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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bowdoinham Farms

By Wendy Rose

Please join us in welcoming Dandelion Spring Farm to Town.

Dandelion Spring Farm

Beth Schindler



While Beth Schindler only purchased her Bowdoinham property last December, she is by no means new to farming. For years, she has been leasing land and farming in the Union, Maine area. This has given her a chance to develop her business, find markets for her products, and save money. “This land here in Bowdoinham feels wonderful,” she says.

Beth found her farm on Ridge Road through a Maine Farmland Trust listing. According to George Christopher, a longtime Bowdoinham resident, it was last farmed in 1940 as an apple orchard. Beth has obtained her official organic farm license and has already put several plots under cultivation. She has built 6 greenhouses and plans to offer fresh produce year-around. She is currently employing seven people during this, her busiest season.

The specialties that Beth focuses on are salad greens and herbs with other vegetables mixed in. She bags the greens in convenient smaller amounts for individual customers and larger amounts for restaurants. The clear bags show off the fresh produce and have her farm label attached. One of the greenhouses has the sinks and processing equipment Beth needs to prepare everything for market. She typically spends at least two days a week at this task. Now that she has her own property, Beth would like to develop specialty niches for items that aren’t always commonly found.

Over the years, Beth has found a good mix of markets for her produce. She sells roughly half to the Farmer’s Markets in Portland and Rockland and the other half to restaurants in the Portland area. A long-time customer has been Sam Hayward at the Fore Street Restaurant. “It’s nice to now be living in the same town as Sam since he has been such a supporter over the years,” she says. Several Portland chefs found Beth through the farmer’s markets, but she developed the majority of her restaurant outlets by knocking on their doors and letting them sample her items.

As the business has grown, Beth has been able to hire a field manager so that she can pay more attention to the business side of things. “I have a good accounting program and like to pay attention to the financial aspect,” Beth says. She has been able to structure the business so that she can take an owner’s draw, pay her employees well, and save money for future expansion.

“I love to see and take part in the big picture,” Beth says. Because employees help with many of the tasks, she is able

to step in and participate where she is most needed. “I really enjoy the diversity of the tasks and the physical work.”

Beth’s biggest challenge is what all farmers face—the unpredictability of nature. Another challenge for her: learning how to be a good boss and leader for her employees. One of them, Kate Perry, testified to Beth’s ability in that area. “Beth is a genuine and inspiring leader. She not only keeps the big picture in mind, but also pays attention to the specifics,” Kate says. “I think of her as a leader in her field,”

Beth’s commitment to farming is part of her dedication to larger environmental issues. She serves on the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Board and is very glad to be a certified organic farm. In the past, she has also explored linkages with the artisan community through the Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts in Newcastle. She was very happy to learn about the active artisan community in Bowdoinham and looks forward to possible collaborations.

“I’m really glad to be here,” Beth says. She is certainly another example of Bowdoinham’s vital farming sector and offers a model for how farming is finding new, viable paths forward. Beth can be reached at beth@dandelionspringfarm.com.

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Town Committee and Board Openings

The Town of Bowdoinham is looking for volunteers for the following Town Committees and Boards:

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham
Meets 2nd Monday of the Month, 2:30pm

Board of Appeals - 3 Openings
Meets periodically, as needed.

Cemetery Advisory Committee
- 2 Openings
Meets 1st Monday of Month at 4:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee - 1 Opening
Meets 1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee
- 2 Openings
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm

Finance Advisory Committee - 1 Opening
Meets bi-weekly during budget review and once per month the rest of the year. Summers off!

Planning Board - 1 Opening
Meets 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00pm

Have you heard of the Town's Tax Club?

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town of Bowdoinham now 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 town meeting in June 2014 and will be offered again this July.

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, 2018 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 2019 Tax Club Plan, please contact the Town Office at 666-5531, or email the Town Manager at wpost@bowdoinham.com or Melissa Halsey at assistantclerk@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.

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.

NOMINATION PAPERS NOVEMBER 6, 2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Nomination papers will be available at the Town Office on Friday, July 27, 2018 for the following positions:

- 1 (one) Select Board Members, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for a 3 (three) year term.
- 1 (one) School Board Member for a 3 (three) year term.

Papers are to be picked up at the Town Office and are to be returned by Friday, September 7, 2018 at 4:00pm.

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Spirit of America Award

By Wendy Rose

The Bowdoinham Select Board recognized Brian Smith with the Spirit of America Foundation Award before the start of the Town Meeting on June 13th. The listing of all the ways Brian has contributed to our community is not only long but also notable for the quality of his contributions to each project he has been a part of. Some examples of his committee work include: The Planning Board, The Long Range Planning Committee, and the Community Development Advisory Committee. Here are some other examples of his contributions:

- As a business owner himself, Brian saw the benefit that the Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative could be to other entrepreneurs in our community. He was an early member and then stepped up to serve on the board and invest in the projects.



- As a member of the CDAC, Brian used his contacts to close the final funding gap for the skatepark. That last leap forward made the skatepark happen.
- When Brian saw that Bowdoinham residents would benefit from more regular access to all the fresh produce grown in our town, he came up with The Farm Cart—a farm stand in a high traffic area where people could easily stop for fresh produce. Collaborating with local farmers, he actually staffed the cart every

evening for the first summer it was in business. This effort has been featured in a short film on Maine Public Broadcasting.

- Brian's latest project has been to develop Perry's Garden—an area for local residents where they can have their own garden plot to grow fresh vegetables. He has also made tools, a garden shed, and seeds available.

All of these are examples of the special gift Brian brings. He is not only able to identify a particular need in our community, but he then devotes time and energy to finding solutions. Finally, he follows through and makes sure those solutions take root and come to fruition: This is effective service—service that makes a difference and helps to make Bowdoinham a better place.

Annual Town Report Dedication

By William Post, Town Manager

Despite the near-loss of his right hand at age 15 in a duck hunting accident, David Berry is one of Bowdoinham's most hands-on contributors. As town historian Betsy Steen writes, he is "an old-time innovator whose new ideas have made Bowdoinham a better place."

Dozens of young people from town, across at least two generations, have learned to build, to farm and to hold a job from David. They have helped with his maple syrup operation, worked on his crew to build energy-efficient homes, or helped him raise pigs, chickens, oysters, carrots, tomatoes, or sell these from his floating farmer's market, the Beth Alison. If you didn't once work for and learn from David Berry yourself, you know someone who did.

David was a key engine of the Bowdoinham Barbeque's renewal in the 1970s.



