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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Bowdoinham Goods

By Wendy Rose

Buy Local - Buy Bowdoinham.

Herard Seat Weaving Carl Herard

Carl finds great satisfaction in taking an old wooden chair with a damaged rush or cane seat and re-stringing it so that the chair finds new usefulness and beauty. "I really enjoy working with my hands," Carl says. "I used to love making models when I was young and find that working with chairs is similar."

Back in 2012, when Carl found some old chairs in disrepair in his attic, he decided to teach himself how to restore them. He researched ideas on the web, watched videos, got advice from experienced caners, and joined a seat weavers' guild. Practicing on the chairs he had found, Carl was able to build his skills and try different patterns on the seats. He learned to do the standard caning pattern as well as decorative designs and rush seats. Carl found reliable sources for fiber rattan, wicker, and rush (he never uses plastic). By taking a lot of photos of the original chair, he makes sure that his restoration keeps the same look and feel of the family heirloom.

When people at his workplace first saw his early finished projects, they brought their damaged chairs to him. Word of mouth spread, and the enterprise took off. Carl has expanded his customer base by going to local shows and fairs, setting up a business Facebook



Carl Herard



Kelley Rollins



Nikki & Peter Sullivan

page, and registering with the Bowdoinham business directory. Many customers tell him they have been looking for years for someone to re-cane a favorite chair and are so glad to find him. He has considered teaching the skill to others and may develop that service in the future.

Because Carl's job doesn't start until 2 p.m., he is able to devote time on his business during the morning hours. When he's working on a large project, he will go late into the night. "You can get lost in it," he says. His busiest season is during the spring and summer.

For Carl, the biggest challenge of

doing a business is getting the word out. "Letting people know that I offer this is not easy," he says.

In the future, Carl would love to open a shop where he could have all his tools and supplies visible so that and customers could drop by to see his work. For now, folks can reach Carl by calling him at 841-8622 or emailing him at chairman.maine@gmail.com. He is also on Pinterest and Facebook (you can use Facebook's search bar and type in "Herard seat weaving" to find him).

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Bowdoinham Goods

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Kelley's Kards

Kelley Rollins

Greeting cards of all types flow out of Kelley Rollins's creative imagination. Her original and whimsical designs celebrate important occasions but many of the cards allow people to write their own personal messages. Her handiwork brings together colored paper, stamps, pictures, lace, ribbon, and even candy wrappers to create quality greeting cards and envelopes. Special techniques like embossing and pop dots give her designs a three-dimensional look. No two cards are the same. "I look at things and get inspired," she says. "Just seeing a couple of colors together can give me an idea."

Kelley has been developing her business ever since she needed to scale back and then leave her career as a Home Care Aid for CHANS in 1997. A degenerative nerve condition diagnosis meant that she could no longer travel and provide health care to others. The change in her circumstances unleashed a new creative outlet for her, and she found that designing and crafting greeting cards provided the activity and engagement she needed. "If I throw myself into something, it takes my pain away and I get lost in the work," she says. "I never thought I was creative, I couldn't draw, but the cards have been a perfect activity."

She started out by taking her cards to medical appointments and then leaving them in the waiting room for folks to look over and purchase. Kelley now has her

cards available at the Bowdoinham Hardware store and through her home studio. She is exploring other outlets and would like to make them more widely available.

If individuals have a special event coming up, they can work with Kelley to customize a design to fit in with their theme and colors. "I enjoy doing this work," Kelley says, "And I want people to enjoy the cards as well." You can reach Kelley by email at kelley3902me@yahoo.com.

Lobster Buoy Birdhouse Co.

Nikki and Peter Sullivan

The idyllic setting of Denham Stream Farm includes a lovely home and rustic-style barn with goats and sheep roaming in the open fields and birds happily feasting at the abundant bird feeders around the yard. The farm also houses the many workings of the Lobster Buoy Birdhouse Co., a thriving business that Nikki and Peter have grown over the last several years. While the barn looks like it has been there for generations, it is actually a new, multi-purpose structure that Peter built to accommodate the goats and sheep along with his business workspace. On the ground level he processes blocks of cedar into birdhouses, bird feeders, and planters while the second story provides space for seasoning the wood. Meanwhile, the basement of the house accommodates a paint room, storage, shipping supplies, and a drying kiln.

