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In a blink of the eye, summer is over, fall is falling, and the Holiday Season is upon us. As you begin to think about making your list, please check it twice for local gifts.

Buy Bowdoinham this holiday season. Buying local supports the businesses that support the community. These are the businesses that sponsor and support your local sports teams, the schools, local government, and charitable groups. Buying local creates more local jobs, lightens the impact on the environment, and builds stronger community.

Bowdoinham is a beehive of local businesses, and community members that think outside the box when it comes to giving. Buy an item made by a local artist or crafter. EMS will host its annual Craft Fair at the Fire Station on November 17th from 9am to 2pm. The Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans will hold their annual show at the Town Hall on November 30th from 6 to 8pm and

December 1st from 10am to 4pm. Stop by the Holiday Festival Craft Fair at the Bowdoinham Community School Gymnasium on December 1st from 10am to 2pm.

Shop any of the local businesses. Give the gift of knowledge through the gift of a local class held at The Long Branch School or The Merrymeeting Arts Center. Share some locally grown produce. The Town Landing will be brokering gift certificates for both Stone Cipher Farm and Small Wonder Organics; use the gift certificate at a

local Farmer's Market, or put it toward your future Farm Share. Keepsake Primitives offers a wide variety of country and primitive décor. Gift certificates make a great gift when you can't make up your mind.

Before you shop online or get in your car and drive to a mall, stop at the Town of Bowdoinham website and check out the local business listing. Give the gift of local this Holiday Season, and support the businesses that support our community. Buy Bowdoinham!



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Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent "Circuit Breaker" Refund Program

Nearly 200,000 Maine households qualify for a partial refund of the property tax assessed and/or rent they paid in 2011. The maximum refund available is \$1,600.

You may qualify for a refund if:

- You do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$64,950 or less; or
- You do have a spouse or dependent(s) and your 2011 household income was \$86,600 or less, AND
- Your 2011 property tax was more than 4% of your 2011 household income; or
- The rent you paid in 2011 was more than 20% of your 2011 household income.

NOTE: Seniors do not need to meet this requirement when their household income is below \$14,700 for those living alone or below \$18,200 for those living with a spouse or dependent.

For more information, or to apply, please visit:
<http://www.maine.gov/revenue/taxrelief>

Town Office Now Accepting Credit and Debit Cards

The Town now accepts credit cards and debit cards at the Town Office for payment. The Town currently accepts MasterCard, Visa, and Discover cards. Visa is accepted for Real Estate and Personal Property tax payments *only* because of restrictions from Visa. Customers may use Mastercard and Discover cards for any transactions at the Town Office.

A 2.95% processing fee is charged per transaction for the use of a credit card, with a minimum charge of \$1.95. Visa debit card transactions are assessed a \$3.95 flat fee. All fees will be disclosed before the transaction is completed.

Customers may also choose to pay property taxes online through the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com). In addition to paying by credit or debit card, customers may also pay by ACH using their checking account - you will need to provide your account number and the bank's routing number to pay by this method. A check image is available during the payment process to assist in locating this information. The fee for paying by ACH/checking account is \$1.00.

Business Equipment Tax Programs

The Business Equipment Tax Programs are designed to encourage new capital investment in Maine. These programs, Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement and Business Equipment Tax Exemption, reimburse or exempt local property taxes on most qualified business property. The definition of eligible business equipment is generally the same for both programs: property that is subject to depreciation and used specifically for a business purpose in Maine.

Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) applies to eligible business equipment first subject to local property taxes as of April 1, 2008. Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement (BETR) program applies to eligible business equipment placed in service in Maine after April 1, 1995.

Qualifying for BETR and/or BETE is simple. On a one-page form, you only need to list any equipment purchased between April 1, 1995 and April 1, 2008 under BETR, and newer purchases under BETE. To learn more, visit www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax and click on "Property Tax Relief Programs."