Together, the efforts of townspeople at that time not only created "wholesome smalltown fun" and a generation of fond memories, but also raised enough money to purchase the recreation fields we all now enjoy behind the school. The fresh momentum continued through the '90s and money was also raised for the Coombs School, the Fire Department, and the Town Hall.

During those decades David also led several annual Bowdoinham Fiddle Contests in the natural amphitheatre behind the rec fields, attracting talent from around the northeast; convened the monthly contra dances, where the Town

Hall was always full and the dancing energetic; and hosted the local yurt community, where Bonnie Raitt once played for free and where the painter Carlo Pittore ran his famous academy. In these and other ways David has helped to build our town's reputation as a magnet for the arts.

Elected to the town selectboard in the 1980s, Berry helped solve a big problem: the dump on Carding Machine Rd was full, and disposal elsewhere would not be cheap. With help from local students, he polled the community, led a pilot curbside pickup program, and started the town's recycling program in 1987. Adding an elevator, sorting line, hopper, baling machine, and compost turner, he adapted his old chicken barn to receive, bale and stockpile material. By selling in bulk, our town receives a better price.

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Open Farm Day

By Nicole Briand

Join us on Sunday, July 22nd for Bowdoinham's 7th Annual Open Farm Day & Art Trail. The day will begin with farm tours at: Peary's Garden, Campo di Fiori, Apple Creek Farm, Blue Bell Farm, Fairwinds Farm, Six River Farm, Haven-ridge Farm, East of Eden Flower Farm and Harvest Tide Organics. 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, Water-song Music, Melissa M. Fiori, Debbie Spaulding, Starrocks, Jane Page-Conway Fine Art Photography, AP Curiosities, Kate Cutko, Steven Thomas Bunn Furnituremaker, Jennifer Stonebraker 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.



Then at 3pm the celebration will continue at Maily Waterfront Park for a barbeque featuring fresh foods from local farms and live music by the Intergalactic Yurt Band. The Intergalactic Yurt Band is a collective of artists, misfits, craftsmen and dreamers drawn together by love of music from the deep well of Americana, certified organic music.

The Barbeque will be catered by The Texas Barbeque Company with members of Village Lodge # 26 AF & AM the local Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham. Bowdoinham Historical Society will also be joining the barbeque with their famous strawberry shortcake.

Thank you to our BBQ Sponsors!

Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative
www.bcdimaine.org

BCDI stimulates, grows and sustains healthy local enterprises, creates resilient local jobs, and facilitates collaboration among the for-profit, non-profit, and government sectors in the local community. BCDI's focus is on farms, food, forests, the music the art and the artisans that accompany them and the local businesses that support them, government sectors in the local community. BCDI's focus is on farms, food, forests, the music the art and the artisans that accompany them and the local businesses that support them.

Maine Farmland Trust
www.maineFarmlandtrust.org

Maine Farmland Trust (MFT) was founded by a group of farmers and farm advocates in 1999 to help protect farmland. MFT is dedicated to protecting farmland, and is a national leader in farmland protection and farmland access work. MFT also works to increase farm viability by helping farmers thrive, and raising public awareness about the important role of farms.

Explore Merrymeeting Bay Bike Ride

Merrymeeting Trailblazers and Maine Farmland Trust are sponsoring the Explore Merrymeeting Bay Bike Tours, visiting the farms and exploring the scenes of Open Farm Day. The ride will include three led bike ride options for a range of abilities and interests. All three led rides will leave from Maily Waterfront Park. Merrymeeting Wheelers, Maine Farmland Trust, and Kennebec Estuary Land Trust will be supporting the rides.

9:30am - 24 mile ride through Bowdoinham and Richmond with stops to

BBQ Menu (Items subject to change)

Pulled Chicken
Pulled Pork
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Coleslaw
Corn Bread
Strawberry Shortcake

Cost

\$10 - Per Plate
\$4 - Strawberry Shortcake

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Pulled Pork
-L & P Bisson and Sons Meat Market
Potato Salad
-Six River Farm & Apple Creek Farm
Baked Beans
-Fairwinds Farm
Coleslaw
-Harvest Tide Organics
Corn Bread
-Fairwinds Farm & Apple Creek Farm
Strawberry Shortcake
-Fairwinds Farm

explore farms along the way. This is a good ride for beginner or intermediate riders.

10:00am - 35 mile ride through Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Topsham with short stops at farms on the route. This ride is best for intermediate or advanced riders.

11:00am - 14-mile ride with stops to explore some of Bowdoinham's Forever Farms. This ride will be led by Maine Farmland Trust staff and is good for beginner & intermediate riders and those who are interested in learning more about farmland protection in one of the richest farming areas in Bowdoinham.

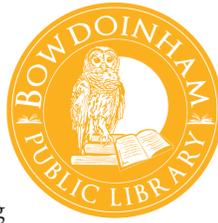
“Libraries Rock” this Summer!

By Kate Cutko

The Bowdoinham Public Library once again offers a Summer Reading Program open to children of all ages who live in or visit Bowdoinham this summer. Children are invited to sign up at the library after school ends, and receive a reading log. We award prizes for time spent reading- reading alone, or reading with a parent. This summer’s prizes include:

- Fairwinds Farm Pick-Your-Own Strawberries
- “Bowdoinham Bucks” to spend at town businesses
- “Market Moolah” to spend at the Saturday Farmers Market
- Ice Cream Cone at Richmond’s Main Street Dairy Treat
- New Books... and more!

Special library programming every Tuesday Morning in July at 10am. We will celebrate music with all sorts of games, crafts and activities. We will make instruments, listen to music of all types and enjoy a special presentation of Peter and the Wolf on July 24th.



Fourth and Fifth Graders together with a parent or grandparent are invited to join a Parent/Child Book group this summer. Grab a grown up and read our first book, “A Boy Called

BAT” by Elana Arnold. The library will have multiple copies. We will share a discussion of the book on Tuesday, July 24 at 6:00pm. Dessert will be served. Sign up at the library.

Kids 13 and older can take a Babysitting Safety Class which includes infant first aid and CPR. The class requires 8 hours of training. Linda Williams will teach the class in two halves: Friday, July 13, 2pm-6 and Friday July 20, 2pm-6. Call the library to sign up.

All students are encouraged to get a library card. Any family who lives in Bowdoinham is eligible for a free card. Students in MSAD 75 are eligible for a free library card no matter what town they live in. Any high school students who would like to volunteer to help with Tuesday morning programming this July, please be in touch with Kate.

Call 666-8405 for more information or follow us on Facebook.