Peter and Nikki retired to Maine in 2006 after living in Alaska for 30 years. They worked part-time at LL Bean, and became involved in the community, but "wanted to be here at the farm more,"

Nikki says. They decided to develop a business idea that related to their love of bird watching, and had an idea for wooden lobster buoy-shaped bird houses. "I had never done woodworking before, so I wanted to do something that I could learn easily and that didn't take a lot of tooling," Peter says. Many experiments and models later, Peter has created a birdhouse with a very cleverly designed bottom drawer for easy cleaning and access. The wood that is left over after removing it from the center of the bird house forms a buoy-shaped block. When a cage is placed around this block, it can hold suet thus creating a bird feeder. Variations of his basic design have evolved over the years into other items including buoy flower planters, customized images on the buoys, and smaller buoys as Christmas ornaments. They have also developed a specialty item for L.L. Bean that is sold in the company's Freeport Home Store.

"We currently sell 2,000 to 2,500 pieces a year," Peter says. About 70% of their sales are wholesale at gift shops throughout Maine and as far as Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Another 20% of the sales are retail at shows and fairs. "The shows are fun," Nikki says. "Most folks are very pleasant and interesting to talk with." The last 10% of sales come through their website and the Etsy shopping website. In the future, they would like to have a larger proportion of their sales come through retail opportunities, which means attending more shows and fairs.

You can reach Peter and Nikki at 522-3842 or lobsterbuoy@hotmail.com or by visiting their website at www.lobsterbuoy-birdhouse.com.

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Library News

By Kate Cutko

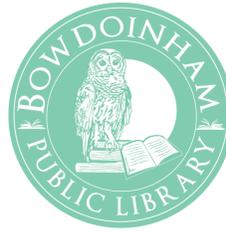
The Bowdoinham Public Library is finishing up its Spring Parenting Series with two discussions in May. Thursday May 5th at 6:30pm we welcome Dr. Elizabeth Kubic. Dr. Kubic is a psychologist in private practice who will talk to us about “Parenting our Anxious Kids”, and how to help our worried kids become more courageous and independent.

On Thursday May 12th, at 6:30pm, we will have a panel discussion entitled “Beyonded’ Just Say No”. It will feature Adelaida Gaviria and Eric Haram, both of Bowdoinham. They will discuss the

social, global and physiological effects of drug use. These workshops/discussions are free of charge. Please visit the library’s website for more details.

Garry Hensley is available for drop-in Technology help every Tuesday morning from 10-11 at the library. Have trouble with laptop? a smart phone? an e-reader? Bring it in and Garry will give it his best shot.

*Watch the website for possible news about
NEW LIBRARY HOURS!*



43rd Annual Bowdoinham Library PLANT SALE

May 21st
9am to 4pm
at Town Hall

Perennials, Herbs,
Vegetable,
Annual Seedlings,
Trees and Shrubs

(Clever folks bring boxes.)



Community School News

By Chris Lajoie, Principal

By the time you read this, the four towns of our school district will be moving into the final stages of approving next year’s school budget. Part of that budget includes a loss of one classroom teaching position at our Community School, due to declining enrollment. The last time a classroom position was cut, our school population was around 195; next year we are anticipating it to be between 170-175. For reference, our average class size next year would be a little higher than two other elementary schools in the district, a little lower than a third, and on par with the fourth.

The lost classroom will be in Grade 5. Mrs. Gould, who came to us this year from Woodside School to teach fifth grade, has accepted a position as Principal of the Helen Thompson School in West Gardiner. Congratulations to Mrs. Gould – they are very lucky to get her! This means we will not be cutting a person from our staff, but it does mean we will look at new and innovative ways to organize in our fourth and fifth grades with the phenomenal teachers we have. The Community School is very familiar with multiage classrooms – from combined 5/6 classes in the late 90s (and probably

before), to our current organization of three multiage classrooms of second and third graders. While teaching groups of kids of different ages can pose some challenges, it also offers us lots of flexibility in being able to teach kids in their “just right” zones of learning (not too easy, not too hard.) I have already been working with our fourth and fifth grade team on opportunities for next year, and getting feedback and ideas from our parents and community. Stay tuned for exciting developments!

Next year’s proposed budget also includes the creation of a new position at each elementary school – Behavior Strategist. For many years our staff has worked hard to include all students in our high-quality education. In some cases, students with behavioral challenges have required a lot of adult support to be successful, which drains our ability to provide academic supports. The new Behavior Strategist would be the person responsible for coordinating all of our behavioral instruction at school, including classroom management support for teachers and individualized behavior plans for the handful of students who need it. This would be a very helpful teaching position in our school, benefitting all students.