Online Services: Pay your Town taxes, re-register your vehicle, and buy a hunting license through your computer

The Town offers many services through its website www.bowdoinham.com for the convenience of its residents. Visit the Town's website, click on "Online Payments" on the left side of the screen. This will take you to a new screen that lists all of the services the Town offers on-line. These include: paying property taxes, re-registering vehicles and trailers, purchasing hunting and fishing licenses, registering ATVs and snowmobiles, registering boats and purchasing a dog license. Each service has different requirements and different payment options.

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Merrymeeting Trail Project to Receive Support from the National Park Service

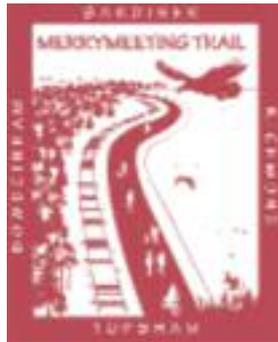
The National Park Service has announced that the Merrymeeting Trail project, facilitated by the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and with numerous partners including the Towns of Topsham, Bowdoinham, Richmond and Gardiner, Healthy Maine Partnerships, Merrymeeting Wheelers and many more, has been selected to receive a second year of assistance from the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA).

The proposed 25-mile Merrymeeting Trail will connect Augusta with its Kennebec River Rail Trail to Brunswick- Topsham's Androscoggin River Bicycle Path. These trail systems will link eight communities and offer expanded transportation and recreational opportunities to 588,000 people (46% of the state's population) who live within 30 miles of these trails.

The trail will make use of the existing railroad corridor owned by the State of Maine, and be designed so that it does not interfere with potential redevelopment of the railroad. It will connect two

major rivers by new modes of non-motorized transportation. The Merrymeeting Trail will provide impressive views of Merrymeeting Bay; a 20,000 acre tidal estuary with significant wildlife habitat and popular for recreation. When built, it could be an alternate route on the East Coast Greenway, a 3,000 mile national trail linking Calais, Maine with Key West, Florida.

With assistance from the National Park Service, the Merrymeeting Trail Initiative is entering Phase II of their



project. This will include holding public meetings to inform and communicate with the public, working with local governing boards and town managers, and raising funds to further develop the trail. "The Merrymeeting Trail offers great promise for connecting people to village neighborhoods, schools, and

businesses as well as scenic farms, woodlands, and wetlands along the Kennebec. The National Park Service is very pleased to continue assistance to the coalition," said Burnham Martin, National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program.

For more information about the Merrymeeting Trail Alliance project, or the Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, contact Alicia Heyburn, Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, (207) 442-8400 or email: aheyburn@kennebecestuary.org, or visit: www.merrymeetingtrail.org



Support our Skatepark

You can help support our skatepark by buying a brick or taking a dip. Buy a Brick. You can have a name engraved into a paver that will be used for the pathway into the skatepark for all to see, for just \$100. Or for \$200, you can buy a large paver.

Take a Dip. Join the Polar Bear Dip on Saturday, December 1st at 3pm.

If you are interested learning more, please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or visit our website – www.bowdoinham.com or Facebook Page – Bowdoinham Community Skatepark Project.



Dog Licenses

The 2013 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. Please license your dog(s) annually on or before January 1st. To avoid the late fee, come into the Town Office before February 1st. Please remember to bring in proof of rabies.

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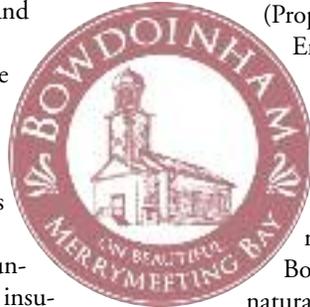
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Energy Committee is Back at Work

The Bowdoinham Energy Committee's first task involved completing energy improvements at the Town Office in May and June 2011 from two energy grants totaling \$46,225. These projects included insulating the attic and exterior walls. To protect the integrity of the insulation and to address the moisture problem in the back of the building, the foundation walls were excavated, insulated and air sealed and a drainage system was installed to draw water away from the building. The project was a success resulting in lower heating oil use for the 2011-12 winter season and the elimination of moisture in the building's basement.



