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## BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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**B**uy Bowdoinham this holiday season and you could win \$100. Yes, that is right, you could win \$100 just by supporting our local economy. How? All you have to do is shop locally four times this holiday season, fill out the contest form (on page 15) and get entered into a drawing to win \$100. Not to worry, shopping locally is a piece of cake.

Bowdoinham is home to many small businesses that provide a wide variety of products and services. You can start off your holiday season by sending your friends and family homemade cards from Kelleys Kards. Give the gift of learning with riding lessons from Gray's Equestrian Training, music lessons from Hope Hoffman, or a class at the Long Branch School of Maine. A practical gift, such as gift certificate to G&G Gas, the Country Store, Town Landing Restaurant or CSA share from one of our many local farmers, is always a good idea for the young adult. Need a fun gift; how about a gift certificate to go smelt fishing or to play disk golf at Ackers Acres. There are lots of great gifts at Keepsake Primitives just waiting to take their place in a country home. You

could get a favorite piece of furniture refinished by Cottage Threads or buy a new favorite piece from a local woodworker. The array of gift options from our local artists are endless, so mark you calendar for the Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Annual Show & Sale on December 2nd from 6-8pm or December 3rd from 10am to 4pm. And don't forget your contest form. Help support our local economy and Buy Bowdoinham this holiday season!

Look for our new Buy Bowdoinham logo to come out this holiday season. The Community Development Advisory Committee has been working with Manon Whittlesey of Morphee Creative to development our new logo. We are looking forward unveiling our new logo as we work on additional ways promote our Buy Bowdoinham campaign.

For more information, please visit [www.bowdoinham.com/buybowdoinham](http://www.bowdoinham.com/buybowdoinham)

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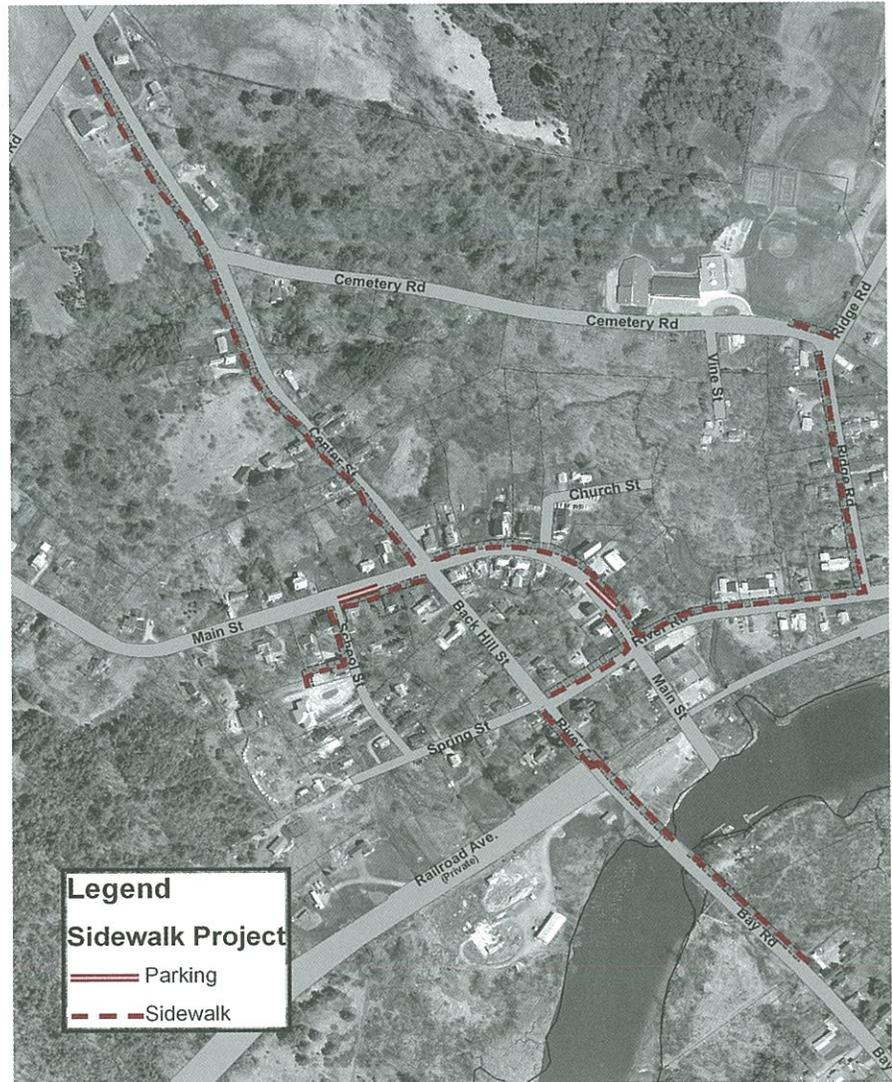
## Sidewalk Project Update— Construction Has Begun!!!