Our shared vision statement focuses on creating Meaningful Learning That Lasts. Every day, we work to make this happen

in our classrooms. Here are just a few of the special learning opportunities we have made available to our students: expansion of the Electives program (thank you community volunteers!); our first-ever school musical (a success!); a Young Women’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Symposium; Computer Coding Club on Friday mornings; expansion of our skateboarding program in partnership with the Bowdoinham Skate Park; our garden program, including an April composting challenge; and two school-wide Art shows, among many others. For next year we are looking at continuing and expanding these experiences, as well as pursuing more options for project-based learning. Thank you for all you do to help us make these opportunities possible. Our kids are the best investment we can make!

Summer Concert Series

The Town of Bowdoinham has partnered with Watersong Music for the 2016 Summer Concert Series. We’ve invited exciting musical flavors from away to join our local favorites. Maily Waterfront Park will be the place to be on Sundays, 6 to 8pm, starting June 26th, (rain date will be the following Wednesday).

Bowdoinham Historical Society News

By Betsy Steen

Please consider Digging into YOUR attic or closets or trunks for documents, books, letters, journals, photos, or artifacts that we could copy or display as we work to save Bowdoinham's history! Or capture on paper or tape the memories of your older relatives! We all have a part in this quest!

We have begun to study the Town Tax Valuation Books from 1901 through 1966. They hold a wealth of information about homes and people. Entries list real estate (buildings & land) and personal property (animals, vessels, musical instruments, vehicles, stocks, etc)

If you know the name of a pre 1966 owner of your property, come visit and we can look them up, or check out your 20th century family members. We also have Valuation Books from 1832-1858, with a few years missing and some from the 1880s and 1890s.

I spent an afternoon in mid-March with Nathan Lipfert, curator of the Maine Maritime Museum, helping verify the authenticity of a store ledger the museum had been offered. It is indeed a Bowdoinham book, 1808-1810, from Davis Sumner's store (where the cannon

is today, before the Stinson House Hotel was built there.) It documents purchases from the beginnings of Cathance Landing, (Bowdoinham Village). The bridge over the Cathance had only just been built in 1805. It is full of the accounts Bowdoinham citizens from that time. Davis Sumner owned the Brig Olympus, built for him by John Springer and captained by David Fulton, both of Bowdoinham, and used it to carry lathes, shingles, etc to the West Indies, returning with rum and molasses and other goods to sell in his store, to individuals and to other store owners from as far away as Bowdoin and Lisbon. I am happy to say that the Maine Maritime Museum has now bought it, so we will have access to it.

On March 29th, BHS was given 5 more old books by auctioneer Jim Talbot of Turner. Three are very similar to the MMM Sumner book and follow it. Dated 1820-21, 1840s, and 1850s, they belonged to Davis Sumner's son-in-law William Lunt. They continue the fascinating picture of a slice of life in Bowdoinham 200 years ago. These will be on display at "Digging Up the Past" on June 18th.

Coming Up on June 18th

-11am-2:45pm & 4-5pm - "Digging Up The Past" Display at BHS Meeting House
-3:00- "Merrymeeting Monologues" at Browns Point Cemetery

Cruise 'Ins are Back

By Lynn Spiro

Cruise 'In On the Cathance, sponsored by The Town Landing Restaurant, now marks its 8th year in

downtown Bowdoinham. There is no entry fee to exhibit or attend the Cruise 'In On the Cathance.

Everyone bringing a classic or antique car gets automatic entry into the Door Prize Raffles. Anyone attending can participate in the 50/50 drawing, and buy additional Door Prize Raffle tickets with the proceeds going to a local charity.

Come and join classic car enthusiasts for this free event at The Town Landing Restaurant, 12 Main Street, in downtown Bowdoinham. Cruise 'In on the Cathance will be held throughout the summer on the last Saturday of each month, June 25th, July 30th, and August 27th, 4-6:30pm.

Celebrate the history of the classic and antique cars that remind us of the memories of our youth, and simple things in life we treasure at this popular event. Stroll the streets, shop and have dinner our locally owned restaurant.



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News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Lee Parker

April was the month for the annual spring exhibit “Vernal Pools & Turtles” featuring the works of artists under the age of 18. The theme of the show is connected to the distinctive spring environmental feature of vernal pools and gives young artists the chance to draw inspiration from art history and world cultures as well as local ecology. Turtles figure prominently in the mythology of many peoples and the area around Bowdoinham has a variety of turtles. The exhibit opened Friday, April 8th and will run through May 29th.