LIBRARY HOURS: Tue 10-2, Wed 2-6, Thur 10-2, Fri 2-6, Sat 10-2

Recreation News

By Allen Acker

Hello All,

My name is Allen Acker and I have recently become the Recreation Director in Bowdoinham. I am a lifelong Bowdoinham resident. My wife and I have 3 young children at the Bowdoinham Community School who all participate in youth sports activities.

It has been a busy and hectic Spring Sports season. We have some of our Coaches “aging out” of their current roles as their children move on to other levels. I would like to thank Jerry Merrill and Josh Lohr for their years of dedication to Bowdoinham’s baseball and serving as our Cal Ripken representative.

We also just learned that our “north field” will be used this summer for Junior Legion games that were moved to Bowdoinham due to the construction at the new high school. We are slated to host 8 games this summer. I will be looking for incoming 5th graders to be runners of cold drinks and food to the field from the snack shack during these games.

I am excited to be part of the redevelopment of the public works waterfront property. We will be interviewing Landscape Architects soon. I believe that we are in need of recreation for all ages. I am always ready to listen to any and all ideas that any resident may have in regards to our recreation offerings.

Please remember discount Funtown/Splashtown, and Aquaboggan tickets are available at the Town office along with free Maine Children’s Museum single family day pass. You must call to reserve this pass, as it is only available to one family from town per day.

Thank you
Allen Acker

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News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

Bowdoinham Community School History Day on June 1st with the 4th grade at Bowdoinham Community School was wonderful. Thanks to Leslie Anderson (One-Room School), Nan Curtis (Needlework) Peg Kelly (Old Fashioned Games), Jamie & Julie Rea (Ice Harvest), Cathy Reynolds, (Knots & Rope), Joanne Savoie (Daily Life c1910), Betsy Steen (Shipbuilding & Seafaring), Amy Petit, and especially Brigitte Ortiz who made it all run smoothly!

Flavor of the Town: On June 21st, we welcomed the Gold Leaf Senior College of Farmington for their "OurTown: Bowdoinham" event. They chose a Maine town to visit and learn about: its history, organizations, current projects and happenings, and just plain getting a feel for its character. Don't you think that's a super field trip idea!!

On July 15th, BHS will be hosting the dinner to accompany the summer concert at the Gazebo. It will be delicious!! There will also be a display on the great fires of Bowdoinham (1902 & 1904).

On July 22nd, BHS will be joining 'Open Farm Day & Art Trail' again. We will have the Meeting House open so you can see the Bowdoinham Fires display.

Jellerson School will be open. We will also be serving Strawberry Shortcake at the Open Farm Day Barbecue at the Waterfront.

It's not too soon to plan to rent a table spot for BHS's Super Yard Sale, on Saturday, Sept. 15th, 9am-4pm. If you don't want a table, we will happily accept donations of your old treasures for the Yard Sale.

Thank you to whoever left a bag of really vintage school crayons and old school books tied to our doorknob in late May. We would love to know about them?

HELP!! Elaine Diaz and I, who usually inhabit the BHS rooms on Tuesdays, are falling behind in accessioning donated items. We would love someone(s) to help us. All you have to do is record the item, date, donor and a brief description of each item in the BHS Accession Book and then label the item with a sticker or tag. Email bayviewess@comcast.net.

And now the BIG news.....on May 22nd, Tom DeForeest signed the papers for the Bowdoinham Historical Society's purchase of the former Merrymeeting Grange Hall! Legally we cannot use the word "Grange", so it will now be Merrymeeting Hall. Our mission is to help the people of the town create a Community Center for Bowdoinham.

Albert Cobb has already shored up the building, stabilizing it so we can proceed to the foundation. Committees

are at work researching other community centers, accessibility issues, a certified kitchen, sorting the contents, and cleaning the building. Our vision includes, a drop in place for coffee or tea and a chat, an ongoing puzzle board & games, a place for teens after school, a place for various meetings & events, (The main room is halfway between the Town Hall and the Kendall Room in size, and we hope to heat through the winter.), rental. space for parties, weddings, pop-up restaurants, classes, etc. and all sorts of theater and presentation activities in the theater upstairs. We welcome ideas.

As you read this, we will be starting a matching fundraising campaign to pay for repairs and improvements. We will also be looking for ways to cover monthly utility costs. Please consider joining in making a Community Center for Bowdoinham happen and thrive. We need your expertise, your energy, and your donations would be lovely, too. Bowdoinham folks built the Bowdoinham Community School in 1955. Surely Bowdoinham can save this historic (1904) building and create a community center which will enrich the lives of our citizens for years to come!

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

News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Jan Marks

The Merrymeeting Arts Center's 10th Anniversary Gala Celebration on June 22nd-23rd was a smashing success! Highlights included Peggy and Seth Muir's gift to MAC of Bryce Muir's Local Myths wood sculpture collection, a treasured and generous gift that will continue to be honored in MAC's future programming and exhibits and preserve Bryce's precious legacy in the community for many years to come. The Friday night reception, silent auction, live auction of Bryce Muir's iconic John Brown sculpture and other works, and music by noted jazz singer Kim Kalesti, all made for a great evening of fun. Saturday's activities included arts and crafts and a pizza party. The festivities wrapped up with live music from The Wicked Good Band.

MAC thanks all those who volunteered, made donations or sponsored events and activities, and everyone who attended! We owe the event's great success to all of you.

Coming Up This Summer

* The Local Myths collection will remain on exhibit at the gallery through Celebrate Bowdoinham in September.

* MAC will be participating in the Open Farm Day festivities from 10am to 1pm with mural painting on the back of the studio building. Come help paint the mural, make a hammered flower banner, or just check out the studio! This event is free of charge.



* As always, MAC will participate in Celebrate Bowdoinham, with activities to be announced, so stay tuned.

Come visit us and see how art can be a part of your life!

Summer Activities at the Merrymeeting Arts Studio

* July 10th, 7pm: Open Jam Music gathering. Bring your instrument, or just come join in the singing and fun. There is no charge for this activity.

* July 28th, 1-2:30 pm: Renowned artist Frederica Marshall will teach an introduction to Sumi-e-Painting and Traditional Asian Brush Painting. This class is for ages 10 to adult. There is a \$25.00 fee and pre-registration is required. You can check out Frederica's website at Frederica-marshall.com.

* Preschool art, teen art classes, teen art lab, the hand-work circle, and more will all be starting up again in the fall. A schedule of activities and an opportunity to sign up for fall classes will be available

at Celebrate Bowdoinham.

