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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Contractors, Part IV

By Wendy Rose

Bowdoinham has a wealth of contractors to handle all of your building needs.

Bob Temple Well Drilling

Bob Temple

Bob Temple started out well drilling by working with his uncle and has built his business so he could include his own family—his son, daughter, and wife—in the operations. “I love working with my family,” Bob says. This summer, his 16-year-old grandson will lend a hand during the busy season and will start to learn the work just as Bob’s son, Hollis, did when he was a boy. Christine, Bob’s daughter, took on the office duties six years ago and his wife, Wilhelmina was finally able to recently retire from her duties. “The nice thing is we all get along together,” Christine adds.

Bob had been working at a marina when his uncle encouraged him to work with him on drilling. By 1984, Bob was ready to strike out on his own. Over the years, he has been able to add more sophisticated equipment in order to offer a full range of services. These include well drilling, filter work to help remove iron and other minerals, pump repair, and repairing broken water lines.

The business works primarily within a 30-mile radius and may find very different conditions for drilling even within that relatively small area. “We might find water at 200 feet or 800 feet,” Bob comments. “We plan to upgrade our drill so we can go as deep as 1,200 feet.” Drilling comprises about 80% of the business, with service taking up the

other 20%. “Our big thing is service,” Hollis adds. “If someone calls without water, they go to the top of our list. Every day brings new problems, so you have to be super flexible to solve things each day.”

A key strategy for Bob has been to grow slowly and add new equipment only as the business can afford it.



His aim has been to earn a paycheck and to keep the debt load as low as possible. His current goal is to continue to get new equipment so that it will be easier to do more of the jobs they are called on to do. “We work hard for seven months to make a 12 month salary,” he says, “so it’s important to make the best use of the season with efficient turnover.”

Because Bob was born in Bowdoinham and has remained within 5 miles of his birthplace, he has developed wide-ranging contacts thus word-of-mouth

has been the principle way they get new customers. The best way to reach them is by calling 666-3224 or 522-1425 (Hollis’s cell phone) or by emailing bobtemplewelldrilling@comcast.net.

“The great thing about being self-employed is that I don’t have to retire,” Bob says. “I’ll keep going as long as I can.”

Emerald Builders

Reggie Lebel

Reggie Lebel, President of Emerald Builders, has two top goals for his company: to construct quality, high performance homes and to do renovations that bring greater energy savings to home owners. He acquired the skills for reaching these goals by working in his dad’s construction business as a young man. Further

experience also gave him a deep desire to use the latest techniques for projects that are high quality, energy efficient, and have minimum waste.

Building “net zero ready” homes is Reggie’s favorite work. These homes consume as little energy as possible and essentially create as much energy as they use.



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To achieve this, the homes have 12 inches of insulation in the walls, 16 plus inches in the roof, use triple glazed windows, have low energy appliances, and use a mechanical venting system that actually recovers energy. “When I started the business in 2006, people were interested in energy savings, but now in 2016, customers have a fair amount of knowledge and want the full package,” Reggie says. He notes that the initial cost of building a net zero ready home may be about 15% higher than other construction, but the energy savings significantly reduces the yearly costs and makes the initial investment worth it. For instance, a 1700-square-foot house may only cost \$750-\$1,000 a year for heating, cooling, and hot water.

Reggie oversees the projects for his crew of four while his wife, Rachel, handles much of the office responsibilities. “It excites me to provide our workforce with good benefits,” he says. By paying close attention to the numbers and working year around, he is able to offer steady employment with benefits.

While Emerald Builders currently sub-contracts the solar panel installation on their projects, in the future Reggie would like to do more of this work in-house. He also aims to be a company where people want to work and where they will have an opportunity to contribute to continual improvements.

You can reach Reggie by calling 841-2775 or by emailing him at reggie@emeraldbuild.com. The company website is at www.emeraldbuild.com. The new headquarters at 43 Main Street will soon have a new addition to accommodate offices, workshop, and storage. As members of the Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, Emerald Builders is committed to a triple bottom line: profit, people, and planet. “It is very satisfying to create something that I’m proud of,” Reggie says.

Temple Well Drilling Bert Temple

Temple Well Drilling is taking a new direction under Bert Temple’s management. As the company phases out its drilling service, Bert will be fully engaged in servicing and replacing well pumps, providing filtration, working to increase water flow, and using their mobile camera to scout out well problems so they can correct them. With two box trucks, they are able to cover a large area within an hour’s drive. In the coming weeks, Bert plans to change the name of the company to “Temple Well Service.”

While Bert is active throughout the year, there is often an increase in calls when seasonal people return for the summer. As they turn on the systems in their summer homes, problems crop up. “The work keeps me busy more than full-time,” Bert says, “especially this time of year. I love what I do. My real passion is to race out and fix a dead pump. When people are desperate to get their water back, it makes you feel good to help out. They are so relieved.”