Merrymeeting Arts Center (MAC) received a major grant from the Maine Humanities Council for its 2016 project, “Hallowed Ground, Forgotten Voices.” The classic book, “Spoon River Anthology” by Edgar Lee Masters, provided the key inspiration for this project. Its description of a small, Midwestern town through the voices of the dead in a series of revealing epitaphs, informed MAC’s plans to focus on the historic, artistic, and social role of graveyards in Maine towns. The book and project activities will be used to enrich community conversations and explore intergenerational and end-of-life issues, as well as the cemeteries themselves.

Key activities of the project include: an art exhibit opening on June 17th at MAC; an original play “Merrymeeting Monologues” by Stephen Legawiec to be staged in a Bowdoinham graveyard; a talk on gravestones as historical artifacts by Jay Robbins; a talk on “A Sense of Place,” by Franklin Burroughs; publication of epitaphs written by local high school students based on their research into local historic personages; tours of local cemeteries; completion of a database of Bowdoinham graves, and exhibits at Celebrate Bowdoinham on Saturday September 10th. Additional information will be posted on MAC’s website at www.merrymeetingartscenter.org and on Facebook as plans unfold.



Art For Everyone

The Maine Humanities Council, a statewide non-profit organization, “uses the humanities—literature, history, philosophy, and culture—as a tool for positive change in Maine communities,” according to its website. Other collaborating organizations in this project include the Bowdoinham Historical Society, the Bowdoinham Advisory Committee on Aging, and the Bowdoinham Public Library Loose Ladies Book Group.

The project began in the fall of 2015 when a class of Mt. Ararat freshmen read “Spoon River Anthology.” They then visited Bowdoinham and met with Betsy Steen of the Bowdoinham Historical Society who had prepared research materials on 25 past Bowdoinham residents. The students toured the town to see graves of selected individuals and some of their houses, and visited the restored Jellerson School and Historical Society archives.

Two community reading events during early 2016 continued the project: “Way Down Back” with a discussion led by author Caroline MacDonald in February and “Spoon River Anthology” with a talk by project scholar Franklin Burroughs in March.

MAC Pottery Project

Pottery Project continues to be the place to be on Saturday mornings between 8am and 2pm. Potter Rebecca Smith is on hand during Open Studio hours to help those new to pottery and those reconnecting with skills learned long ago. A \$5 fee covers the cost of materials and tools. Classes are scheduled by request.

Membership in MAC Pottery Project is available for a fee of \$50/month and gives potters access to and full use of the studio 24/7, including the use of kilns if approved by MAC. For more information email us at merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com or leave a message at 370-

5002 and we will return your call. Better yet...stop by on Saturday and talk with Rebecca!

Pottery Project will be participating in the Maine Pottery Tour again this year on April 30th and May 1st and will host a POP UP POTTERY SALE on May 21st. Come check us out either or both times!

Other News

MAC extends an open invitation to community members to join us in exploring ways in which we can include art in our lives. If you have a good idea and energy to help make it happen contact us! Please join our MPG (MAC Planning Group). Email us at merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com or call Howard Solomon at 666-3589 to get involved.

We are also looking for volunteers to host MAC exhibits and events this summer including the play on June 18th and the Cemetery Tours the weekend of August 20-21. Please contact Peggy Muir to help out with this exciting project at pegbryce@comcast.net.

Merrymeeting Arts Center would like to thank the residents of Bowdoinham for their ongoing support. Funds from the Town of Bowdoinham that have been approved in June at the Town Meeting support MAC activities and make it possible for us to offer them for low or no cost.

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

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Open Farm Day & Art Trail

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 17th**. The day will begin with farm tours AND studio tours. 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 Texas Barbeque Co., with members of Village Lodge # 26 AF & AM the local Masonic Lodge in Bowdoinham. Stay tuned for more information on the Town's website and Facebook page.

Celebrate Bowdoinham

Mark your calendars, this year Celebrate Bowdoinham will be on **Saturday, September 10th**. The planning for this year's event is underway, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

We will once again be looking for sponsors for a fireworks show and donations for the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating or becoming a sponsor, please contact Nicole Briand.

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Recreation News

By Lisa West

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-Village Masonic Lodge #26

Advertising opportunities for local businesses also include homerun fence banners. Each banner is a symbol of community support to our youth programs. If you are interested in displaying a banner made by Bowdoinham's Banana Banners, please contact Lisa West at 666-3504 for an information/order form. They are also available on the town website www.Bowdoinham.com/Recreation and in the town office.

Fundraising Update: I was not able to receive the Dunkin Donuts coupon books to sell as a fundraiser. There is a process to follow in order to be selected so I will pursue this idea next year. Thank you to Brunswick's Dunkin Donuts for donating \$100 to our athletic program.