Let's Party!

Want to have an art party? MAC is pleased to offer art parties for birthdays, ladies nights, Boy/Girl Scout troops, your favorite club, a family celebration, or just about anything else you can think of! Art parties must be scheduled 3 weeks in advance. There is a \$25 per person fee to cover art supplies, instruction, and use of the studio. You may bring food, beverages, and your own decorations to customize the experience for your group.

For more information about an art party or about other activities at the Studio, contact MAC at merrymeetingartstudio@gmail.com or Melissa Fiori @ 666-8419.

The Merrymeeting Arts Center is located at 9 Main Street in Bowdoinham, adjacent to Maily Park and the Cathance River boat launch. For more information about the Merrymeeting Arts Center, its history and current activities and events, please visit www.merrymeetingartscenter.org. To contact MAC, call (207) 370-5002 or email merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com.

Merrymeeting Arts Center encourages art, education and community celebrating the cultural heritage and natural environment of Merrymeeting Bay. Inspired and guided by the eclectic values of the life and spirit of Bryce Muir, the Center joyfully promotes egalitarianism, whimsy, environmental consciousness, and diversity through its artists, programs and projects.

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Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

Pack 699 spent the night at the Franklin Zoo in Boston in April. Highlights of the trip included a guided tour of the zoo with some behind the scenes fun, hands-on experiences with a python and a tortoise. They also learned about what it's like to feed some of the animals including a tapir. The boys had a great time and look forward to planning next year's trip!

In May, cubs finished up their ranks which were awarded in June at a BBQ and overnight at Camp Gustin in Sabattus. Tiger Rank: Andrew Peterson-Stevens and Christian Wenger. Wolf Rank: Joshua Perkins, Jacob Roughgarden, Dashed Legawiec, Eli Estabrook and Jayden Cou-

lombe. Bear Rank: Oliver Fourcier, Brandon Norman, Bradley Jasper and Simon Grenier. Webelo 1 Rank: Jacob Morrell, Chase Hardee, and Jacob Perkins. A special welcome to Ryan Roughgarden who will start working on his Tiger Rank.

A special ceremony was held at the Gazebos in town to honor Ethan Berry, Colby Bleau, Theo Fourcier, and Scott Dickey who earned their Arrow of Light Award, the highest rank in Cubscouting. Colby Bleau is crossing over to boy scouts and joining Troop 202 in Topsham.

This summer, scouts are participating in Day Camp at Camp Gustin in Sabattus

and/or Webelo resident camp at Camp Hinds in Raymond.

We look forward to another year of scouting events. A big thank you to our adult volunteers who "help the pack go": Crystal Perkins, Stephanie Hardee, Athena Mann, Jenifer Berry, Roy Wenger, Sara Roughgarden, Chris Porter, Kate Hewitt, Sara Fourcier, and all the family members who help out as well.

Students in grades 1-5 are welcome to join at any time. Contact Athena Mann 737-4641, amanncspack699@yahoo.com, Crystal Perkins my-manstan@hotmail.com or

Cathy Curtis 666-8434, curtisc@link75.org.



WITH THE HELP OF OUR COMMUNITY

By Chris Lajoie, Principal

As we send another class of Bowdoinham fifth graders up to Mt. Ararat Middle School, I can't help but reflect on the ways our community contributes to make elementary school a rich, meaningful experience for Bowdoinham's kids. Here is just a smattering of great opportunities from this year alone:

- Community, staff, and parent volunteers offered 15 unique electives classes for students in grades 2-5 (skateboarding, sewing, mask-making, field hockey, folk music, etc.), including a gardening elective run by Cathy Reynolds to get plants in the ground this spring.
- Our Lunch Bunch program, coordinated by Fred Cheney, brought several committed community volunteers into our school every week to read high-quality picture books to our K-3 students during lunch.
- The Bowdoinham Historical Society once again brought "Bowdoinham Day" to our school, teaching our students about the history of our town.

- Our third annual Theatre production, A Midsummer Night's Dance Party, premiered in April – in original Shakespearean English – and included 41 of our students in grades K-5.

- Our partnerships with the Cathance River Education Alliance (CREA), the Merrymeeting Arts Center, and Bowdoin College grew and provided new opportunities for learning and enrichment.

- Our students took field trips to the Maine State Aquarium, the Common Ground and Windsor Fairs, Maine State Music Theater, a Citizenship ceremony and of course, the traditional fifth grade trip to Boston; and engaged in learning experiences around the school: tapping maple trees, helping create a mural at the skate park, and exploring at our new outdoor classroom – with fire-tender extraordinaire, Frank Burroughs.

In addition, our very active and supportive Parent Partnership group led fundraising efforts to help make some of these above-and-beyond experiences possible for our kids. I want to recognize our supporters at the In It Together level, who made monetary or in-kind donations totaling at least \$250 to our school this year: The Town of Bowdoinham, Cathance Children's Center, Innovative

Physical Therapy and Wellness Center, Country Fare, Inc., Casco Bay Frames & Gallery, Doug Tourtelotte Excavation, and Headlight Audio Visual, Inc.

Supplementing the generous financial and volunteer support from our community, we applied for and received grants from the following organizations to fund the good work: The Richard Ferrier Scholarship Fund (field trip support), Trust for Our Future (outdoor classroom improvements and gear), Midcoast Hospital (playground improvements), the Maine Society of Manufacturing Engineers (a 3D printer), and the Maine Humanities Council (visit from author/illustrator Anne Sibley O'Brien).

As we continue toward our vision of Meaningful Learning That Lasts for all students, we are working to streamline our system of fundraising, with a new website that makes it easy to support school enrichment projects. After July 1st, check out enrichBHM.org. If you have time or other resources you feel compelled to give to the school for our kids, I would be grateful to connect with you at any time – lajoiec@link75.org, 666-5546 (school office). Thank you, Bowdoinham, for helping make our little community school something to truly be proud of.

Bowdoinham Food Pantry News

By Lily Montgomery

Please join us in welcoming Lily Montgomery as our new Program Coordinator! Lily brings to us experience in small-scale farming, arts-based youth development, and small business successes and is one of the Coordinators of Peary's Garden here in Bowdoinham. We look forward to her vision and direction in expanding the Food Pantry's ongoing outreach!

Summer is here and with it lots of local produce! We are grateful to be a part of such a generous community of farmers and thank all those who donate their beautiful vegetables and fruit. We also are pleased to welcome donations through the Merrymeeting Gleaners, a volunteer-run non-profit that harvests and distributes vegetables from local farms that would otherwise go to waste. We also encourage anyone who is interested to plant a row in their own garden to donate to the pantry or a neighbor.