**O**n August 18<sup>th</sup> the Town opened the bids for construction of our sidewalk project. Off Road Trucking was awarded the contract with a low bid of \$410,487.50. The other bids were as follows:

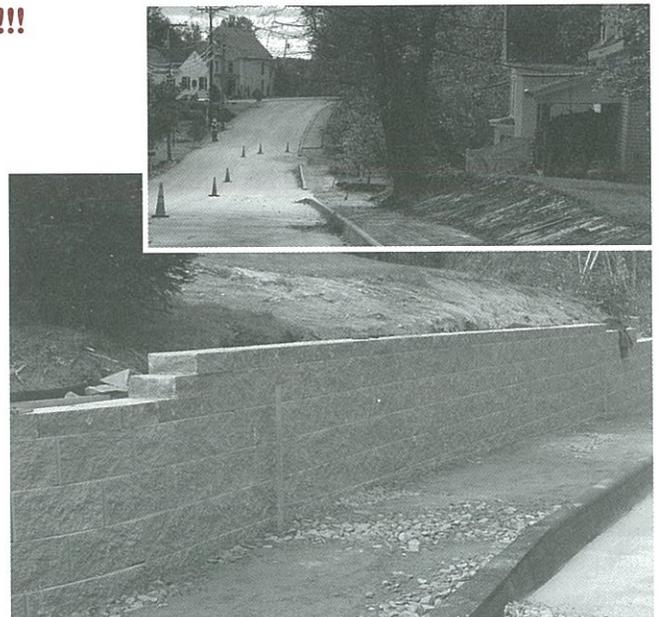
- Reno's Construction - \$414,815.00
- H.C. Crooker & Sons - \$436,935.00
- Pratt & Sons - \$498,932.00
- Ray Labbe & Sons - \$498,972.00
- St. Laurent & Sons - \$559,520.00
- Peter's Construction - \$658,295.55

Off Road Trucking began construction on the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>. The priorities for construction this Fall 2011 are River Road, Center Street and Main Street (weather permitting). Next year, sidewalks will be constructed on Bay Road, School Street and Ridge Road.

We will do our best to minimize delays during construction and we thank you for your patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Briand, Town Planner at [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com) or Bill Post, Town Manager at [wpost@bowdoinham.com](mailto:wpost@bowdoinham.com) or 666-5531. We will gladly meet with you to discuss any concerns that you may have.



## Putting the Final Touches on Center Street!!!



## Update on the Recycling Barn and Public Works Garage

In the last issue of this newsletter, I discussed the fact that the Town's current insurance carrier had advised us that they will not continue to provide workers' compensation insurance for the town employees after December 31, 2011 because the roofs at the Recycling Barn and Public Works Garage do not meet today's codes for snow load. The Town is required by law to provide this type of insurance for its employees.

So, what has the Town been doing since then? I have been working to develop a short-term solution so that the Town can continue operating in these buildings past December 31st and I have also been working towards a long-term solution so that this issue does not continue. The obvious short-term solution is to obtain workers' compensation insurance and I have presented our current carrier with a plan for snow monitoring and removal at the two buildings and our plan for determining a long-term solution of either repairing or replacing the buildings. I am waiting on a response from our current carrier. In addition, I am working with another company that can provide insurance. I am confident that one, or both, of these short-term solutions will allow the Town to continue operating in the buildings after December 31st.

As for long-term solutions, the Select Board has directed me to review many options available for each of these buildings. The options range from purchasing, repairing, and continuing to use the current facility to constructing a new town owned facility to completely outsourcing the program to a private contractor.

To summarize, there are many options available to the Town concerning the Recycling Barn and Public Works Garage. A starting point for both is the work that was done by the previous Solid Waste Committee, the site visits from the Maine Municipal Association and the engineering reports from Associated Design Partners.