Another Way to Support our fields, dugout repair and batting cage renovation is by volunteering in the Snack Shack. Not only are Snack Shack team members needed for all home games but our town is hosting the Ararat Cup for major baseball games on Saturday, June 4th. To keep concession open all day, 8-5pm, would be another great way to raise funds. Please contact Lisa at 666-3504 or LWest@Bowdoinham.com to volunteer.

Passes/Discounted Tickets are available at the Town Office for:

- Aquaboggan \$15
- Funtown Combo \$28
- York Wild Kingdom \$15
- Children's Museum Free pass

Adult Activities

Pickleball will have a designated night or two to meet by warmer May weather. See the Bowdoinham Pickleball or Bowdoinham Recreation Dept. facebook page. Basketball Monday nights and Volleyball are Wednesday nights 7-9pm at the Cathance Fitness Center.

For more information, please visit the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com) and Like us on Facebook (Bowdoinham Recreation Dept.).

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43rd Annual Plant Sale

By Jill Hooper

Join us at the Bowdoinham Town Hall on Saturday, May 21st from 9am to 4pm for the 43rd annual Bowdoinham Public Library Plant Sale. Locally grown and hardy, we offer over 120 species of perennials in various varieties and colors. Trees, shrubs, annuals, herbs and vegetables - we have it all. Thanks to some of our local farm friends, we even carry organic Bowdoinham grown seedlings! Gardening experts will be on hand to help. We now take credit cards - who would have imagined that 43 years ago!

If you have never been, this is an event not to be missed. Not only will you find a multitude of beautiful plants, but you will also be supporting a time honored Bowdoinham tradition. This is a day when Bowdoinham comes together to celebrate Spring, rejuvenate gardens and friendships, and support the library. One hundred percent of the profit goes directly to the Bowdoinham Public Library. To learn more about the sale, or to offer to volunteer, please contact the Bowdoinham Public Library either by stopping by, calling us at 666-8405, or visiting us on Facebook or www.bowdoinham.lib.me.us.

Town Clerk's Corner

By Pam Ross

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday, June 14th - State Primary and the M.S.A.D. #75 Referendum Election will be held at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 8:00am-8:00pm.

Just wanted to remind residents that on the State Primary Ballot that there will be no party nomination for the President. (The caucuses were held in March to select their party's nomination). On the State Ballot, depending on which qualified party you are enrolled in you will be voting for Representative to Congress, District 1, State Senator, District 23, State Representative, District 55, and other County Offices.

Friday, May 27th - Voters changing Party Enrollment must do so by this date to participate in the June Primary Election. (Just remember if you are unenrolled you can enroll in a qualified party anytime). 30 days before the Election Absentee Ballots will be ready.

Please go to www.bowdoinham.com to view the sample ballots for the June 14th election.

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.

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The Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, May 6th & Saturday, May 7th at the Town Hall. With a \$1 admission, you can take advantage of our early bird sale that begins on Friday at 5pm and ends promptly at 7pm. Saturday the doors will open at 9am and close at 1pm.

This event is made possible by the generous people in Bowdoinham who donate their gently used things for the benefit of the Bowdoinham Community School. ALL proceeds go to the school's field trip and special events fund.

Brown Tail Moths

By Maine Forest Service

The browntail moth was accidentally introduced into Somerville, Massachusetts from Europe in 1897. By 1913, the insect had spread to all of the New England states and New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The population then dropped, for reasons that are not entirely clear, until there was just a residual population limited to Cape Cod and a few islands off the Maine coast in Casco Bay. Occasional outbreaks occurred on the mainland during twentieth century until the 1990's when browntail became a perennial problem along the southern Maine coast.

Browntail Moth Caterpillar Damage

The larval stage (caterpillar) of this insect feeds on the foliage of many hardwood trees and shrubs particularly: oak, shadbush, apple, cherry, beach plum, and rugosa rose. Larval feeding causes reduction of growth and occasional mortality of valued trees and shrubs.

While feeding damage may cause some concern, the primary human impact from the browntail moth is the result of contact with poisonous hairs found on the caterpillars. Contact of these hairs with human skin causes a rash similar to poison ivy that can be severe on some individuals. People can also experience respiratory distress from inhaling the microscopic hairs that blow around in the air.

Description and Life History

The browntail moth produces one generation a year. It has four life stages; egg, larval, pupal, and adult. The larval stage lasts for nine months, from August through June. In the fall, colonies of larvae build winter webs in trees constructed from a single leaf wrapped tightly with large amounts of white silk. A colony consists of 25 to 400 or more larvae. The larvae overwinter within two to four inch long winter webs situated far out on branch tips. Webs are found most often

on red oak or apple trees.