A special service the business offers is looking at water flow rate. Because 99% of wells don’t stamp the flow rate on the well cap, Bert uses special tools to determine the rate and can make recom-



mendations to increase the flow if necessary. One thing that might affect the flow rate this year is lower-than-usual water levels. Because the winter didn’t bring a lot of snow, the spring melt was not as great as usual. Bert cautions that folks should watch upcoming rainfall amounts and perhaps cut back on water usage if we don’t get regular, soaking rains.

Another thing Bert suggests is that homeowners be alert to any sudden decrease or increase in water flow rate or any slight dimming of electric lights since that can be a precursor to a pump’s failure. While a failing pump won’t always give a warning, these signs can be a clue. Failures can be caused by a nearby lightning strike, old age, or a mechanical breakdown. Newer pumps tend to last 10-15 years with some pumps lasting as long as 40 years. Bert has loved working with his brother, Scott, to continue the business their father started. Now that Scott is going in a different career direction, Bert is pleased to continue the family tradition. Being out on job sites doing hands-on work is his favorite part of the business. “I am happy to have the business stay small and to be out doing the work myself,” Bert says. You can reach Bert by calling 666-3026, which is an answering service. You can also email him at templewelldrilling@gmail.com.

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Seeking Nominations for Citizen of the Year Award

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town is currently seeking nominations for Citizen of the Year. This award is presented to the selected nominee at the annual Celebrate Bowdoinham event in September.

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- The Citizen of the Year award recipient shall be an outstanding individual recognized for their impact on the lives of Bowdoinham citizens, a special individual who shows dedication and spirit beyond what is considered regular duty.

- The following characteristics will be considered: present activities, previous activities, charitable/philanthropic efforts, improvement in the quality of life for Bowdoinham residents, and commitment to the community.

If you would like to nominate someone to receive this award, please contact the Town Manager at 666-5531 or by email at wpost@bowdoinham.com. All nominations will be confidential and will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Select Board. The committee will then forward a recommendation to the Select Board in August.

Have you heard of the Town's Tax Club?

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town of Bowdoinham offers a "Tax Club Plan" that allows property owners to pay their annual property tax bill in monthly installments without incurring interest. This plan was first authorized by a vote at the annual town meeting in June 2014 and was reauthorized at Town Meeting on June 15, 2016.

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, 2016 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 2017 Tax Club Plan, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531, or email the Town Manager at wpost@bowdoinham.com.

This is an easier way to pay your property taxes in smaller monthly payments without incurring any interest. We are pleased to be able to offer this payment option to our residents.

Public Works' Summer Project

By William Post, Town Manager

At the Town Meeting on June 15th, voters approved borrowing for two projects for this summer. The first project is to purchase a new Public Works dump truck equipped with a plow, wing and sander for winter and summer work. This new truck will replace a 2002 truck. This replacement continues the Town's capital plan for vehicle and equipment replacement and is expected to serve the Town for 12 to 14 years.

The second project is the reconstruction and paving of the Pork Point Road. The Pork Point Road project will include reconstructing approximately 2.2 miles of roadway from Browns Point Road to Route 24. Reconstruction includes drainage improvements, tree trimming and removal, culvert replacement (both under the road and at driveway entrances), removing the existing pavement by grinding, excavating the road base to remove any clay or other undesirable material, adding gravel to the road base, and adding gravel to correct the grade and crown of the road. Then the road will be fine-graded and a 2-inch layer of pavement will be placed.

After this road project is completed, there are two more roads that will need reconstruction: Carding Machine Road (paved portions) and Wildes Road. Then the Town will be in a position to only have to resurface the pavement with a shim and overlay pavement layer at a much reduced cost.

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Open Farm Day

By Nicole Briand

Sunday, July 17th will begin with farm tours at: Campo di fiori, Apple Creek Farm, Gruff Acres Farm, Life Force Farm, Blue Bell Farm Maine, Stonecipher Farm, Fairwinds Farm, Six River Farm, Havenridge Farm, Left Field Farm, East of Eden Flower Farm and Harvest Tide Organics. So come explore our local farms and see how our food is made! And because Bowdoinham is a "Very Crafty Town" we'll have Catmint Garden & Gallery, Swan Island Restoration, Morphee Creations, Watersong Music, Melissa M. Fiori, Debbie Spaulding, Diana Mosher, Starrocks, Steven Thomas Bunn Furnituremaker, Bloom, Jane Page-Conway Fine Art Photography and Merrymeeting Arts Center joining us with an Art Trail. Bowdoinham Historical Society will also have both the Jellerson School and Meeting House open for tours and The Long Branch School of Maine will have Tiny Home tours. Come see why Down East Magazine named Bowdoinham on of the "Best Places to Live in Maine"!

