks are, but not limited to, pollution of groundwater, damage to natural resources, distracted driving, the health and welfare of abutting landowners. Please help us maintain the wonderful rural character of Bowdoinham.

Please contact Darren Carey at 666-5531 or [dcarey@bowdoinham.com](mailto:dcarey@bowdoinham.com) if you have questions.

## Town Committee Members Needed

By William Post & Nicole Briand

The Select Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the following Town Committees.

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee is a five member committee that provides advice to the Select Board on solid waste management and recycling. In particular, the Committee is charged with updating the Town's Solid Waste Management Ordinance and assisting the Town Manager and Solid Waste Director in reviewing operations at the Recycling Barn.
- Finance Advisory Committee is a five member committee that assists the Selectmen and the Treasurer with financial decisions regarding development and administration to the municipal budget and the investment program for the Town of Bowdoinham.
- Community Development Advisory Committee is a seven member committee, whose purpose is to develop and assist in plans designed to support and enhance community and economic development.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee is a seven to eleven member committee, whose purpose is to implement and update Bowdoinham's Comprehensive Plan.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Town Manager Bill Post at 666-5531, or [wpost@bowdoinham.com](mailto:wpost@bowdoinham.com). Thank you.

## Spirit of America Award

By William Post

The Bowdoinham Select Board is taking this opportunity to recognize a citizen with the Spirit of America Foundation Tribute tonight. This individual has served the community in many capacities including as member of the Cable & Internet Committee attempting to bring increased access to broadband internet to the town, and as a founding member of the Advisory Committee on Aging that has developed many activities and programs for the older adults in our community. She played a major role in Bowdoinham being named an age-friendly community by the World Health Organization, the first town in northern New England to receive this designation and she was a driving force in the creation of the Shipmates Senior Center. She also is serving her second term on the Select Board and is currently vice-chair. She has committed hundreds of hours of volunteer work to make our community a better place. Because of these acts of community service, Theresa Turgeon is hereby recognized for her outstanding achievements and honors she has brought upon this community with the 2015 Bowdoinham Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.



Photo by Darcie Moore

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# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## BCDI News

By David Whittlesey

This second quarter of the year has been a busy time for BCDI. It seems hard to believe that we reached our third anniversary on June 12, but the organization has continued to strengthen its foundation and looks forward to another solid year building community in Bowdoinham.

The Community Development Loan/Investment Opportunity program continues to function well. All loans that have come due have been repaid, and one loan is being repaid regularly on monthly basis. A new loan was disbursed in mid-June: \$6000 to Apple Creek Farm to expand their sheep flock, and feed them more efficiently with a new hay mower. The loan request was processed and the necessary funds raised in record time! The excellent collaboration with the State Securities

Office continues, allowing BCDI, and investors to participate in this program with confidence. Participation is open to BCDI's membership, if you would like to become a Member, go to <http://www.bcdi.us/membership>.

Work on an Interactive Farmland Inventory, an up to date, comprehensive database of all farmland in town, its qualities and availability has begun, with BCDI Board Member Harriet van Vleck shouldering most of the initial data consolidation. The effort is a collaboration of several farmers, Maine Farmland Trust, The Town Planning Office and Local Farms, Local Food.

BCDI is participating on the Mid Coast Food Council being spearheaded by Local Farms Local Food, a joint project of the KELT and BTLT land trusts; Vital Connections, "Investing in Food, People and Place", and the Time and Tide Re-



source Council. One focus has been working with Slow Money Maine, LFLF, and local farmers to make the former "Locally Known" processing facility on Pork Point Road functional to serve the vegetable farmers in Town. This is still a work in progress.

On the institutional side, BCDI's membership now exceeds 100 Members, and the Board which governs its activities has expanded to eight. We were very pleased to have received the unanimous approval of the \$5000 allocation to BCDI from the Town through the 2015-16 Budget Town Meeting. Also, on June 10<sup>th</sup> BCDI was awarded a grant for \$2,000 to support operational activities from the New England Grass Roots Environment Fund (NEGEF).