The Committee recently met to decide what future projects they should tackle. It was decided that the Committee will be working on educating Bowdoinham residents on two energy efficient initiatives: the PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy) loan program and energy audits and weatherization. The Committee also will be investigating alternative energy sources that may be available to Bowdoinham, such as natural gas.

The PACE loan program allows owners of qualifying property to access financing for energy saving improvements to their properties located in Bowdoinham. An "energy saving improvement" means an improvement

to property that is new and permanently affixed to the property that will result in increased energy efficiency and substantially reduced energy use or involves a renewable energy installation or an electric thermal storage system that meets certain standards. The PACE loans are available through Efficiency Maine. Energy audits are studies of a building to determine how energy efficient the building is and what improvements can be made to the building to increase its energy efficiency and reduce energy costs.

The Energy Committee includes Margaret Patterson, Chet Rice, John Capron, Tom DeForest and Brant Miller. Their meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Coombs Municipal Building. If you are interested in energy efficiency or the work of this committee, please join us for one of our meetings.



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Solid Waste Advisory Committee—Volunteers Needed

The Select Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee is a five member committee that provides advice to the Select Board on solid waste management and recycling. In particular, the Committee is charged with updating the Town's Solid Waste Management Ordinance and assisting the Town Manager and Solid Waste Director in reviewing operations at the Recycling Barn. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Town Manager, Bill Post at 666-5531, or wpost@bowdoinham.com. Thank you.

Community Development Advisory Committee

The Select Board is seeking volunteers to serve on the Community Development Advisory Committee. The Community Development Advisory Committee is a seven member committee that develops plans and supports projects designed to support and enhance community and economic development in the Town of Bowdoinham. To learn more about what the Committee is working on, please visit www.bowdoinham.com/community-development-advisory-committee.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Coombs Municipal Building. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Town Manager, Bill Post at 666-5531, wpost@bowdoinham.com or Nicole Briand at: nbriand@bowdoinham.com. Thank you.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Don't stay home alone for Thanksgiving this year! Come join other members of the community for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fire Station. Thursday, November 22nd, dinner will be served at noon. Transportation and Meal Delivery is available. To reserve a seat (or meal) please call Ann Davis at 751-4238 no later than Friday, Nov. 16th.

Bowdoinham Recreation

Basketball registration forms for the 3rd/4th and 5th/6th graders were due October 19 and the practices will begin the week of November 5th with games to begin on December 1st. Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade Basketball will start after February vacation; registrations will be out end of January.

Family Swim at Bowdoin College:

Join in on the fun at the Bowdoin College Pool Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm. It runs every Sunday through December 2nd; please bring your insurance card for the first visit as it will need to be scanned per Bowdoin College rules. This is FREE for residents of the SAD #75 Towns.

Lost Valley Ski & Board

Registration forms will be out in mid November and due back the 1st week of December.

Ice Skating, Snowshoeing, and Cross Country Skiing: Look for ice rink to be ready as soon as we get good weather for it; it is located near the Recreation Field Parking lot. The Recreation Department has snow shoes and cross country equipment to loan out for the winter; please sign equipment out at the Town Office.

Village Seniors:

2nd Thursday of every month is lunch at Bowdoinham Estates.

4th Thursday of every month is lunch, usually at the 2nd Baptist Church.

CEO Corner: Site Plan Review

By definition, site plan review is a review of a proposed development conducted by the Planning Board or Code Enforcement Officer using the standards set forth in the Land Use Ordinance. Site plan review was introduced to protect the public and to establish standards that promote orderly and beneficial development. The standards help to protect, preserve and conserve not only the physical character of the town but also the natural beauty of town. All businesses in Bowdoinham are required to have a Site Plan Review permit, unless they meet the standards for a Home Occupation. This requirement for a permit is not new. Businesses have been required to obtain the permits since 1987.