Then at 3pm the celebration will continue at Maily Waterfront Park for a barbeque featuring fresh foods from local farms and live music. The Barbecue will be catered by The Texas Barbeque Company, a locally owned and operated catering business. Mark and Jen Wescott matched their love of Barbeque with the catering business 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.

Thank you to our Sponsors - Maine Farmland Trust, Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative!

Merrymeeting Trail Initiative and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust are sponsoring their 4th Annual Explore Merrymeeting Bay Bike Ride. This year the event is being expanded to include three led bike ride options for a range of abilities and interests. All three led rides will leave from Maily Waterfront Park.

-10am - 8.2 mile ride along Pork Point Road. This is one of the richest farming areas in Bowdoinham, so there are many farms to explore along this route. This ride is good for kids.

-11:30am - 40 mile ride through Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Topsham with short stops at farms on the route. This ride is best for intermediate or advanced riders.

-12pm - 24 mile ride through Bowdoinham and Richmond with stops to explore farms along the way. This is a good for beginner or intermediate riders.

Or you can create your own ride and explore on your own or with your own group. We will have a table with information about suggested bike routes along with refreshment stops at Maily Waterfront Park from 9am to 3pm. So join us for to explore they Bay and learn about Merrymeeting Trail!

MEET OUR FARMERS

Apple Creek Farm

applecreekfarm.wordpress.com

Apple Creek Farm is a second generation family farm. Established in 1985, Pete and Janet Galle moved their children and flock of sheep from Brunswick to Bowdoinham. Over the years more land was cleared for pastures and hayfields, the sheep flock increased, and eventually beef cows were introduced to the farm. Apple Creek Farm 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, and goats are 100% grass-fed and certified organic. The laying hens are also certified organic as are the broilers, geese, and turkeys they raise.

Blue Bell Farm

www.bluebellfarmmaine.com

David Asmussen & Meredith Eilers and Blue Bell Farm are on their third season growing organic produce in Bowdoinham. Dave hails from upstate New York and first put a shovel in the soil in fourth grade when he dug up the back yard to plant radishes. He met his partner Meredith when she was working at the college organic farm. After adventures far and wide through several states, homesteads and farmland, they were excited to put down roots in Bowdoinham where they grow diverse vegetables, herbs and berries. 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. You can find their produce at local restaurants, natural food stores and the Bowdoinham Farmers' Market.

Campo di Fiori

mainegardendesign.com

Campo Di Fiori is a specialty nursery growing hardy wildflowers, ornamental grasses, and select cultivars. 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. As both gardeners and nature lovers, Andrew's goal is to inspire and encourage imagination in the art of garden creating with respect to the dynamic beauty and emotion of nature.

Havenridge Farm

www.facebook.com/Havenridgefarmers

Debbie and Dick Spauling started Havenridge Farm as a hobby farm. Debbie 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.

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.

Fairwinds Farm

www.fairwindsfarmmaine.com

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. Topsham is the location of five greenhouses and five acres under cultivation; the rest of the produce is grown in Bowdoinham along the banks of the beautiful Kennebec River; this includes 12 acres of delicious strawberries; 3 acres of raspberries and 4 acres of high bush blueberries, and large assortment of vegetables.

East of Eden Flower Farm

www.eastofedenflowerfarm.com

East of Eden Flower Farm is a specialty cut flower farm located on six fertile acres running alongside the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. They use sustainable practices to grow a diverse selection of nearly 65 annual and perennial flower varieties. Their farm traces its roots to the middle of a young apple orchard in Brunswick. In the fall of 2013, Julia Shipley's parents allowed her to till a quarter acre of land, build a small greenhouse, and pack the backyard with flowers,

running beds wherever they fit in between rows of apple and pear trees. After a great first season, they seized the opportunity to lease six beautiful acres blessed with abundant water, rich soil and a strong community of organic farmers, and moved the farm to Bowdoinham.

Harvest Tide Organics

www.harvesttideorganics.com

Harvest Tide Organics is an organic produce farm in its second full year of production. Eric and Bethany together grow mixed vegetables for their CSA and wholesale customers from Augusta to Portland. It is their goal to provide healthy, affordable, organic produce for the region and to farm sustainably to preserve the great land they're on and the beautiful Merrymeeting Bay.

Left Field Farm

leftfieldmaine.com

Sean Hagan started Left Field Farm in 2012. He and his farm crew grow a wide variety of organic vegetables, cut flowers, berries, and seedlings on eight acres nestled between neighboring farms on the edge of Merrymeeting Bay. They sell their produce through a CSA farm share program in Bowdoinham, Portland and South Portland; to restaurants and retail stores in Brunswick and Portland; and at the South Portland Farmers Market.