Aside: Fall webworm nests, often confused with the browntail moth winter webs, are loose, further in on the branches and more often found in ash trees.

Eastern tent caterpillar tents are found in crotches and forks of apple and cherry tree branches during the spring.

In the spring, as soon as the earliest leaf buds open, the larvae become active and crawl out of their webs to feed on the tender new leaves. They may devour the foliage as fast as it develops. For a time the larvae crawl back into the web at night, but as they become larger they remain out on the leaves. By late June, larvae are full grown. Large larvae, about 1 1/2 inches long, are dark brown, have a broken white stripe on each side of the body and conspicuous, two reddish spots on the posterior end of the back.

These should not be confused with larvae of the eastern tent caterpillar which has a single, solid, white stripe down its back or the gypsy moth which has paired blue and red spots on its back.

In late June, the larvae spin rough cocoons in which to pupate. Pupal cocoons are full of toxic hairs and should be removed from buildings or trees only with great caution. The pupae develop into moths which emerge from the cocoons in July. The moths have a wingspread of about 1 1/2 inches and are strongly attracted to light. Wings and midsection are pure white while the abdomen (rear part of the body) is brown with a conspicuous tuft of brown hairs at the tip.

After emerging, the females lay eggs in masses on the underside of leaves and cover the eggs with brown hairs from their bodies. Each female lays 200 to 400 eggs. The eggs hatch during August or early in September and the young larvae feed for a short time on the leaves before building their winter webs. This fall feeding does little damage to the trees.



Control

Non-chemical: Control of browntail moth populations in isolated areas may be obtained by clipping the overwintering webs and destroying these webs by either soaking in

soapy water or burning them. This control should be undertaken in the winter and very early spring - September to mid-April.

Cocoons or caterpillars crawling on buildings can be removed with water from a high pressure hose.

Chemical: Webs and larvae are generally high up in trees and are difficult for a home owner to effectively control. Seek professional help from an arborist who is a licensed pesticide applicator if considering pesticide control. Pesticides should be applied when caterpillars are small and feeding; usually before the end of May. Timing of pesticide treatment is critical, treatment before the end of May will prevent the development of the toxic hairs, treatment after the end of May will result in dead caterpillars and toxic hairs. Undertake control measures as early as possible to reduce the exposure to the irritating caterpillar hairs. Contact a licensed pesticide applicator well before May to plan a control strategy. Note: A licensed pesticide applicator is required for applications of non-biological insecticides to control browntail moth within the 250 of the high tide mark.

The Maine Forest Service maintains a list of pesticide applicators licensed and certified to treat browntail moths and other tree pests. It is available upon request by calling (207) 287-2431, emailing patti.roberts@maine.gov or on the website at: http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mfs/forest_health/invasive_threats/browntail_moth_pesticide_applicator_info.htm

For more information on pesticides, both chemical and biological contact the Board of Pesticides Control at 207-287-2731.

Cub Scout News

By Cathy Curtis

Bowdoinham Cub Scouts camped-in at the Bowdoinham Community School gym in February. Activities included an outdoor hike, setting up tents in the gym, and elaborate outdoor cooking including a dutch oven cake, pizzas on the grill, hot dogs on a stick and S'mores.



Our Pinewood Derby was held on March 19th where we were able to use an aluminum track and video timing technology. A big thank you to Everett Horrocks and Hampton Hughes from Topsham Pack 646 for loaning, setting up the track and giving up a morning with their families to help run our derby. Boys were able to compete in eight races that day. Congratulations goes to Damien Hale for Best in Show, Jacob Perkins for his fifth place finish, Chase Hardee for his fourth place finish, Ethan Berry for his third place finish, Colby Bleau for his second place finish and Tyler Wescott for his first place finish with an average time of 3.1837 seconds. They will go on to compete in the district Derby in Turner on April 9th. The Bowdoinham BIW Van donated the trophies and medals for our event-another huge thanks to them as well!

The boys are looking forward to spending the night at the Science Museum in Boston on April vacation as well as earning their badges of rank in the coming months. We will be holding our Arrow of Light/Cross-Over ceremony for three soon-to-be Boy Scouts on May 1st.