Once more information is known on each, a public informational meeting will be scheduled to discuss the options with the residents to get your input. After that meeting, the list of options will be narrowed down, and researched further so that a final recommendation of two or three options can be presented at another public informational meeting. The ultimate goal is to present the final option/solution to the annual town meeting in June 2012.

In the meantime, the recycling program continues as it always has, and the Recycling Barn is open its usual hours. If you have a question, concern or an idea about either facility and/or program, please contact Town Manager Bill Post ([wpost@bowdoinham.com](mailto:wpost@bowdoinham.com)) or any member of the Select Board.

## Committee/Board Openings

Finance Advisory Committee—  
2 members

Water District Board of Trustees—  
1 member

Community Development Advisory  
Committee—2 members

250th Anniversary Committee

Biking, Walking, Paddling Group—  
1 member

## Comprehensive Planning Committee Update

The process to develop the Vision Statement is complete, but input to the actual Comprehensive Plan is just beginning. It is our hope that the participation we have experienced so far will continue. Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Selectboard Meeting Room in the John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

If you are interested in helping to shape Bowdoinham's future, you can get involved in any (or all) of the following ways: join our Committee, sign-up to receive Committee emails, sign-up for our email newsletter (with project updates) and/or join us on Facebook. Please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com) for more information.

We are looking forward to sharing our progress and continuing to get your input.



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## News from the Bowdoinham Historical Society

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### JELLERSON SCHOOL—A ONE ROOM SCHOOL ON MERRYMEETING BAY

**A**s our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday present to Bowdoinham; our goal is to create a one room school and museum of Merrymeeting Bay. The Jellerson School will provide a 1900 school experience, as well as studies in nature and the history of Merrymeeting Bay to area students in both class visits and a summer curriculum.

The Spirit That Built Bowdoinham Community School At Work! **Thank You Everyone!**

What we've done so far (Late September): *(Forgive us if you have helped, and we have left you out.)*

- Sill and other structural work—Mike Delyra, funded by Margo Frost & Jack Curley
- South Wall—Wayne Dorr & Frank Connors
- Underpinnings—Steve Hooper, Steve Cox & friends
- Main Door restored—Tony Cox
- Placed crushed rock—Todd Woofenden & crew
- Floor—Tom DeForest & Chet Gillis
- Exterior work—Chet Gillis, Leslie Anderson, Buster Prout, Betsy Steen & Tom DeForest
- Groundskeeping—Sam Merrill Stetson
- Site Work—Doug Tourtelotte
- Clapboards courtesy of Hammond Lumber & Hancock Lumber

In Progress (October):

- Windows restoration—Daphne White, Leslie Anderson, Betsy Steen
- Window replacement—donated by Calvin Temple from the Bill and Joyce Prindall house
- Window and door installation and south side clapboarded—Tom DeForest & Chet Gillis
- Roof Structure—Steve Hooper & crew

We will need:

Exterior:

- Roof Shingled
- Finish coat of paint
- Proper steps

Interior:

- Drywall or plaster for upper walls and ceiling
- Painting
- Finished floor
- Electrical work—Wall outlets—6 in the school + 3 in Shed
- Chimney - single flue
- Wood Stove setup (We have 2 stoves.)

Furnishings, etc

- Desks and benches (we have over 11 so far—thanks to Chet and Jeanne Gillis, Marion Blake, Glenna Morin, Sarah Stapler, Beverly Hughes, Betsy Steen, and the Recycling center)
- Lard pails, lunch buckets, dip pens, ink wells, other school materials and equipment 1946 and before
- Clothes—Overalls, pinafores, dresses—sizes 6-adult

Shed (Reconstructed to original dimensions)

- Composting Toilet
- Shelving and appropriate display cases

JOIN THE FUN! Please donate—time, money, services, materials, expertise!!!

- Help with any of the needs above.
- If you attended Jellerson, write down or let us record your MEMORIES & STORIES
- If some of your family went to school there, please interview them for us and bring them by to enjoy the progress (We especially need stories that illustrate a connection to Merrymeeting Bay.)





- PHOTOS of Jellerson or any Bowdoinham one room school. We will scan them and return them to you.
- OLD SCHOOL ITEMS and materials 1946 and before.