Life Force Farm

lifeforcefarm@gmail.com

Ben Dearnley runs Life Force Farm, a diversified organic vegetable CSA that serves 30 customers with a Fall/Winter Share and a Spring Share. He has been farming for 10 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. Fall Winter have a wide variety of MOFGA certified organic produce including roots, cabbage, brussel sprouts, winter squash, garlic, onions leeks, spinach, lettuce and

mixed greens like kale, collards and chard. The Spring Share includes all the winter storage crops and offers spring dug carrots and parsnips along with purple sprouting broccoli!

Six River Farm

www.sixriverfarm.com

Nate Drummond and Gabrielle Goselin started Six River Farm in 2007. It is a diverse organic vegetable farm located on the shores of Merrymeeting Bay. Nate and Gabrielle own seven acres of fields and lease an additional eighteen acres. 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. They also focus on season extension and have a wide range of unheated greenhouses that enable growing vegetables all year round. In the winter they sell at the indoor farmers market in Brunswick.

Stonecipher Farm

stonecipherfarm.blogspot.com

Stonecipher Farm is a certified organic mixed vegetable family farm on the River Road in Bowdoinham. Purchased in 2009, Stonecipher Farm has grown from 1 acre of production, to more than 10 acres at present. They make 100% of their income off the land, as well as employ 5 full-time persons from April through November. Starting from a blank slate in 2009, everything has been built by Ian. Now in their 8th season, they are proud to be a corner stone of the Bowdoinham farming community. Stonecipher Farm sells 100% wholesale; their bread and butter is restaurants, with 35 or so of the best restaurants in Portland. They also sell to Whole Foods, Rosemont, and the Food Co-op.

Open Farm Day

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MEET OUR ARTISTS, CRAFTERS & WOODWORKERS

Catmint Garden & Gallery

www.facebook.com/CatmintGardenGallery

Owner and artist, Sarah Ann Stapler specializes in miniature oil, watercolor and pastel paintings. She also creates large paintings, cards and children's books.

Mortimer LaPointe Woodworking & Swan Island Restoration

mortimerlapointe.com

Mortimer builds new furniture from reclaimed wood and repairs and restores antiques. The pieces are crafted from a constantly changing collection of vintage reclaimed lumber. The beauty, shape and texture of each piece of wood is truly unique.

Morphee Creations

www.morpheecreations.com

Hand carved and printed, Morphee Creations are inspired by local flora and fauna. Artist Manon Whittlesey prints her imagery onto upcycled and re-purposed materials, from paper products and home decor to clothing on her home-made press.

Watersong Music

watersongmusic.org

Earl Bigelow created Watersong Music for the sharing and teaching of all the facets of music. Recording, performance and teaching music has become Earl's happy occupation, and in his new studio he is able to do all three.

Melissa M Fiori

Melissa is a Fiber Artist and has working with felt for over 12 years. Her passion is experimenting with different types fiber and coercing them to blend together. Melissa is a member of the Bowdoinham

Art Guild, her repertoire includes bags, scarves, mittens, table runners, vessels, pillows, hats, needle felted characters and wall hangings. Melissa loves making fabric and designing with wool!

Debbie Spaulding

www.facebook.com/Havenridgefarmers

As a self taught artist Debbie uses many natural and man made structures as a starting point for her work. Debbie is interested in the impression of a place and works to preserve an abstract expression of shapes, forms and lines. Using commercial and hand dyed or painted fabrics she works intuitively, using a process of constructing, deconstructing and reconstructing each piece. Debbie uses the reconstructed segments of multi-pieced fabrics adding additional fabric as she moves through the design process to create a final composition. Debbie uses freehand machine or hand quilting to complete the surface texture of each piece.

Jane Page-Conway Fine Art Photography

www.facebook.com/Jane-Page-Conway-Fine-Art-Photography-591863617513896

Jane has been making and altering photographic images for over 30 years. She's an inquisitive experimenter, exploring both traditional wet darkroom & alternative photographic processes such as: infrared film, Polaroid manipulations and emulsion transfers, hand-tinting black and white photographs, cyanotype & kallitype. Jane has learned to restructure her thinking in the digital age, blending the old with the new. And now she practices the ancient painting medium of encaustic wax with her photography. "Encaustic" means to burn in. Beeswax is mixed with damar resin and heated so that it becomes liquid. The hot wax medium is tinted with a powdered pigment and applied in layers. Each layer is fused with heat. Jane adds or subtracts the wax, using dental tools to scribe or make texture on the surface. Fiber, paper, or various objects can be embedded into the wax creating surface texture, luminosity and meaning.