Boy Scout News

By Athena Mann

We're growing! The Boy Scouts have been working with the Cub Scout Pack on some recent events; having a food table at the Pinewood Derby, taking part in the town clean-up day, hiking and camping with the Webelos (helping them to earn a few needed requirements). We enjoyed a combined meeting working on First Aid skills, and reviewing items for an emergency preparedness kit. The Scout Troop welcomed graduating members from the Cub Scout Pack. May 1st, Webelos II Scouts crossed-over, after a ceremony awarding them with Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow Of Light. We continue to invite all young men, from the ages of 11-17 years to join us.

A great opportunity to learn more about Scouting will take place, May 14th, at Discovery Park (on the L.L. Bean flagship store campus) in Freeport. Pine Tree Council and L.L. Bean will host the second annual Scout O Rama. If you want to see what Scouting is all about, check out this wonderful, outdoor event!

In the photo, members of the Troop and Webelos II den, study items to be included in a personal first aid kit, by playing "Kim's Game," a game of memory.

With summer's arrival soon upon us, we're looking forward to spending much time outdoors. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our Troop, please contact David Mann, Scoutmaster, at 207-837-4370 or by email, dman88napa@gmail.com



News from Bowdoinham Hardware

By Corey Troup

Wow, everyone, with your help we made it through the hardest part of any new hardware store's entire life..it's first winter! John, Laura and I can't thank you enough for your loyal support to our humble and growing store. Thank you! We are happy to announce our first Spring Kick Off.

We have in NOW 100% NON-GMO vegetable, herb and flower seeds--- massive line-up.... over 340 types in all. An entire tractor trailer full of ORGANIC garden soils, composts, potting soils along with pallets of Mulch. Baby chicks arriving by March 20th. and YES, Beekeeping supplies soon to arrive!

And to top it ALL off we are set to launch our fantastic new website---Bowdoinhamhardware.com From this website a person can order from anywhere in America from us and have the one of many 10,000's of products shipped straight to their house from one of 7 American distribution centers around the country within days!!! This means our special ordering platform for you all is about to get MUCH better, MUCH FASTER, and a LOT EASIER. You will be able to order right off your smartphone or from your computer at your house. Now that is a solid Yessah theya bub or bubbette to all of you!!! You can even order chicken coops, your favorite dogfoods, lawn mowers--- and yes ROCKET POWERED SKATEBOARDS!!!

We hope to see you all in our store as lawn and garden season QUICKLY approaches!!! Yessah!!!!



News from Advisory Committee on Aging

By Patricia Oh

The Advisory Committee on Aging (ACOA) is sponsoring a treasure trove of fabulous events in May. We urge you to attend one of the ACOA-sponsored events and to invite a friend to join you. You can't go wrong by attending any of the ACOA-sponsored activities! To learn more about all of the activities we have planned, pick up a copy of the monthly calendar at the Town Landing, the Bowdoinham Library, or at the Town Office. If you would like to receive an electronic copy or have one mailed to you, call the Town Office (666-5531) and request one.

May is Older Americans Month. The theme this year is "blazing a new trail". ACOA is excited to tell you about an exciting program that is blazing a new trail in Bowdoinham, Richmond, and Bowdoin. The Village Lodge Handy Brigade provides home repair and maintenance services without charge to older adults who live in their own homes. The only cost is for the parts needed. Their goal is to make life a little easier for older residents.

The task of changing a light bulb, replacing moving furniture, or taking things down from high shelves can be daunting.



The Village Lodge Handy Brigade

Figuring out how to tackle larger projects—such as repairing a roof or building a ramp—can also be challenging. The Handy Brigade can help you find a contractor and identify the materials needed for more complicated jobs that require professional help.

Handy Brigade Volunteers are not licensed carpenters, plumbers, or electricians. They are home-owners—just like you—who know how to do simple home maintenance and repairs.

When a person requests help, the Handy Brigade will come to your home to decide if the job is within their expertise. If it is, the Handy Brigade volunteer will write up a work order for the job. If it is

a job for a professional, they will gladly refer you to the experts and will help you find what you need and how to get it.

The Village Lodge Handy Brigade is looking for volunteers. People who are not members of the Masons are welcomed as volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, email: Peter Warner peter.warner@ne.twcbc.com or call the Bowdoinham Town Office (666-5531) and we will send your name and contact information to Peter.

The Handy Brigade is also looking for people who need help. If you know of anyone who could use the help of the Handy Brigade, contact Peter or call the Town Office.

Attention Parents:

Do you have an entrepreneurial child between 8 and 14 who bakes, makes jams, picks berries, or creates crafts? If so, the **SPROUTS Table** at the Farmers' Market is the perfect place for them to hone their business skills. Sprouts can use a whole table or share with a friend or sibling. One Saturday will be assigned to each sprout, with the potential to repeat later in the summer. To reserve your Saturday, contact Adelaida Gaviria at 737-4149 adelaidagaviria@gmail.com!