Again, check out the BCDI Website at [www.bcdi.us](http://www.bcdi.us) and consider becoming a Member!

## Food Pantry News

By Kathy Tome

Greetings from the Bowdoinham Food Pantry! It's hard to believe that we have just past our 2<sup>nd</sup> year Anniversary. There are so many people whom I owe a great deal to, so many people who have made the pantry what it is today.

Since January we are consistently serving 53 households, with a total of 94 adults and 42 children. Seven of these households are in Bowdoin. For that same time period in 2014, we had 36 households, with a total of 70 adults and 32 children. As you can see the numbers have grown.

Since January 1, 2015, we have purchased or collected 5575 lbs. of food. Since we started tracking the data in May 2014, we have purchased or collected 14303 lbs as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Midcoast Maine Community Action also distributes a variety of food every other month from their program called TEFAP – Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program.

Most recently, Laurie Look and Joanne Savoie hosted the '2<sup>nd</sup> Victorian Afternoon Tea' to benefit the BFP. Kathy Savoie and Diana Mosher assisted with the event that took place at the Look's home. 31 guests

attended and were treated to scones, tea sandwiches, desserts, tea and entertainment, "Dressing the Victorian Woman." Many of the guests dressed in Victorian attire. Over \$1,400 and 55 lbs. of food were donated. It was a very entertaining and fun afternoon.

Spring is finally here and people are starting to plant their gardens. Although we get donations from our amazing farmers in Bowdoinham and other small farmers, might I encourage you to possibly grow a row for the pantry? Every little bit helps!

A special thank you to Abby Andreason for focusing her Senior Capstone project on the food pantry. She raised \$150 in cash and collected just shy of 300 lbs.



of food. Also, Colin Blake from Topsham also focused on the pantry for his senior project and created a Food Pantry Website. He has turned the website over to the pantry and Will Zell has graciously offered to help manage the page. Visit us at [Bowdoinhamfoodpantry.org](http://Bowdoinhamfoodpantry.org) or our Facebook page – [Bowdoinhamfoodpantry](http://Bowdoinhamfoodpantry).

**Bowdoinham Food Pantry**  
Open Fridays 3-6pm, 9 Main Street

Want to Donate? Checks can be made out to Bowdoinham Food Pantry, P.O. Box 246, Bowdoinham, ME 04008. Have donations to drop off? They can be delivered to the pantry, Town Office or Town Landing, during normal business hours!

For more information, visit our Facebook page or contact us at 751-7779 or [bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com).

*We are always looking for more volunteers!*

## Long Branch News

By Pete Feeney

So what's happening at Long Branch? Well, we are continuing to settle in across the street at our new location of 25 Main Street. As this article hits the mailbox, we should be well along on construction of our next tiny house. We did not design this particular house like the last two. Some interesting features for this New Zealand based design is that it will have more "off the grid" features, including a water collection and drain collection system.



Speaking of design, we are talking to a local vocational tech school teacher regarding doing a tiny house design contest on one of our next homes. We have linked this teacher up with a potential customer. The plan is that the customer will pay the winning student for the plans that we can then build.

As far as our other classes, we are continuing to offer some of our more popular classes such as foraging and mushroom walks. We have reduced the offerings for the fall in an attempt to better focus on our tiny house program. We will expand the number of offerings in the future, but for now, we want to make sure we have enough time and resources to mature the tiny house program properly. For a complete listing of our courses, please visit our web site at [longbranchschool.com](http://longbranchschool.com).

One other project in the planning stages is a collaborative effort to restore Bryce Muir's sailing scow, The Toad. Dwight Sholes is the project leader that is working with Merrymeeting Arts Center, The Restorative Justice Program, and Long Branch. We have been storing the Toad at our facility. The plan is to do the restoration at Long Branch. Dwight will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please let us know and we can put you in contact with him.

## Town Tax Club

By William Post

The Town of Bowdoinham is now offering a "Tax Club Plan" that allows property owners to pay their annual property tax bill in monthly installments without incurring interest. This plan was recently authorized by a vote at the annual town meeting.