Our Backpack Program continues to be a big success, helping feed students over the weekends during the school year. Our amazing volunteers make this happen and we couldn't do it without you! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you are interested in being a part of this program in the

future.

Once again the Post Office's Mother's Day Food Drive was a huge success— your generosity brought in over 300 pounds of food for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry! Thank you also to local Girl Scout Troupe #721 for your hard work in fundraising \$300 for the pantry.

Twenty seven lovely ladies gathered at the home of Laurie Look to enjoy the 4th "Victorian Afternoon Tea" put on by Laurie Look and Joanne Savoie. Many arrived in Victorian costume and prizes were given ("Best Hat" Margaret Saindon, "Best Dress" Leslie Anderson.) Grand Prize was won by Linda Blanton. Entertainment of Victorian poetry by Peggy Muir and Victorian music by Kate Gray was immensely enjoyed by the group. The co-beneficiaries were the "Bowdoinham Food Pantry" and "Rides in Neighbors Cars." So far almost \$2000 has been donated. Thank you to Margaret Saindon, Ann Tourtelotte, Sally Cluchey, Kathy Savoie, Kathy Psczolkowski and Josephine Mussomeli for their help and to everyone who donated

The pantry is open on Wednesdays from 3-5, in the back of the Merrymeeting Arts Center. All Bowdoin & Bow-



FREE SUMMER LUNCH For Kids & Teens

Lunch served Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12-12:30 PM
June 29 to August 29
(No meals will be served July 4th)

Bowdoinham Estates Dining Room
29 Preble Road
Bowdoinham

Join your friends for lunch!

All children age 18 and under are welcome.
All meals must be eaten on-site! No application needed.

Want to volunteer?
For more information contact
Laurie MacFadyen
Bhamsummerfood@gmail.com
For additional resources call 2-1-1



Food that's in when school is out.



dooinham residents are welcome, with no income verification required. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, or if you need help with a ride to the pantry.

We wouldn't be here without all of those who donate their time, energy, food and finances- THANK YOU for all that you do!

Lily can be contacted at bowdoinham-foodpantry@gmail.com or 837-4569.

Cote's



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20 Main Street

Bowdoinham,
Maine

666-8953

NOW OPEN!!!

Bowdoinham Gas & Diesel

24 hour self-serve pumps
Credit & debit cards only
50 River Road, Bowdoinham

News from Age-Friendly Bowdoinham

By Rachelle Tome

The Advisory Committee on Aging needs your help! The Committee has updated our name and bylaws to reflect our shift to supporting our town's efforts in developing an Age-Friendly Bowdoinham. The committee was formed in 2012, with a focus on developing opportunities that would allow people to continue to live in town as they age. We currently work with 50+ volunteers and many local partners to coordinate activities designed to provide services and advocacy designed to enable our older residents to live in their homes for as long as possible. The committee also provides programs geared to keeping older adults active and engaged in the community.

The Committee hopes to expand this important work to include all ages and for that we need your input. We invite you to share your feedback and suggestions for improving the work of this advisory group. Any ideas can be shared at our monthly meetings. You can also share your comments or request a copy of the Committee's Bylaws by contacting Missy at the Town Office. We hope to hear from you soon!

Meeting details as well as a hard copy calendar of the many activities offered each month are available at the Town Landing, Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Town Office. For more information about upcoming events follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/AgeFriendlyBowdoinham> or contact Missy at the Town Office, 207-666-5531.

Congratulations Jacob

Jacob Ross and his mentor, Albert Stehle are pictured at the reception following Jacob's Eagle Scout ceremony.



Rides in Neighbors Cars

By Lynn Sternfels

Rides in Neighbors Cars began with the idea of helping increase the independence of people who can no longer drive by matching people who need a ride with people willing to give a ride. Rides are provided to Bowdoinham and Bowdoin residents age 60+ and those with a disability that prevent them from driving safely. A ride can be scheduled for a non-emergency medical appointment, or to go shopping, or do an errand. The program can be used to get a ride to church, the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, or Library, or even to help get a pet to a vet appointment.

If you need a ride or know someone who might benefit from this all volunteer program, please call 837-9577 for details. There is no charge for any ride but donations are always gratefully accepted.

AND, if you have just a little bit of extra time in your week and could volunteer to offer a ride, we welcome you to join our group of volunteers. You might choose to help someone get to a regularly scheduled weekly appointment or you might only be able to offer rides every now and then. Any availability is helpful! Because some volunteers are away this summer, we could really benefit from a few new people.

Please call 837-9577 for more information on how to get started.

New Free Lunch Program for Kids!

By Linda Jariz

Bowdoinham has just become eligible to offer this summer lunch program. The program is an all-volunteer effort welcoming all children and youth, age 18 and under, to a free lunch on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during school summer vacation. Please help us spread the word about this new opportunity.

Who: ALL children and youth age 18 and under are welcome!

What: Enjoy eating lunch with your friends!

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:00 to 12:30 starting June 26th and going through August 29th (no lunch on July 4th)

Where: Bowdoinham Estates dining room, 29 Preble Road, Bowdoinham

How: Just drop by Bowdoinham Estates on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the summer (except July 4th). All are welcome.

This program is operating under the auspices of MidCoast Hunger Prevention Program, the Maine Department of Education and the US Dept. Of Agriculture. Bowdoinham volunteers will be operating the lunch program. Volunteer coordinator is Luke MacFadyen of Bowdoinham. For more information: contact Luke at Bhamssummerfood@gmail.com.



Open Saturdays

8:30am to 12:30pm

at Maily Waterfront Park

Visit us on Facebook!

Peary's Garden

By Lily Montgomery

Initiated by the Community Conversations facilitated by BCDI this past fall, Peary's Garden was formed over the winter and is off to a strong start this season! We are proud to have 13 families filling our beds, with vegetables, flowers and herbs growing throughout. A HUGE thank you goes out to Brian Smith, who not only hosts

the garden, but has donated his time and skills to build a beautiful garden shed to hold our tools, seeds, and fertilizer.

A big thanks also to the entire community for making this project come to life. We wouldn't be here without your generous donations and participation! Please stop in and see what we've been growing on Open Farm Day in July. We're located on Sadie Lane, behind the Farm Cart at 218 Main Street.

Questions? lilypmontgomery@gmail.com

Celebrate Bowdoinham Saturday, September 8th

Participant Applications are now available and are due back by August 17th. 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.