**OTHER NEWS**

We had a great day at Celebrate Bowdoinham! We made wonderful new friends and contacts and enjoyed catching up with old friends. Several squares for the 250th Anniversary Quilt were 'adopted,' and we received the donation of a Sagadahoc Fertilizer Printing Block from Stephen and Claudette Allen.

Thanks you. The Merrymeeting Bay Tour with Chet and Jeanne Gillis was won by Barbara Bishop. Thanks Chet and Jeanne!

We are playing several roles in the upcoming 250th Celebration: sponsoring the 250th Anniversary Quilt, spearheading the creation of the 250th Anniversary Book, having an historic display in November 2012, and of course, restoring Jellerson School. We will be selling a Jellerson School commemorative mug, which should be here in time for Christmas. Help with any of these projects is welcomed.

Bowdoinham Historical Society is partnering with Mark Ireland, who made Merrymeeting Bay: The Rising tide of Stewardship, as he makes a film on Merrymeeting Bay in History. We are seeking participants who have knowledge, stories to share, or historical photos or items. Topics of especial interest include: market gunning, sport hunting (guides, etc), shad fishing, eel fishing, the sands, ships & shipbuilding, the ice industry, MMBay people, etc.

**Upcoming**

Bowdoinham's Own 'Antiques Street Show' and BHS Collection Display

Saturday, November 12  
(tentative schedule)

9-10 participants bring 1 to 3 items to Town Hall (Participants do not have to stay.)

10-12 experts examine and give opinions (BHS staff will record information)

12-12:45 in-house lunch for experts & staff

1:00 Doors open to public for viewing (\$5.00 admission for viewing and show)

2:00 'Street Show' discussion of selected objects by experts

We are excited about this event and expect it will be educational and entertaining. Volunteer if you'd like to help out and please, please bring your treasures to be admired and assessed.

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At The Long Branch General Store you will find an eclectic sampling of local goods. Local produce, fine tools, arts and crafts, Maine made products, gifts and more are part of the richness available for purchase.

**The Mission of Our School**

- Provide people with skills they need to live sustainably.
- Rekindle the skills and lifestyles of our heritage in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.
- Provide people a unique and fulfilling experience that builds community and re-localizes our economy.
- Incubate and grow businesses that support a local, sustainable economy.

## News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

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



**M**errymeeting Arts Center is looking forward to its fall and winter offerings. Smelt and Ice:

Winter on the Bay will open on November. This show will feature an exhibit on the various aspects of life around the bay during the winter. As always we will partner with others in the community to tell our history as well as to explore our creative response to the rich offerings of the bay.

The MAC Annual Meeting will be held On Sunday, November 13 from 1-2 with an Open House from 2-4 at the center's exhibit space, 9 Main Street. As always the meeting will incorporate

whimsy along with the annual report and election of board members. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

The exhibit, Smelt and Ice: Winter on the Bay will prepare us all for the big event on the weekend of February 4: Smelt and Ice Festival, the kickoff for Celebrate Bowdoinham 250. MAC invites anyone who wishes to be part of planning for this festival to contact us. Current ideas include a smelt competition, outdoor winter sports demonstrations and a Carnivale – costumed parade – staged by Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble! Workshops to prepare for this event will be held later this fall and early winter.

Classes will be held this fall for pre-

school and School Age Theater and children's art exploration. Check out our newly designed website [www.merrymeetingartscenter.org](http://www.merrymeetingartscenter.org) for more detailed information. Workshops for adults are also scheduled. MAC develops workshops and classes in response to requests from interested participants. Let us know what YOU would like to see happening at the center! Email us at [merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com](mailto:merrymeetingartscenter@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at 207-710-0349.

MAC is also pleased to announce a performance to be held late fall/early winter. Kim Kalesti, world renowned Jazz singer, has strong ties to Bowdoinham through her cousin who has been a long time (30+years) resident. Ms. Kalesti visits frequently and has proposed adding Bowdoinham as one of her tour venues. We look forward to bringing this new voice to our town. Check our website for dates and more information.

## Fall is the Season for Change for the Town of Bowdoinham

**T**he Town has hired Carrie Genest as part-time assistant clerk and assistant tax collector. Carrie will be responsible for issuing vehicle registrations, hunting and fishing licenses, collecting tax payments, assisting with elections and other office duties.

Darren Carey has assumed the duties of assistant Code Enforcement Officer. In addition to assisting residents with their vehicle registrations and licenses, Darren will also be responsible for assisting residents through the permitting process and with code issues.