Bloom

Laurel started making soaps 13 years ago. Since then she has expanded her body care product line to include lotion, chapstick, deodorant, bath fizzies, and salt scrubs. Recently she started creating healing salves for arthritis and psoriasis. She uses natural ingredients and colors with no preservatives. She enjoys experimenting with new herbs, spices, flowers and scents.

Steven Thomas Bunn, Furnituremaker

www.stevenbunn.com

Like early craftsmen, Steven Bunn draws on a number of elements characteristic of New England Windsor chairs - bold, sharply defined turnings, wide splayed legs, spindles with wide nodes and deeply sculpted seats to create my own interpretation of Windsor style. The result is a spectacularly beautiful chair - a modern heirloom - strong enough for everyday use. Steven crafts Windsor chairs, rockers & settees in a number of styles using traditional tools and materials. He makes Windsor chairs because he loves their unique fusion of beauty and utility. Steve's handcrafted Windsor chairs, with their deeply saddled seats and flexible backs, are the most comfortable chairs you will ever sit in. No factory-made Windsor chair can equal his chairs for comfort.

Starrocks

Lynn Sternfels creates graceful jewelry with gems and beads embedded in intricately crocheted wire, silk scarves with light-weight wool integrated into the fiber, and hand-painted silk scarves are all items she has developed while exploring her creativity. They are beautiful accessories that make any outfit look special.

Diana Mosher

Diana creates greeting cards and decorative tole paintings when she's not busy working on the farm, Gruff Acres Farm with her husband Dale.

News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Lee Parker

The summer long project of the Merrymeeting Arts Center began in June with the opening of an art exhibit and a wonderful original play. More events will take place in July and August.

The art exhibit, "Hallowed Ground, Forgotten Voices: Cemeteries and Memorials", opened on Friday, June 17th and will run through Celebrate Bowdoinham in September. Over 15 area artists have created works using a variety of media from photography to drawings to oil and watercolor paintings. The arts center's gallery at 9 Main Street (grey building with red roof down by the river in the village) is now open for summer hours: Saturdays from 10am to 1pm and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm and also by appointment.

Then we had the magical production "Merrymeeting Monologues" on June 18th. The original play written by Stephen Legawiec was based on research-epitaphs

of Mount Ararat English students who each studied a Bowdoinhamer of the past. Locals of all ages took part.

June 18th was also the opening of the related Bowdoinham Historical Society exhibit "Digging up the Past". The exhibit will open periodically throughout the rest of the summer, including Open Farm Day on July 17th.

Jay Robbins of Richmond will give a talk on July 10th at 2pm on "Gravestones as Historical Artifacts." Gravestones – because they are dated artifacts – have been extremely useful to historical archaeologists. They are also rich sources of information on kinship, life expectancy and views of death. Jay Robbins is an active historical archaeologist who has been involved with many projects in the area.

Cemetery Weekend (August 20-21) is offered in collaboration with the Bowdoinham Historical Society. There will be guided tours of three graveyards on Saturday, August 20th at 1pm at Ridge Cemetery (way up Ridge Rd. almost to Richmond), 2:30pm at Village Cemetery (across from Bowdoinham Community School) and 4pm at Bay View Cemetery

(on Rte 24 about 1.5 miles south of the village). Betsy Steen, Albert Stehle, and Sexton Frank Connors will lead the tours.

The Bowdoinham Historical Society is developing maps of the cemeteries and is completing a database with information about the graves with funding through the project. Future researches and visitors to Bowdoinham will find this information invaluable. During Cemetery Weekend visitors will be able to view the Bowdoinham Historical Society's archives.

On Sunday August 21st the weekend's activities will culminate with a talk at 2pm by Franklin Burroughs - the project scholar - on "A Sense of Place."

At Celebrate Bowdoinham, on September 10th, there will be exhibits on the project in the Bowdoinham Historical Society tent and at the Merrymeeting Arts Center.

For more information on summer activities please check Facebook, www.merrymeetingartscenter.org and www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org. The project is supported by a grant from the Maine Humanities Council.

News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

On Monday, May 9th, the Bowdoinham firemen and women took time off from their training and work mission to move the fire hand tub Phenix from the Historical Society Meeting House to its new home in the nearly finished Carriage Shed - thank you! There it can be restored and eventually displayed. We will need community support of many kinds to accomplish the restoration of this 1798 treasure.

Meanwhile Phenix shares its new quarters with a phaeton carriage which belonged to the Williams family of Abagasset Road, recently generously donated by Denham Ward and Debbie Lipscomb. It was made by the Wade & Dunham Carriage Company of Lewiston, Maine.