The theme for the Parade this year is celebrating our Fire Fighters!

BCDI News

By David Whittlesey

First and foremost the BCDI Coordinator, Ingrid Leschefske, welcomed a new "assistant" in mid-May – Sigrid Larke joined the team, Ingrid and baby Sigrid are both doing well - Welcome Sigrid!

So what is BCDI up to these days? There are three main areas of focus for BCDI: 1) follow-up on the "community conversations" BCDI held last fall; 2) supporting farms and farmland; and 3) the "Neighbors Investing in Neighbors" loan/investment program.

A number of great ideas came out of the two meetings BCDI held at the Town Hall last October-November, and several of them have already become reality. Peary's Garden, a community garden plot, is sprouting all kinds veggies and a wonderful spirit of common effort. Two sturdy canoe/kayak racks, built by volunteers, are filled with colorful craft down at Mailyly Park next to the Harbormasters Office. The Bowdoinham Historical Society has purchased the former Grange and is moving forward to both stabilize the building and to create a new community hall (See the BHS article on page 6). BCDI will continue to keep the conversations alive, and to see how it can best support ideas springing from them.

To sustain this effort BCDI has received a grant from the Maine Community Foundation (MCF) for \$4,400 for 2018-19. This grant is specifically to support

citizen-led projects resulting from the "community conversations", as well as to extend Neighbors-investing-in-Neighbors. In addition, the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation has provided an

additional two year grant of \$30,000 to support BCDI's overall mission through mid-2020! We are grateful to MCF and to the Sewall Foundation for their appreciation of BCDI's work and their confidence in our ability to carry it out effectively.

One project that the Town has engaged in is creating an "Awesome Places" guide/brochure describing the wonderful public lands that we have in Bowdoinham and how to enjoy them. There are a surprising number of hidden gems that we all could enjoy if we knew more about where they are, how to access them, and what can be found there.

BCDI's farmland inventory project continues in collaboration with Land for Good and Maine Farmland Trust. The project aims to provide the tools necessary to preserve the long-term use of our rich farmlands, including lease templates for landowners and farmers and farmland succession and easement guidance. The project will be developing and implementing a landowner survey, ground-truthing existing spatial land use data, merging landowner survey data with spatial data layers, establishing a method for regular database updates, and determining the

most appropriate method of sharing the project data both locally and regionally (possibly through a web-based platform). Fortunately, one of BCDI's Board Members most involved with the project, Abby Sadauckas, has just been hired by Land for Good to support work on these issues state-wide. We are currently determining how to maximize the evident synergy here! Speaking of farmland, don't forget Open Farm Day and Art Trail Sunday, July 22. BCDI is pleased to be a sponsor of this fun event. Look forward to seeing you in the fields (and at the dinner!). See the full Open Farm Day schedule on the enclosed insert.

The Neighbors-Investing-in-Neighbors program continues to be available to Bowdoinham businesses or start-ups, providing low interest loans funded directly by folks right here in town. We currently have three loans that are in the process of being repaid, and several conversations going on about financing possibilities. If you would like more information, check out our new, beautiful website at: <https://www.bcdimaine.org/loan-investment/> Don't forget that BCDI is a membership organization. We count on membership contributions to cover about one-third of the BCDI operational budget, and membership is required to participate in the Loan/Investment Opportunity program. To become a member, or renew your membership for 2018, please visit the BCDI website: <https://www.bcdimaine.org/membership/> or contact us at bcdi.maine@gmail.com.

Nazrene Church News

By Christina Couch

The Church of the Nazarene is celebrating 70 years of being a part of the Bowdoinham community!

All are welcome to attend a special service on August 5th at 11am and join us for a cook out and cake afterwards. We are so grateful to have been a part of such a great community all this time!

The Church of the Nazarene is pleased to announce that Cheyenne Parks represented the church and the Maine District at the Regional Teen Bible Quiz Tournament at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA, and that her team placed second in their division. Cheyenne and her fellow Bible quizzers spent the school year studying 1 and 2 Corinthians and attended the tournament in May, competing against teens from the northeast all the way down to Virginia. Congratulations, Cheyenne!

Teen Bible Quizzing is open to kids in 6th-12th grades. The new quiz year will begin in September and the kids will be studying the book of John. For more information, contact Christina Couch at 351-0289 or followingtheson@hotmail.com.



Congratulations, Cheyenne!

Thank you, Volunteers

By Elaine Diaz

Thanks to some long-term Keepers of some well preserved and lovely little cemeteries:

- Sam Tome: Pratt Cemetery on the Wildes Road.
- Marshall Dunn (who passed away this year): Knight-Small Cemetery on Pioneer Road.
- Daniel Smaha: Coombs-Buker Cemetery on River Road.
- Max Zachau: Beals Plot, River Road

Wastewater System for the Village???

By Wendy Rose

The Community Development Advisory Committee needs your help! A number of people in the community have asked that the town look at the pros and cons of installing some kind of wastewater treatment system for the village area. This issue arose during the Community Conversations sponsored by BCDI last October (Item 15 on the list of 16 Action Items) and has been mentioned in connection with support of business activity in town.

The CDAC has started some initial research. We are looking at the individual septic solutions businesses and residences currently have, the types of businesses that might need larger treatment solutions than can be afforded by the lot sizes in the village, and the expense that a village system would entail.

Most important—is there really a need for a full system? Before diving deeper into the issue, we would appreciate your feedback on the following:

- Calvin Temple: Stuart/Work Plot, behind the Coombs building.
- Steve and Sylvia Hultman: Small Family Plot, White Road.
- Tom and Betty DeForeest: Morse Family Plot, Ridge Road.

Thank you for all your hard work, we appreciate it!

Please forgive any misspellings and omissions and please call me to correct and add. Elaine Diaz, BCAC Volunteer Coordinator at 666-8255.

1. Do you know of a specific business that has decided not to locate in Bowdoinham because there is currently no village wastewater system?

2. Are the current individual septic systems throughout the village doing an adequate job? In other words, have they been recently upgraded and are they handling the volume needed for each property?

3. What kind of business might locate in our Village 1 or Village 2 Districts that might require a larger system than could be handled by their property?

4. What would be the benefits or drawbacks of installing a village-wide system?

5. If you live in the village area, what is the age of your system? When do you think it will need to be replaced?

Please email us your thoughts or complete our online survey (at www.bowdoinham.com)! You can email Nicole Briand at nbriand@bowdoinham.com or Wendy Rose at wendelynrose@gmail.com. Thanks so much for helping us with our research.