Nicole Briand will help train Darren Carey in his code enforcement duties. Nicole will be concentrating on Community & Economic Development and Planning.

After twelve years of service as our Public Works Director, Kevin Prout has accepted a position with the Maine Department of Transportation. Thank you Kevin for your exceptional work and dedication, you will be missed.

Congratulations to all!

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## Thank You

We wish to thank all of our friends and neighbors who donated food, their time and money to make our benefit supper for Gary Frizzle such a huge success.

— The Frizzle Family

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## News from the Long Branch School & General Store

**A**nd we are off and running! The Long Branch Grand Opening was a huge success.

We want to thank all the people who volunteered before, during and after. We also would like to thank our community for your support. It is wonderful to be in a community that is as excited about our endeavor as we are.

Two weeks into it and we have already run four courses: Global Worming, Backyard Poultry, Social Media for Local Small Businesses, and Marketing for Local Small Businesses. And we have a two more in progress: Play in a Blue Grass Band and Woodworking for Beginners. We have a excellent assortment of upcoming classes for October, a sampling includes: Artisan Bread Making for Everyday, Functional Feltmaking, "Upcycling Fiber, Preserving the Harvest, Woody Agriculture and Build Your Own Windsor Chair.



We are very excited about the progress being made on the "Old Fire Station" as it is transformed into the new "Long Branch Wood and Welding Workshop". You may have noticed the post and beam structure going up for the Welding Shop. We will be

holding a one\_day General Carpentry course on Saturday, October 15, 9am\_4pm to complete that structure. Please call or email us if you would like to participate.

The General Store too has been busy with customers. We boast a wonderful array of local products: eggs, raw milk, yogurt, freshly made bread and goodies, as well as, gluten free options, produce, honey, coffee and much more. We also have an impressive shop full of gift items from local artists and artisans: cards, scarves, soaps, jewelry, knitted sweaters, and felted mittens, just to mention a few.

We are continuing to fill out our store and have plans to carry more produce and bulk flours, beans and oats. We are currently finishing the back room, which will

host a variety of refurbished tools, selected hardware, and other "oops I forgot to pick\_up" items. Please let us know if you have any suggestions. We want this to be a community store.

For more information, please go to [www.longbranchschool.com](http://www.longbranchschool.com). There you will find all our course offerings. You can register on\_line, email us at [info@longbranchschool.com](mailto:info@longbranchschool.com) or call us at 666\_8900.

## Bowdoinham 250th Anniversary Plans Underway for 2012

**T**he 250th Anniversary Committee is working on planning several activities for Bowdoinham's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary including: a chicken barbecue, ice and smelt festival, and an extended three-day Celebrate Bowdoinham event in September 2012. **Look for our 250th Anniversary Plate to be coming out in time for the holidays this year!**

Now is the time to get involved. All ideas and input are welcome! The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the Selectboard's Meeting Room at the John C. Coombs Municipal Building.

For more information please contact Nicole Briand at [nbriand@bowdoinham.com](mailto:nbriand@bowdoinham.com) or 666-5531.



*Future Long Branch Wood and Welding Workshop.*

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## Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011

Unlike most weekend mornings in Bowdoinham, on this particular Saturday morning, the bustle of downtown is different. It is alive and busy with people, friends, family and neighbors. Last minute preparations, setting up of booths, tents, events and the streaming . . . banners. People making their way around town, lining the streets for the 10 am hour, the sound of the fire alarm and the long awaited kick off to Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011.

A yearly event, filled with frivolity, Celebrate Bowdoinham is an eclectic gathering of the best Bowdoinham has to offer. Ann Davis, once again, arranged and executed a parade that brought smiles and laughter to the people that lined the streets. Antique cars, Rickshaws, children on fanciful decorated bikes, floats from the Recreation Department, and the Merrymeeting Community Band all marched through the center of town. A special float created by The Bowdoinham Snowbirds dedicated to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9-11 was a reminder of those that gave the ultimate sacrifice on that day. "I am exceptionally grateful to all the men and women that help keep us safe and alive," stated Margot Frost who followed a moment of silence with a heartfelt

rendition of the National Anthem.