Upcoming Events

Open Farm Day on July 17th

Jellerson School will be open 9am-2pm. Visit Bowdoinham's 1910 one room school house. Then step into the attached Merrymeeting Bay Museum and learn how our unique Merrymeeting Bay and her six rivers have influenced Bowdoinham and the lives of the people living here.

The Meeting House will be open 9am-2pm. Come join the Historical Society for an Open House to see what we have discovered about our fascinating town and her people and peek into the Carriage Shed for a glimpse of Bowdoinham's 1798 handtub, the Phenix.

6th Annual SUPER Yard Sale

Our major fundraiser will be held on Saturday, September 17th, 9am-4pm with a rain date of the 18th.

Donate unwanted items or have your own table (\$15.00). We provide a great location with good parking and do the advertising! Such a Deal!

for more information, please contact Lara Ashouwak at lashouwak1@gmail.com or 666-8161.

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

BCDI News

By David Whittlesey

BCDI is very pleased to announce that it has received two grants to help support its operations and to strengthen the organization. Having already received a Bowdoin College Common Good Grant in March, The New England Grassroots Environment Fund has awarded BCDI a “Grow Grant” of \$2,000, the third time that BCDI has received NEGEF support. In addition, The Maine Community Foundation has provided BCDI \$8,000 to build capacity of the organization to work strategically with the Town in the revitalization of the village in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan. These two grants will help provide the wherewithal to broaden our Membership, maintain the Community Development loan/Investment program - Neighbors Investing in Neighbors - and further engage the community in shaping a future rooted in our past.

With regard to Community Development Loans, the BCDI Board addressed a loan request on June 13th to allow Bob Kane Wood Products to make several improvements to its operations: improved access to its wood lot, a replacement chainsaw and repairs to its wood delivery vehicle. At this writing we are in the process of vetting the application and preparing the investment offering for presentation to the BCDI Membership, and hopefully the loan will be disbursed before publication! Several new loans to some of the burgeoning farms in town are in preliminary discussion and will likely be offered in the Fall.

In order to participate in the Neighbors Investing in Neighbors program, either as a loan seeker or as an investor, you must be a Member of BCDI. This is a requirement of the State Securities Administration and allows us to maintain the program in compliance with State law. Being a Member also gives you a voice in determining the future activities of BCDI, and helps ensure that BCDI remains relevant and vital. To become a Member, please visit our website.

News from the Food Pantry

By Linda Jariz

On May 25th, the third annual Victorian Tea Party, was held at the home of Laurie Look. Co-directed by Laurie Look and Joanne Savoie, it raised \$2000.00 and brought in 52 pounds of food for the Food Pantry!

Thirty-two “Victorian” ladies attended, many in period attire. Betsy Steen won the prize for best costume; Priscilla Brown won the prize for best hat; and Margie McMullen won the Sunflower Raffle. And no respectable Victorian Tea could happen without essential staff roles: Parlor Maids- Laurie Look & Kathy Tome, Scullery Maid brewing tea- Kathy Savoie, Entertainment -Diana Mosher, “History of Gloves”

Photographer- Kathy Pszczolkowski, and Hostess- Joanne Savoie. The menu included scones, small shaped sandwiches, desserts and tea. Panera Bread donated the scones and Hannaford’s, Shaw’s and Walmart donated gift cards to help defray expenses.

The Tea not only raises important funds for the food pantry but is an entertaining and fun event for all. A great big thank



you to Laurie Look, Joanne Savoie and all who organized and attended. Your support is appreciated and so very generous!

The month of May also marked an important milestone for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry. It celebrated three years of operation! Over the past three years the Food Pantry enrolled 183 households representing 227 adults and 106 children. The Food Pantry also provided supplemental food to elementary school children through the backpack programs which provides food for the weekends for approximately 14 – 20 children each week.

For more information and data, please go to www.bowdoinhamfoodpantry.com.

A big thank you to the Bowdoinham farm community! Farmers are extremely generous food pantry contributors. In 2015 alone, they donated more than 2,500 lbs of fresh produce and eggs.

Volunteers Needed

The Food Pantry is an all-volunteer service and is in need of volunteers to help on Wednesdays, 3-6pm. Please contact Kathy at 751-7779 or e-mail bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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News from Bowdoinham Public Library

By Kate Cutko

Bill Wayman of AV Systems of Maine, located here in Bowdoinham, assisted Kate Cutko in setting up an audio visual system to enable her to easily show movies in the meeting rooms here in the Coombs building. When Bill saw the outdated equipment the library was using he generously updated the system. A state-of-the-art LCD projector combined with a new stereo receiver allows us to have theater quality sound and pictures for movies and other presentations here at the library. Bill's expertise, combined with this donated equipment, is a gift that the library could not have dreamed of buying with its current budget. "Bill showed up with the donated projector and receiver in the midst of that crazy May snowstorm, so I told him he must be Santa Claus!" Bill has

Bowdoinham Public Library New Hours

Tuesday: 10am-2pm,

Wednesday: 2-6pm

Thursday: 10am-2pm,

Friday: 2-6pm

Saturday: 10am-2pm

also donated hours of time installing and trouble-shooting the new system. Kate is planning a summer movie series to let our patrons experience the amazing new system. Please extend your thanks to Bill and use AV Systems of Maine whenever you have sound, video or home theater needs.