Recycling News

By Bryan Benson

The following materials are accepted at the Recycling Barn.

Recyclable Materials: Picked up curbside or delivered to the Recycling Barn (*must be clean, dry and separated into the following categories*):

- Corrugated Cardboard – includes brown kraft (grocery) bags. Please break down boxes.
- Newsprint – includes anything that comes with the newspaper
- Magazines – including catalogues and other similar glossy print
- Mixed paper – any and all clean paper not included in previous categories (Corrugated, Newsprint, Magazines) including cereal and soap boxes, pasteboard containers, tissues, toweling, window envelopes, paper plates, cups, etc.
- Comingled Containers – any clean household containers of #1 or #2 plastic or metal. No glass will be accepted until further notice. Oil bottles must be completely drained. CAPS MUST BE REMOVED FROM ALL CONTAINERS.
- Styrofoam containers and packing are not picked up curbside but may be brought to the recycling barn (please bag peanuts separately).

Other Materials Accepted – Delivered to Barn only (*no curbside pickup*).

- Food waste – all kitchen and sink waste, including bones, and meat scraps. Please deliver food waste in your pail or bucket which can be dumped and taken home. Please do not bring food waste in plastic bags (NO PLASTIC).
- Oversize Bulky Waste (OBW) – mattresses, chairs, couches, TV sets, etc. A disposal fee based on item's size and weight is required.
- Waste Oil and Antifreeze – deliver in 1 or 2 gallon capped containers. No oil filters or quart containers please.
- Waste Wood – used to heat Recycling Barn. Please deliver in lengths 48" or less, under 15" width. Boards and dimension lumber suitable for reuse may be delivered full length.
- Leaves and Grass Clippings – may be left on pile next to Post Road. No brush please.
- Tires – car tires 16" or smaller \$3.00 each; Pro rata fees for larger tires.
- Scrap Metal and White Goods – (appliances, etc.) \$14.00 processing fee for appliances utilizing Freon coolant. 20# propane tanks \$1.00, other sizes \$20. No charge for tanks with valve removed.
- Household Hazardous Waste no charge for oil-based or latex paint, flores-

cent light bulbs, ballasts and rechargeable batteries. There is a small fee for all other Hazardous waste items.

- Asphalt shingles – small amounts of asphalt shingles (less than a 5 gal bucket) can be received at the Barn. For larger amounts, please call 666-3228 for further information.

Curbside Pick-up of Trash & Recyclable Materials

- Trash and recyclable material are picked up at curbside on Thursdays.
- Trash must be in securely tied bags no larger than 30 gallon capacity, weighing no more than 25 pounds and must have a trash tag attached.
- Recyclable materials, properly separated and bagged, are picked up at no extra charge.
- Corrugated cardboard must be securely tied in bundles no larger than 2' x 3'.
- Recyclable materials must be in clear plastic bags for curbside pickup. Bags must be securely tied
- Tags and recycling bags are available at the Town Office, the Bowdoinham Hardware Store, the Town Landing and the Recycling Barn.

Solid Waste and Recycling Barn

Barn Hours:

Thursday & Saturday: 8am-4pm

Trash & Recycling Pick-up:

Thursday

Contact Information:

Phone:

Barn - 666-3228

Bryan Benson, Director - 666-3228

Email: recycling@bowdoinham.com

Facebook: Recycle Bowdoinham

Welcome Rodger

The Town of Bowdoinham applied for and was selected to host an intern this summer for 12 weeks. Rodger Heidergerken, a Bowdoin College junior began working for the Town on May 29th. He attended high school in Germany and is majoring in Economics and German and minoring in Government at Bowdoin.

Rodger is assisting Planning and Development Director Nicole Briand and Town Manager Bill Post on a number of projects. He has already nearly completed a Resource Guide for the Advisory

Committee on Age Friendly Bowdoinham (ACOA), has begun reviewing and providing details for Bowdoinham's various trails and open public lands that will become Bowdoinham's Awesome Places and researching tax increment financing districts.

In addition, Rodger is assisting the Town Manager in drafting the Capital Improvement Plan which includes an inventory and condition assessment of all town roads and signs, including GPS coordinates and will assist in revising policies and committee by-laws. Rodger is a welcome addition for the summer. If you see him around, say hello!

Cemetery Committee News

By Elaine Diaz

Though winter has kept us from getting out into the cemeteries, we have continued meeting monthly, cataloging inventories of cemeteries, collecting photos, and collecting newspaper articles related to the cemeteries and committee activities. This information is kept in the Bowdoinham Historical Society (Lancaster-Bishop) Research and Archive Room, 3rd floor, Coombs Building, on a set of shelves near the door. This room is open on Tuesdays, 10-12 and 2-5. The 3rd floor is not accessible, but the 2nd is, and if you yell up the stairs, Elaine or Betsy will bring down what you need to one of the 2nd floor meeting rooms. The card files of the cemetery maps and individual stones done by Marilyn Hinkley, are still kept in the town office and Pam Ross will help you with any inquiries, during town office hours. Most of our cemetery information is also available on the BHS website as follows: <http://www.bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org/cemetery-card-collection>

Speaking of Marilyn Hinkley, BHS and BCAC held a joint meeting on January 24th to honor her work of over three summers in the late 70's mapping and recording stones in most of the known cemeteries in Bowdoinham. These included the three large ones, Ridge, Village, and Bayview. She also did many obscure, small burying grounds and documented anecdotally known plots, many of which have since been found, following her directions. Todd Woofenden, a former President of BHS, was also honored for his work in transferring Marilyn's data to the website (above).

Prior to the inception of BCAC in May 2016, all research and archiving related to the cemeteries of Bowdoinham, was done by independent researchers (Doris Rowland, Death Records of Bowdoinham, Maine 1967) under the auspices of BHS. These contributors included Marilyn Hinkley, Frank Connors, Betsy and David

Steen, Henry Lamoreau, Ed Webber, and Linda Williams among others. Also in more recent years, Albert Stehle has found almost all of the known and "heard of" small family plots. With his Cemetery Clean-Up Day in 2012 and other efforts he has done more than anyone else to inspire interest and volunteerism for our cemeteries. He is now certified in cemetery restoration, and continues teaching and leading in this as a member of BCAC.