To be eligible to participate in this plan, the property owner must be current with their property taxes, must enroll no later than July 31, 2015 and must abide by the requirements of the plan. Automatic electronic payments are not offered under this plan, but property owners can schedule payments online through the Town's online payment system. For more information on the 2016 Tax Club Plan, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531, or email William Post at [wpost@bowdoinham.com](mailto:wpost@bowdoinham.com).

## Community School News

By Chris Lajoie, Principal

In the last few weeks of school I asked students to reflect on their learning for the year. What accomplishment stood out as a really proud moment of learning? Here are a few responses I got:

"I read a super long book about 100 awesome things. I like long books because they give you more knowledge." – J. in Grade 1

"I finished a Math project and I got it correct. I was really happy." – J in Kindergarten

"Getting a lot accomplished, especially multiplying fractions. It made me feel I can learn anything if I try." – J. in Grade 5

About a published piece of writing: "I really like writing fairy tales. I put the most effort and work into this one. When I finished I felt I had accomplished something really big." – M. in Grade 3



Mark your calendars, this year Celebrate Bowdoinham will be on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Participant Applications are now available and are due back by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are once again be looking for sponsors for a fireworks show and donations for the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating or becoming a sponsor, please contact Nicole Briand at [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com) or 666-5531.

"I feel proud to be a Level N reader. It feels like a trophy!" – R. in Grade 2

"Now I'm a Level Q reader. I'm proud because last year I was behind in everything, and this year I'm catching up!" – F. in Grade 4

"When I did the monkey bars, because that's the first time I did them up high." – O. in Kindergarten

"Doing my writing this year a lot of my friends liked my writing pieces. They liked how I used paragraphs and explained things. It make me think I was good at writing; I never thought I was good at writing before." – O. in Grade 5

Thank you, residents of Bowdoinham, for your support of our learning community. I am so proud of our students' accomplishments and growth this year! Looking forward to seeing you in our school in the fall.

## Water Distrist News

By Art McLean

The Bowdoinham Water District is currently conducting a water audit of our distribution system, as we have an unaccounted for loss of water that is leaking out in the system. We have done several rounds of leak detection, but have been unable to locate the source of the leaks at this time. The amount of water that is being lost, leads us to believe that the problem is in a service to or multiple connections on the system. So if you are a customer of the Bowdoinham water district, and have experience a loss of water pressure to your home or business, or a wet area that has appeared on your lawn, or the sound of water running in basement when water not being used, please feel free to contact us at 737-4721 and we would be happy to check out your service to see if you may have a leak. Your cooperation in helping us solve this issue will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Art McLean, Superintendent  
Bowdoinham Water District

### Bowdoinham Public Library

#### Hours:

Tuesday:  
10am-12pm,  
2-5pm, 7-8pm

Wednesday:  
2-6pm

Friday: 2-5pm

Saturday: 10am-3pm

#### Contact Information:

666-8405

kcuto@bowdoinham.lib.me.us

www.bowdoinhamlibrary.org



## Open Burn Permits

By Fudd Frizzle

Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes, recreational campfires when the ground is covered by snow or on a frozen body of water, or use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes at a licensed campground are the only times that it is permissible to have an open burn without a permit. All other open burning requires you to obtain a permit.

The fire department issues these in person most every Saturday and Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30am. or for a \$7.00 fee the State of Maine will issue one through their website. This is not always convenient or timely especially for those days mid-week when the chores around the yard start piling up. Bowdoinham residents now have a third option that is free of charge. If you have internet access and

a printer you can go to [www.wardensreport.com](http://www.wardensreport.com) and get a burn permit immediately.

The process is quite simple, click "obtain a permit", choose Bowdoinham from the drop down menu and click "check fire classification". As long as permits are authorized for the day you will be presented with the permit form to fill in, once completed submit the request and you will receive your permit to print out. Make sure to sign and keep the permit with you while conducting your burn. That is all there is to it.

Permits through the site are not available until after 9am, which allows time for the State of Maine to publish the fire danger or "class day" which among other things determines whether permits will be issued or not.

If you have any questions or problems please feel free to contact me anytime at [afizzle@gmail.com](mailto:afizzle@gmail.com) or leave a message at the fire station 666-3505.