On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

It's the Bowdoinham Public Library Summer Reading Program! Kids can come in and register anytime the library is open and pick up a reading log to begin earning prizes.

Tuesday July 12th at 10am at the Gazebo
- "Hula Hoop Family Jam" with Amanda Walden. Learn to Hula Hoop! All hoops provided. Rain Date: July 21st, 10am.

Tuesday July 26th at 10am
- Live Music!!! "Earth Jam" with Matt Loosigian. Bring the whole family.

Tuesday August 2nd
- Chewonki Live Science Program, "Animal Athletes" with live animals on display that have record breaking skills!

Tuesday, August 16th
- Jumping Jive! Pogo sticks, jump ropes, hop scotch, leap frog....how many ways can we jump?

Tuesday, August 23rd
- Last day to turn in reading logs for prizes.

Recreation News

By Lisa West

A Big Thank You to our Recreation Supporters - our Coaches, Snack Shack Volunteers and those who took advantage of banner advertising opportunities this season. Each banner on the home-run fence is a symbol of community support to our youth programs, thank you: Banana Banners, Bowdoinham Country Store, Brian Smith Surveying, Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church, Dick's Sporting Goods, Jeff the Electrician, Kennebec Builders, Main Street Fuel and Doug Tourtelotte Excavation.

Each year we purchase boxes of balls for each team, first aid supplies, uniforms, lime, field conditioner, field quick dry and gas for continuous dragging of the fields. This year our batting cage had some attention, Pertel field was restored and we have three sets of aluminum bleachers. Thank You to Bree Brawn for coordinating our snack shack volunteers this year. Our baseball/softball season supported 9 teams 120 kids, over 15 coaches and several volunteer umpires.

Please "Like" Bowdoinham Recreation Dept on Facebook to have access to updates and programs as well as Community Connection and Wellness Connection information. If you are interested in running a youth or adult program, please contact me. Lisa West at 666-3504 or visit www.bowdoinham.com/recreation

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Plumbing Tip *Does your toilet tank sweat?*

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News from Advisory Committee on Aging

By Patricia Oh

Summer brings lots of opportunities to meet with friends and family, to go on short trips or to enjoy a hike. It also brings an increase in the number of people trying to scam you. Here are a few tips for avoiding the wiles of a scam artist or thief.

- Don't post Facebook photos that indicate you aren't at home. We all have heard of people who have been targeted for a home evasion because they are attending a well-publicized event. Another way for thieves to learn that you are not home is to watch your social media postings. Wait

and post those great vacation pictures when you get home. It will be fun (and bring back some great memories!) when you through to decide which ones you want to share.

- If someone offering a home repair service comes to your door and you have not called to request an estimate, send them packing. If the deal they are offering sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

- When a phone or email scammer tells you that you owe money to the IRS, that a grandchild needs money, that you need to pay a fine because you didn't show up for jury duty, or any host of other scams, the best advice is to stop engaging. Hang up the phone, delete the email, and shut the door!

Scammers play on fear and emotion to

get you to fall for their scheme. Your best weapon is time. If you are worried that the scammer may be telling you the truth, tell them that you will call the business directly after you investigate. Take time to think about and investigate what they are saying. Don't be pressured into making fast decisions or give personal information to an unsolicited caller or email. Don't click on links in an unsolicited email or text message. Never send money by wire transfer or prepaid debit card to someone you don't know. If you are unsure about a call, call the business directly.

There are many fun things to do in summer—picnics, visits to the beach, hikes... Don't waste your time and your money on a scammer.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Cemetery Committee

By Tony Lewis

The Town of Bowdoinham has organized a Cemetery Advisory Committee and the Select Board has appointed members, Elaine Diaz, Ruth Johnson, Tony Lewis, Kathleen McKechnie, Albert Stehle and Linda Williams. The charge for this Cemetery Advisory Committee is to locate, evaluate and grade the condition of the 60 plus cemeteries within the town limits. As the Cemetery Advisory Committee completes these activities they will report back to the Select Board and recommend steps for restoration, preservation and maintenance. Input from the Cemetery Advisory Committee to the Select Board will help the town decide on prioritization of these tasks.