Recent Finds

The Durgan-Ayer plot (stones of two women and baby), a single stone of Nathan Millay 1847, found in the woods by Linda Temple, and a broken off stone of Franklin Starbird, a child, was brought to us by the Pejepsot Historical Society, after finding it in their basement. This was broken off at its base in relatively recent years. It was recorded by Doris Rowland in the 70's in the Adams cemetery on the Millay Road. So far, we have identified 71 known or "known-of" burial sites in Bowdoinham or close to the Bowdoinham-Bowdoin town line (containing many Bowdoinham families). A few of these sites may have disappeared, but were once known and named and we will keep them on record.

Plans for 2018

Cleaning and restoration in the Village Burying Ground (name when it was incorporated, early 1800's) across from the Community School, starting June 8th and 9th. We will continue during the 3rd weeks of July and August, specifically Friday and Saturday July 20th and 21st, Friday and Saturday, August 17th and 18th, starting at 9AM. Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 699 for already clearing the brush and debris from the area where we will be working.

Need for volunteers: Please contact Elaine Diaz at 666-8255 (leave message) or Tony Lewis at tony.lewis@taknology.net if interested in helping any of these days. Bring bug repellent, sun screen, drinking water, non-abrasive

brushes (tooth, vegetable or floor size), spray bottles for water, and gloves. We will have most other needed supplies. If you go early to check out the site, please note these instructions. We follow Maine Old Cemetery Association Guidelines. These include: No bleaching, no power washing and no weed whacking in contact with stones. We will teach proper techniques for all that we do. And PLEASE, if you see a leaning stone that looks like it just needs a strong push to straighten it, DO NOT PUSH IT, as it could easily break off. Again, Albert will be glad to teach stone resetting to those who wish to learn.

Other Volunteer Options

General: Work on any cemetery, under BCAC direction. This includes training in stone cleaning, restoration and resetting.

Keepers: People who live near or have a special interest in a specific cemetery, and would like to clean up, care for, plant flowers, etc, or just watch over that cemetery and let BCAC know if/when issues like fallen stones, trees down, broken fences, inaccessible ROW, requiring intervention by the town or BCAC, occur. Use the volunteer coordinator contacts (above) or the town office 666-5531 to report these.

People with computer, on-line skills: Document BCAC findings on the Website and elsewhere.

People with genealogy experience/skills: Get background information on some of our findings.

Bowdoinham Cemetery Advisory Committee members: we need two more. Urgently! Our meetings are the first Monday of each month and are open to all. We encourage volunteers to attend; but it is not required. Contact Pam Ross at the Town Office, if you are interested in becoming a BCAC Member.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Maily Waterfront Park ~ On The River ~ Downtown Bowdoinham

Every Sunday 6pm - 8pm
June 24 - August 26, 2018

- Events start at 6pm in the gazebo unless otherwise noted
- Rain date for each event is the following Wednesday
- See "Town of Bowdoinham" on Facebook for weekly updates



June 24

EARL BIGELOW & THE MOTOWN AFFAIR

Detroit hits Bowdoinham as the re-vamped Blues Buzzards crew drives that motor city sound

Food Vendor

PPR PASSION FOR PETS RESCUE

PO Box 281
Bowdoinham, ME 04011
207-798-1362

A non-profit run by volunteers helping to find homes for dogs

July 22 Open Farm Day & Art Trail

FARM TOURS • Studio visits 9am-4pm *More info at:*
• Waterfront Barbeque www.bowdoinham.com

In the Gazebo 3pm-6pm:

The Intergalactic Yurt Band
playing songs of love, heartbreak and celebration

at 6:00pm:
OSHIMA BROTHERS

A harmony-rich blend of folk & acoustic pop

Food Vendor
Texas Barbecue Company
serving 'til 6 pm

July 1

Watersong HIGHLIGHTS

Exciting music featuring musicians from Watersong Music's clientele including students, recording artists and bands

Food Vendor

Sponsored by:
COASTAL MAINE GREAT DANE RESCUE
729-0679

Food provided by:
Jupiter Farm

July 29

JIMMYJO & THE JUMBOL'AYUHS

Cajun Louisiana with ayuh accent

Food Vendor
West Meeting Arts Center

Promoting artistic diversity in memory of Bryce Muir

July 7 AND ALSO ON: Aug 4

LOCAL LUMINARIES UNDER THE LIGHTS!

Special OPEN STAGE at 8pm

Two spectacular Saturday night performances under the lights with the citizens of Bowdoinham strutting their stuff JULY 7 and AUGUST 4

July 7 ends with a set featuring the fantastic sounds of the **Maine Marimba Ensemble**

August 4 ends with a performance by the **Merrymeeting Community Band**

To sign up for either date, contact:
Earl Bigelow 607-9027
email: earlspad@gmail.com

MAINE MARIMBA ENSEMBLE

Aug 5

CILANTRO BAND

Classics from the past 50 years with blended harmonies and delicate instrumentation

Food Vendor
TBD - lots of cilantro based cuisine for sure!

Aug 12

THE Leopard Girls

This quintet will knock your spots off with their ferocious mix of Blues, Pop, Jazz and Rock'n Roll

Food Vendor
girl scouts
Troop 1540 of Bowdoinham

July 8

Pretty Girls Sing Soprano

A beautiful folk/acoustic trio in the vein of Joni Mitchell and Allison Krause

Food Vendor
ART VAN
Keep the Arts Rolling

A mobile arts therapy organization helping youth express their artistic side

Aug 19

Eagles Way

Eagles Way is a four-piece band sharing their love of classic rock and country

Food Vendor
BOWDOINHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Focusing on farms, food, forests, music and art

July 15

Scott Davis Big Band

One hot band of top jazz musicians taking the audience on a hard driving, hard swinging musical journey

Food Vendor
BOWDOINHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Committed to keeping the history of this riverside town alive

Aug 26

STRING TIDE

An entertaining folk grass/Americana quartet with amazing close vocal harmonies

Food Vendor
PPR PASSION FOR PETS RESCUE
PO Box 281
Bowdoinham, ME 04011
207-798-1362

A non-profit run by volunteers helping to find homes for dogs

THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

Community Calendar

July

4th

Town Office Closed

7th

Saturday Night Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

8th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

16th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

15th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

22nd

Open Farm Day

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

29th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

August

5th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

12th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

19th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

26th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Maily Waterfront Park

September

3rd

Town Office Closed

Town Board & Committee Meetings

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

Select Board Meetings

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

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month at 7:00pm

Age-Friendly Bowdoinham

2nd Monday of Month at 2:30pm

Cemetery Committee

1st Monday of Month at 4:00pm

Town Office

Hours:

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

Wed: 9am-6pm

Contact Information:

Phone: 666-5531 Fax: 666-5532

Website: www.bowdoinham.com

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

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