Celebrate Bowdoinham has begun! A funfilled crowd, children smiling, and a busy day filled with the 5K Chicken Run, a Lobster Crate Race, Coin Scramble, Bouncy Houses and a Rock Wall/Bungee Unit. There were art activities for the kids both big and small at The Merrymeeting Art Center and Jay Read entertained with a 'nothing up my sleeve' pocket full of magic and wonder well into the evening. Music by Justin Crouse & Friends on Friday was followed by Saturday's entertainment of the Charlie Gill Band, Jay Conway and Friends, Margot Frost and local favorites The Blues Buzzards with all the brassiness Earl Bigelow could muster.

A new addition to this year's line up was a frantic search and the quick shutter of cameras as two teams vied for the title of the Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011 Scavenger Hunt Winner. Attempting to do all 117 items on the scavenger hunt list, both teams, "Moms with Stuff" and the "Awesome Atkinsons," journeyed in and about Bowdoinham, finding the mundane, doing the insane, and sharing in some fun and lots of laughter. In the end, the winning prize of \$100.00 was awarded to team "Moms with Stuff": Kate Cutko, Felicity Beede and Deb Jones.

The Silent Auction was filled with many deals and opportunities. Over 100

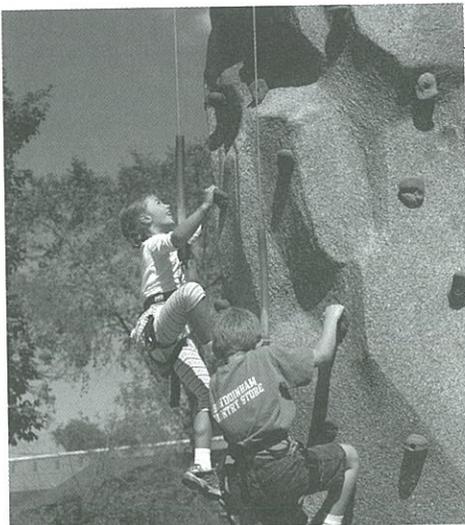


items were donated by many local businesses and gathered by Ann Tourtelotte, and her entourage of volunteers. The Dunk Tank, brought out State Legislatures, Selectmen, Business owners, and Coaches, all quick witted in razzing the passers by, goading their friends and neighbors into throwing one more ball to help fundraise for our future Skatepark. And while the day was filled with the best Bowdoinham has to offer, Adelaida Gaviria and Susan Brown once again filled the Mason's Hall with "Bowdoinham's Best" in categories including Kids' Arts and Crafts, Crafts, Bowdoinham-Grown Fruits and Vegetables, Flowers and Floral Design, Canned Goods and Pies AND 2 NEW CATEGORIES: Recycled Creations and Best Pest.

Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011 was filled with fun, entertainment, amusement, and gratitude for the town we call home. It was the work of many volunteers that helped to make this year's event so successful and a great prelude to the upcoming year as we prepare to celebrate Bowdoinham's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

*Bowdoinham's Best had lots of entries this year! What are you going to enter next year?*

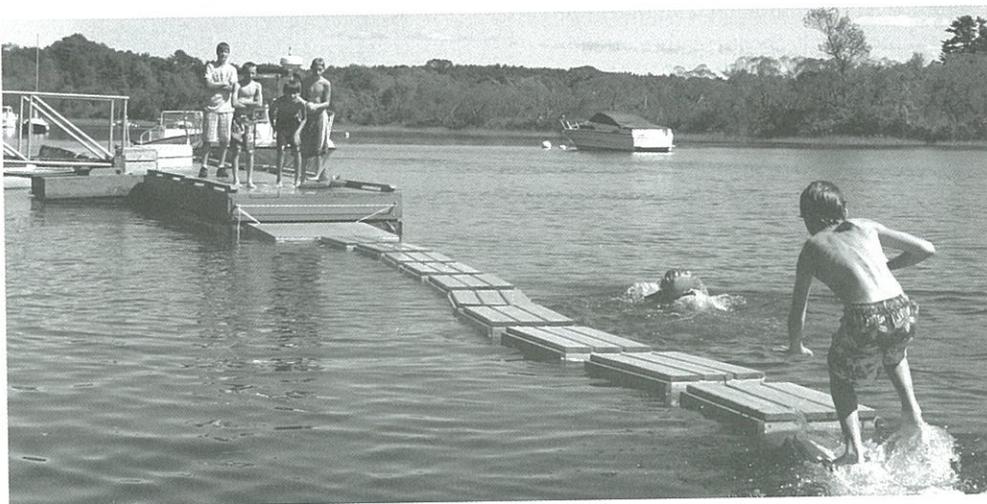




*The bungee jump, rock wall and face painting were just a few of the fun activities this year!!*



*The Dunk Tank and a Lobster Crate Race made for some water fun!*



## **Celebrate Bowdoinham 2011 Was a Huge Success!**

A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make September 10th a fabulous day !!