Over the course of the coming months, the Cemetery Advisory Committee will be embarking on several excursions throughout the town to start the locating and evaluating process. We hope to have a complete and comprehensive report to offer to the Select Board by summer's end. If this sounds like something that interests you, please contact the Cemetery Advisory Committee members or the Town Office for more information.

School Garden & Sprouts

By Adelaida Gaviria

Starting June 24th, the Bowdoinham School Garden will be open every Friday for families to informally come and help our volunteers with garden maintenance and fun work. A parent or responsible adult is expected to accompany children who wish to participate and help us with weeding, watering, managing pests and harvesting. The volunteers who run the program at the school will be there to guide everyone through each task. In addition to our Friday evenings in the school garden, this summer we are in charge of staffing the Sprouts Table at the Bowdoinham Farmers Market. We are looking for student helpers to volunteer selling produce, plants and garden-based healthy snacks to benefit our program. Our table will also have space for enthusiastic young entrepreneurs in town who want to make some money by selling their own baked goods and creative confectations. You must sign Up your child to participate in the Sprouts Table as space is limited! If interested please contact Adelaida Gaviria at (207) 522-1880 or adelaidagaviria@gmail.com, or message us though our Facebook page at Bowdoinham Community school Garden Program.

Upcoming Municipal Election

By Pamela Ross

The Town of Bowdoinham is having a Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 8:00am–8:00pm. The voters will need to elect two Select Board Members and one School Board Member for a three year term each.

Nomination Papers will be available starting Monday, August 15, 2016 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 26, 2016 with the Town Clerk.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Ross at 666-5531 or pross@bowdoinham.com

Garden Project

By Brian Smith

In early May, Peary Merrifield, a senior citizen resident of Bowdoinham Estates, contacted my wife Luana and me to see if he could have a garden on land we own behind Bowdoinham Estates. We were pleased to think the vacant land could be used and Peary was enthusiastic. I envisioned a rather small garden for his personal use. I said use what you need. Peary had the land, which has not been tilled in probably 50 years, tilled. The tilled area is around a third of an acre. It is now planted to a variety of vegetables that will be used and enjoyed by Peary and several other residents of Bowdoinham Estates. It appears that there are about 40 tomatoes and a wide variety of other vegetables that have been planted. To date Peary has received some financial help with supplies from other residents. It is anticipated that other residents can either help with the costs or with the labor of maintaining the large garden. I have used my tractor to deliver manure donated by Brant Miller. Peary has spent many hours each day preparing and planting. His plan is to put a shallow well in to water the garden. This is a photo of the garden in the beginning, but I think one taken in a few weeks will better illustrate just how substantial his undertaking is.



Spirit of America Award

By William Post

The Bowdoinham Select Board recognized Doug Tourtelotte with the Spirit of America Foundation Award before the start of the town meeting on June 15th.

Select Board Chair Wendy Cunningham said “Doug donates time, labor, equipment and materials for many projects in Bowdoinham, and does not seek recognition for the donations. He does not hesitate when there is a shortfall on a project and provides what he can to ensure the project is completed. He also is known to solicit donations of materials and funding from businesses that he works with.” She also said “he also is serving his second term on the Select Board and has committed hundreds of hours of volunteer work and thousands of dollars of materials and labor to make our community a better place.” Because of these acts of community service, Doug Tourtelotte was recognized for the outstanding achievements and honors he has brought upon this community with the 2016 Bowdoinham Spirit of America Foundation Tribute.

Town Report Dedication

By William Post

The Town of Bowdoinham dedicated this year’s annual town report to John “Jack” Tourtelotte. Retired Fire Chief Jack Tourtelotte served the Bowdoinham Fire Department for a total of 57 years, 14 years as Chief, when he retired in 2013. The dedication shown by Jack to the Town and the Fire Department is highly unusual, as the fire calls come day or night, during all types of weather. Jack had to juggle the duties of firefighter, assistant fire chief and fire chief with work and family over the 57 years he served the Town.

As one friend said “Jack is one of the good ones, having served the Town for decades while adapting to the ever-changing requirements of fire departments, and finding and training volunteers. Bowdoinham is a better place for his efforts.”



Saturday, September 10th

Participant Applications are now available and are due back by August 15th.

We are once again be looking for sponsors for a fireworks show and donations for the Silent Auction, if interested please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

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July

3rd
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

10th
“Gravestones as Historical Artifacts”, 2pm
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

17th
Open Farm Day

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

24th
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

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

31st
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

August

7th
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

14th
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

20th
Cemetery Tours

21st
“A Sense of Place”, 2pm
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

27th
Cruise-in on Cathance, 4-6:30pm
Town Landing Restaurant

28th
Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

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

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

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Committee on Aging

4th Monday of Month at 3:00pm

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:

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

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