

An Ode to the Sponsors of the Bowdoinham Community School's Chicken Run

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The sponsors for the Bowdoinham Community School's Chicken Run offer pretty much everything you need to build and live a good life right here in Bowdoinham. If, for instance, you wanted to build a home here, you could reach out to **Kathy Gallant Realty** to help find the perfect lot to purchase. You might need a loan to buy that property, in which case our friends at **Bangor Savings Bank** right down in Brunswick would most certainly be able to hook you up. Once you've closed on your new lot, **Tourtelotte Excavation** would be able to clear it for you, put in your septic system, and make you a lovely driveway to boot.

Emerald Builders would be able to help you design and build a net zero house that met your every need and reduced your energy costs to almost nothing. If, say, you had a dog that liked to go on walkabout (as dogs tend to do in Bowdoinham), **Alder Stream Fence** could design and install the perfect solution to keep your dog safe and sound on the premises.

When it comes time to decorate your interior, look no further than **Casco Bay Frames and Gallery** from whom you can purchase new art and frame your favorite pieces, like that one taken by **Sarah Gagnon Photography** at your wedding, so that they last a lifetime.

If all of this home building is making you hungry, well then by all means, head right on down to the **Three Robbers Pub** where you'll be able to dine on a delicious feast of pub fare and local beers. On the off chance your car just didn't make it all the way to the pub because it was needing a tune up, have no fear – the fine folks at **Cobb's Repair Service** will get your automobile fixed up in no time.

Since you live here in Bowdoinham, you probably look forward to Saturday mornings between June and October, when there is no place better than the **Bowdoinham Farmers' Market**. Brew yourself up a cup of **Wicked Joe's Organic Coffee**, fill that travel mug, and head on down. You can socialize with the neighbors, take in the beautiful view of the river, and fill your fridge and belly

with a delicious array of food, including beautiful veggies from Farmer Dave at **Blue Bell Farm**. Heck, if you need to knit yourself a sweater, he can even hook you up with some sweet yarn from some happy Bowdoinham sheep. A warm croissant from **Counterpoint Bread** is the perfect way to reward yourself for crushing another work week, and if you're going to a friend's house for dinner, arriving with a hearty loaf of sourdough is sure to get you invited back.

You know, having spent the morning at the Farmers' Market, you might actually be inspired enough to try to grow some of your own veggies. Well, **Country Fare** has got you covered for all of your soil and compost needs. Their "Filthy Rich" compost is almost guaranteed to grow pumpkins that can be entered into the regatta in Damariscotta. Now, you might be concerned that your garden inspiration came too late for you to get things planted from seed – well, no worries there either! **Six River Farm** has oodles of mature seedlings that are just waiting for you to bring them to their forever home.

Now you've got your home, your garden, your car, and your fridge stocked up and you're feeling pretty good about life. So good, in fact, that you get the nerve to finally launch that business you've been dreaming of starting. Fortunately you live in Bowdoinham where the **Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative** can help you with resources, connections, and even low interest funding to get started!

Just when you think things are going a bit too well, a nasty windstorm uproots a tree which is now threatening to damage your new house. That's when you call up **Tidewater Tree Care** to deal with this issue. You'll definitely want to pull up a chair to watch them work – Allen Gaddy can scale a tree faster than Spider-man and his arborist skills are unparalleled. While it's an odd choice, you decided to snack on some old toffees while you watch him and you accidentally pull out a filling. Well, the wonderful team at **Pleasant Street Dental** can fix that up for you and make you excited to return for your next dental visit!

A little time goes by and you decide to expand your family. You welcome a baby into the fold and because your new business is booming, you definitely need some childcare. Well, the **Cathance Children's Center** (run by **FHC, Inc**) can

meet that need. Conveniently located in Bowdoin, they provide care for infants right up through before and after school care for elementary school aged kids. Once that little one gets a bit older, you'll begin looking for family friendly activities. Why not visit **Apple Creek Farm** on Open Farm Day (July 24th this year)? Apple Creek raises cows, chickens, lambs, and goats. Their eggs are the best around and their organic meat cannot be beat.

And there you have it, folks: Our sponsors of this little Chicken Run race really can help you live the good life!