*Thanks Especially To:*

Anne Davis  
 Ann Tourtelotte  
 Town Staff  
 Bowdoinham Fire Dept.  
 Earl Bigelow  
 Lee Parker  
 Erryl Parker  
 Theresa Turgeon  
 Adelaida Gaviria  
 The Selectboard  
 Bowdoinham EMS  
 Edna Walker  
 Cliff Daigle & Security  
 Dave Andreasen  
 Josephine Mussomeli  
 Ed Fenimore  
 Kathy Tome  
 Kathy & Ryan Jennings  
 Jodi Haskell  
 Susan Brown  
 Roe Torrisi  
 Patty Melander  
 Jay Read  
 Will Zell  
 Margot Frost  
 The National Guard  
 Tony Cox  
 The Snowbirds

All the food vendors

All the nonprofits and local businesses

All of the artists and craftsmen

and all the people who came and enjoyed the day !!

from  
 Lynn Spiro &  
 Peggy Muir  
*CoManagers*

Celebrate  
 Bowdoinham  
 2011



## REFERENDUM AND MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**W**ill be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at the Bowdoinham Town Hall from 8:00 am–8:00 pm. Please see below the sample ballots for the Municipal Election. The Town Clerk's office is now available for absentee voting and to register to vote. The office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 am– 4:00 pm Wednesdays 9:00 am–6:00 pm. Effective as of September 28, 2011 the cut off day for issuing absentee ballots by any means is the 3rd business day before an election (November 3rd). If you would like to work at this election, please call the Town Office @ 666-5531. The "Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officers" will be posted with the warrant or available at the Town Office or online at [www.bowdoinham.com](http://www.bowdoinham.com).

SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
BOWDOINHAM, MAINE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

*Pamela C. Ross*  
TOWN CLERK

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●

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**QUESTION**

**YES**    Shall an ordinance entitled "Ordinance for the Recall of Elected Municipal Officers" be enacted for the Town of Bowdoinham pursuant to 30-A M.R.S. Section 2602(6)?

**NO**

SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
BOWDOINHAM, MAINE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

*Pamela C. Ross*  
TOWN CLERK

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the LEFT of your choice(s) like this: ●

B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.

C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

Style No. 1-A

**Official Ballot**  
State of Maine Referendum Election  
November 8, 2011

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Instructions to Voters

- Fill in the oval next to your choice, like this: ●
- To vote for a question, fill in the YES oval. To vote against a question, fill in the NO oval.
- If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.
- To have your vote count, do not spoil your ballot by erasing or crossing out your choice.

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Question 1: People's Veto

Yes    Do you want to reject the section of Chapter 399 of the Public Laws of 2011 that requires new voters to register to vote at least two business days prior to an election?

No

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Question 2: Citizen Initiative

Yes    Do you want to allow a slot machine facility at a harness racing track in Biddeford or another community within 25 miles of Scarborough Downs, subject to local approval, and at a harness racing track in Washington County, with part of the profits from these facilities going to support specific state and local programs?

No

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Question 3: Citizen Initiative

Yes    Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines in Lewiston, with part of the profits going to support specific state and local programs?

No

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Question 4: Constitutional Amendment

Yes    Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the years of redistricting the Maine Legislature, congressional districts and county commissioner districts after 2013 from 2023 and every 10th year thereafter to 2021 and every 10th year thereafter?