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BCDI News

By David Whittlesey

Abby Sadauckas has joined the BCDI Board. Abby and her partner Jake Galle run Apple Creek Farm which produces certified organic, grass-fed beef, goat and lamb as well as certified organic eggs and poultry (broilers, geese and turkeys). Abby works with new farmers as the course facilitator of MOFGA Farm Beginnings, a whole farm planning course. Abby is the former Director of Educational Programs at MOFGA, and now works with both farmers and organizations in grant writing and project management. A hearty welcome to Abby!

BCDI had the honor of being nominated as one of six 2015 finalists in New England for the annual Kingfisher Prize given by NEGEF, the New England Grassroots Environment Fund. The prize is given to “an innovative, crosscutting, and inspiring project committed to testing new and innovative ideas and problem-solving approaches, fostering collaboration, networking and collective action, and demonstrating social entrepreneurial thinking, risk-taking and willingness to try new solutions.” BCDI was the only program in Maine nominated, and although we did not win the prize, the comments received on the NEGEF website were gratifying and encouraging.



program costs! The grant beneficiaries were determined by a Board composed of Bowdoin Students as part of a program designed to strengthen the bonds between Bowdoin College and the greater Brunswick community by honoring local non-profits, and to help educate students about the non-profit world. As part of the evaluation process, two Bowdoin students from the program visited Bowdoinham and had the chance to see BCDI's work first-hand, visiting with Board Members, investors and loan recipients. It appears they appreciated what they saw!

Remember that being a Member of BCDI is required to participate in the “neighbors investing in neighbors” program, either to seek a community development loan or as an investor. If you have not yet become a Member of BCDI, it is easy to do. You can join directly online by going to www.bcdi.us/membership to complete the process. If you have not yet renewed your Membership for 2016, you can also do so online or by sending a check to BCDI, 182 Ridge Road, Bowdoinham.

BCDI is also pleased to be a recipient of a Bowdoin College Common Good Grant of \$1910 for 2016 to support our

Have you heard of the Town's Tax Club?

By William Post, Town Manager

The Town of Bowdoinham now offers a “Tax Club Plan” beginning last July 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 is expected to be offered again this July after town meeting approval.

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 or Linda Jariz at ljjariz@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.

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Plumbing Tip *Know your Faucet*

Many faucets do not have the brand name on them. Older faucets, that use washers and o-rings to repair leaks, may be able to be repaired without knowing the brand, but new faucets are another story. They usually have a proprietary cartridge. Without knowing the brand and model it may be impossible to replace. A big perk is that many of the top brand faucet manufacturers that warrant their products will send the homeowner a new cartridge, free, if you have registered the faucet. Cartridges can cost up to \$75.

Solid Waste and Recycling Barn

Barn Hours:

Thursday & Saturday: 8am-4pm

Trash & Recycling Pick-up:

Thursday

Contact Information:

Phone:

Barn - 666-3228

David Berry, Director - 751-2809

Email: dberry@bowdoinham.com

Website: www.bowdoinham.com/solid-waste-recycling

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Community Calendar

May

5th

Parenting Anxious Kids Talk, 6:30pm
Bowdoinham Public Library

6th

14th Annual Rummage Sale, 5-7pm
Town Hall, 13 School St

7th

14th Annual Rummage Sale, 9am-1pm
Town Hall, 13 School St

10th

Public Hearing on Town Meeting Warrant
Kendall Meeting Room, 5:30pm

12th

Beyond 'Just Say No' Talk, 6:30pm
Bowdoinham Public Library

21st

Library Plant Sale, 9am-4pm
Town Hall

June

11th

Farmers' Market Opening Day
Mailly Waterfront Park

14th

MSAD 75 Budget Referendum Election
Town Hall, 8am-8pm

15th

Town Meeting, 7pm
Bowdoinham Community School

17th

"Hallowed Ground, Forgotten Voices"
Summer Exhibit Opens, 5-8pm
Merrymeeting Arts Center

18th

Digging up the Past
BHS Meeting House
"Merrymeeting Monologues," 3pm
Brown's Point Cemetery

25th

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

26th

Summer Concert, 6-8pm
Mailly 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

Community Development Advisory Committee

1st Tuesday of Month at 6:30pm

Town Office

Hours:

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

Wed: 9am-6pm

Tax Assesor: Wed, 9am-5pm

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

Contact Information:

Phone: 666-5531 Fax: 666-5532

Email: wpost@bowdoinham.com

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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