## Upcoming Municipal Election

By Pamela Ross

The Town of Bowdoinham is having a Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 8:00am-8:00pm. The voters will need to elect one Select Board Member and one School Board Member for a three year term each.

Nomination Papers will be available starting Monday, August 10, 2015 and can be picked up at the Town Clerk's office at any time. The candidates will need at least 25 and no more than 100 signatures of registered voters of the Town of Bowdoinham. You will need to return your nomination papers no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, September 21, 2015 with the Town Clerk.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ross at 666-5531 or [pross@bowdoinham.com](mailto:pross@bowdoinham.com)

## Durable Medical Equipment Program

By Ann Davis

The Town is now accepting donations of medical equipment such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, shower chairs, commodes, that are in good working condition. The equipment will be stored at the Bowdoinham Fire Station for other town residents to borrow. There are donation and loan forms that need to be filled out when someone donates equipment or borrows the equipment.

If you would like to donate or borrow equipment, please contact Ann Davis at 798-1830 or email [adavis@bowdoinham.com](mailto:adavis@bowdoinham.com).

## Solid Waste and Recycling Barn

### Barn Hours:

Thursday & Saturday: 8am-4pm

Trash & Recycling Pick-up:

Thursday

### Contact Information:

Phone:

Barn - 666-3228  
David Berry, Director - 751-2809

Email: [dberry@bowdoinham.com](mailto:dberry@bowdoinham.com)

Website: [www.bowdoinham.com/solid-waste-recycling](http://www.bowdoinham.com/solid-waste-recycling)

## Town Board & Committee Meetings

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

### **Select Board Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of Month at 5:30pm

### **Planning Board**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

### **Committee on Aging**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month at 3:00pm

### **Community Development Advisory Committee**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

### **Biking, Walking, Paddling Group**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of Month at 6:30pm

## Town Office

### Hours:

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

Wed: 9am-6pm

Tax Assesor: Wed, 9am-5pm

General Assistance: Fri, 8:30am-4pm

### Contact Information:

Phone: 666-5531 Fax: 666-5532

Email: [wpost@bowdoinham.com](mailto:wpost@bowdoinham.com)

Website: [www.bowdoinham.com](http://www.bowdoinham.com)

# 2015 Bowdoinham Summer Concert Series Sundays, 6-8pm at Maily Waterfront Park

**JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

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**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**

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**JULY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### **STEAMBOAT GYPSY**

A dynamic folk trio featuring driving fiddle tunes and subtle vocal harmony.

**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

### **KATHLEEN & FRIENDS**

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**AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### **MERRYMEETING BAND**

Our local community band plays a variety of music including showtunes.

**AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

### **CILANTRIO**

Plays original songs and numerous loved covers that span the decades.

**AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>**

### **STRING TIDE**

Enjoy a wide range of family-friendly music

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>**

### **THE MIGHTY NAT HUSSEY BAND**

An original rock, folk and blues band with a salt water flavor.

**AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>**

### **LEOPARD GIRLS**

With great covers and captivating originals, the band is always a treat to hear.



Bring the lawn chair, sit back and relax!

# THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

## Community Calendar

### July

#### 5th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 10th

Library Star Party  
Merrymeeting Air Field

#### 12th

Open House Reception, 5-7:30pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 19th

#### Open Farm Day

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 20th

Drop-in Art, 10am-12pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

#### 23rd

Drop-in Art, 10am-12pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

#### 25th

Cruise-in on Cathance, 4-6:30pm  
Town Landing Restaurant

#### 26th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 30th

Shipmates Picnic, 11:30am-1pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

### August

#### 1st

Wonderland Tea Party, 12-4pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

#### 2nd

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 9th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 16th

Bay Clay Series, 2pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 23rd

Bay Clay Series, 2pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

#### 29th

Cruise-in on Cathance, 4-6:30pm  
Town Landing Restaurant

#### 30th

Bay Clay Series, 2pm  
Merrymeeting Arts Center

Summer Concert, 6-8pm  
Maily Waterfront Park

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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