No

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You Have Now Completed Voting

SELECT PERSON, ASSESSOR & OVERSEER OF THE POOR  
Vote for 2

(3 Year term)

CHRISTOPHER, GEORGE/Bowdoinham

GALLANT, KATHLEEN/Bowdoinham

TURGEON, M. THERESA/Bowdoinham

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SELECT PERSON, ASSESSOR & OVERSEER OF THE POOR  
Vote for 1

(2 Year term)

BECKWITH, DEAN/Bowdoinham

TOME, KATHY/Bowdoinham

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
Vote for 1

(2 Year term)

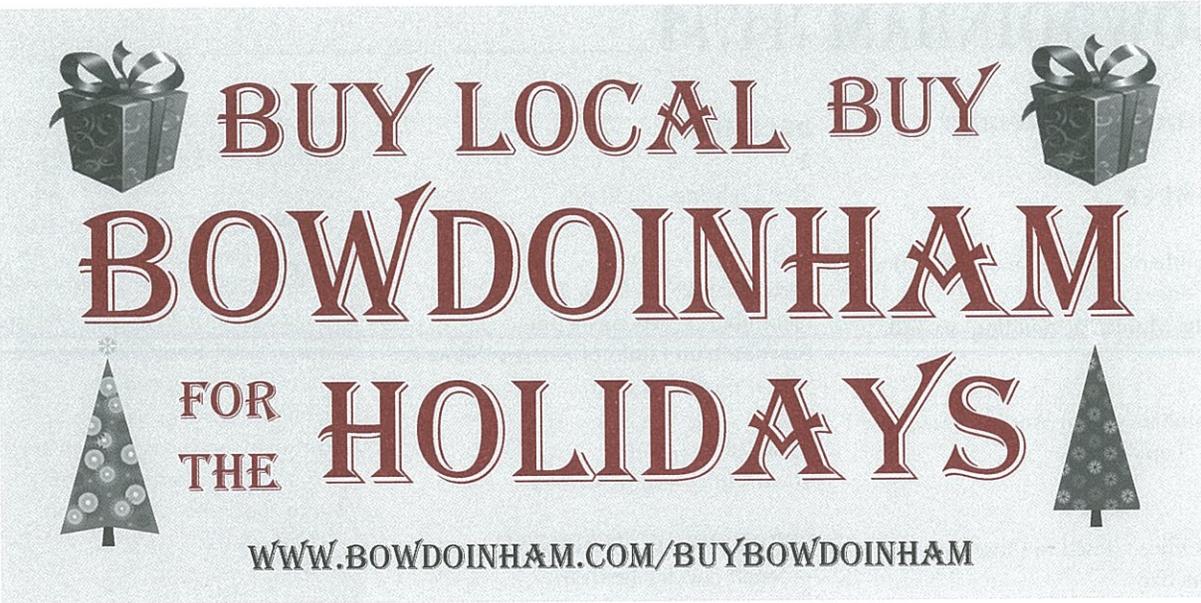
LOPEZ, LAUREL/Bowdoinham

(Write-in)

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VOTING COMPLETE

SAMPLE



BUY BOWDOINHAM CONTEST ENTRY FORM  
**\$100 PRIZE DRAWING**

SHOP LOCALLY 4 TIMES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND GET ENTERED INTO A DRAWING TO WIN A \$100 CASH PRIZE.

Buy local goods or services including gift certificates from a Bowdoinham business, have the provider sign the form below and drop off the completed form at the Bowdoinham Town Office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Good or Service Purchased	Signature of Provider	Date
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE BOWDOINHAM TOWN OFFICE ON  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2012 AT NOON.**

For more information, please see the Contest Rules at [www.bowdoinham.com/buybowdoinham](http://www.bowdoinham.com/buybowdoinham)

## Community Calendar

### NOVEMBER

12

Bowdoinham Public Library Used Book Sale. 9 am–2 pm  
Coombs Municipal Building, second floor

Bowdoinham's Own 'Antiques Street Show' 9 am–2 pm

14

Town Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

24 & 25

Town Office will be Closed

### DECEMBER

2

Tree Lighting—5:30 pm

2–3

December 2<sup>nd</sup> 6–8 pm &  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am–4 pm  
Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans Show & Sale at the Town Hall

23 & 26

Town Office will be Closed

### FEBRUARY 4th WEEKEND

—Smelt and Ice Festival

For more information, please visit our website at [www.bowdoinham.com](http://www.bowdoinham.com).

## 2012 Dog Licenses

The 2012 dog licenses are now available at the Town Office. Fees are \$6.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$11.00 for a “fully equipped” dog. Remember dog owners, it is your obligation to license you dog(s) annually on or before January 1st. To avoid the late fee, come into the Town Office before February 1st.

Town of Bowdoinham  
13 School Street  
Bowdoinham, ME 04008

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