However, in 2009, the Town adopted the tier system to allow smaller projects and home-based businesses to go through a quicker, simpler, less expensive review process. The CEO has authority to review and act on Tier I

applications as well as amendments to existing site plans. Only the Planning Board has the authority to review and act on Tier II and Tier III applications and applications.

Now a Home-Based Business that meets performance standards in Article 10, Section E.14 is able to apply for a Tier I site plan review permit. A Home-Based Business is a business performed within one's dwelling or accessory structure. Home Occupation is an occupation performed within one's dwelling or accessory structure. This type of business does not require a permit as long as they must meet the performance standards in Article 4, Section D. Although it does not require a permit you must register with the Town Clerk.

With this tiered site plan review process, it is much simpler for home-based businesses to obtain the required site plan review process. We are happy to answer any questions and assist our Bowdoinham businesses through the process. If you have any questions, please contact Darren Carey at 666-5531 or dcarey@bowdoinham.com.

EMS CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Bowdoinham EMS Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, November 17th, 9am-2pm
at the Bowdoinham Fire Station

For more info or to rent a table, please call
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Bowdoinham Celebrates Our Veterans

The weekend prior to Veterans Day will be all about our Veterans, with an exhibition in the Town Hall, the re-dedication of Veterans' Park and a USO-type show.

A Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans will be the theme of Bowdoinham Historical Society's November show. There will be a display in the Town Hall highlighting veterans from all wars. The show will be open on Friday, November 9th from 6pm to



8pm and Saturday, November 10th from 9am to 4pm.

After a year of planning, design, collaborating, construction, planting and cultivating, Bowdoinham's new and improved Veterans' Park is ready to be officially dedicated, Sunday, November 11th at 1pm. Our new Park is to be dedicated to all of Bowdoinham's Veterans, both men and women, throughout the years. The GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) Veterans Group will be represented by the Richmond American Legion Post, the Knights of Pythias will be there as they were in 1909, local Veterans, our Legislative representatives, as well as Mt. Ararat's Fife and Drum Corps and our Community School Chorus. A reception will follow the ceremony.

Then at 3pm on Sunday, Merrymeeting Arts Center is presenting a Bowdoinham USO Show with Kim Kalesti and troupe. This talented group



of performers will offer a show of singing, dancing, music and poetry commemorating those who have served.

Everyone is invited, especially our Veterans and their families. This is a great opportunity to learn about and recognize how these wonderful individuals have served our town.

Veterans Request

If you have information or photos about any veterans please contact Glenna Morin at 666-3462 or drop photos and information at the library with your contact info. Please help! We don't want to leave anyone out!

250 Years of Bowdoinham

- 144 pages plus foldout
- Over 250 photographs
- Town history timeline
- Essays by Frank Burroughs, Janet Calle and Elizabeth Steen

"History and nature, past and present, are always interwoven in these parts; you follow a particular thread and find your way into a tapestry."

- Franklin Burroughs, from Bowdoinham, 1762-2012: The Bay, The Land, The People

Holiday Festival Friday, November 30th and Saturday, December 1st:

Christmas Tree Lighting:

Friday, November 30th at 5:30pm, at Bowdoinham Town Hall

Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church Holiday Concert:

Friday, November 30th, 6:30-8pm
Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church

Artisan's Guild Show and Sale:

Friday, November 30th, 6:00-8:00pm
and Saturday, December 1st 9am-4pm
at Bowdoinham Town Hall

Christmas Open House at By the Bay:

at 312 Millay Road
Friday, November 30th, 4-8pm, and
Saturday, December 1st 9am-3pm

Best Decorated House:

Sponsored by The Town Landing Restaurant, judging will be Nov. 30th at 6:00pm winners will be announced at Polar Bear Dip. \$100 to 1st place, 2nd & 3rd place winners will receive gift certificates. Register at Town Landing.

Polar Bear Dip in the Cathance:

Saturday, Dec 1st at 3pm.
Hosted by the Bowdoinham EMS
This is a great opportunity to earn money for your organizations by getting pledges for taking a dip in the Cathance River.

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Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair:

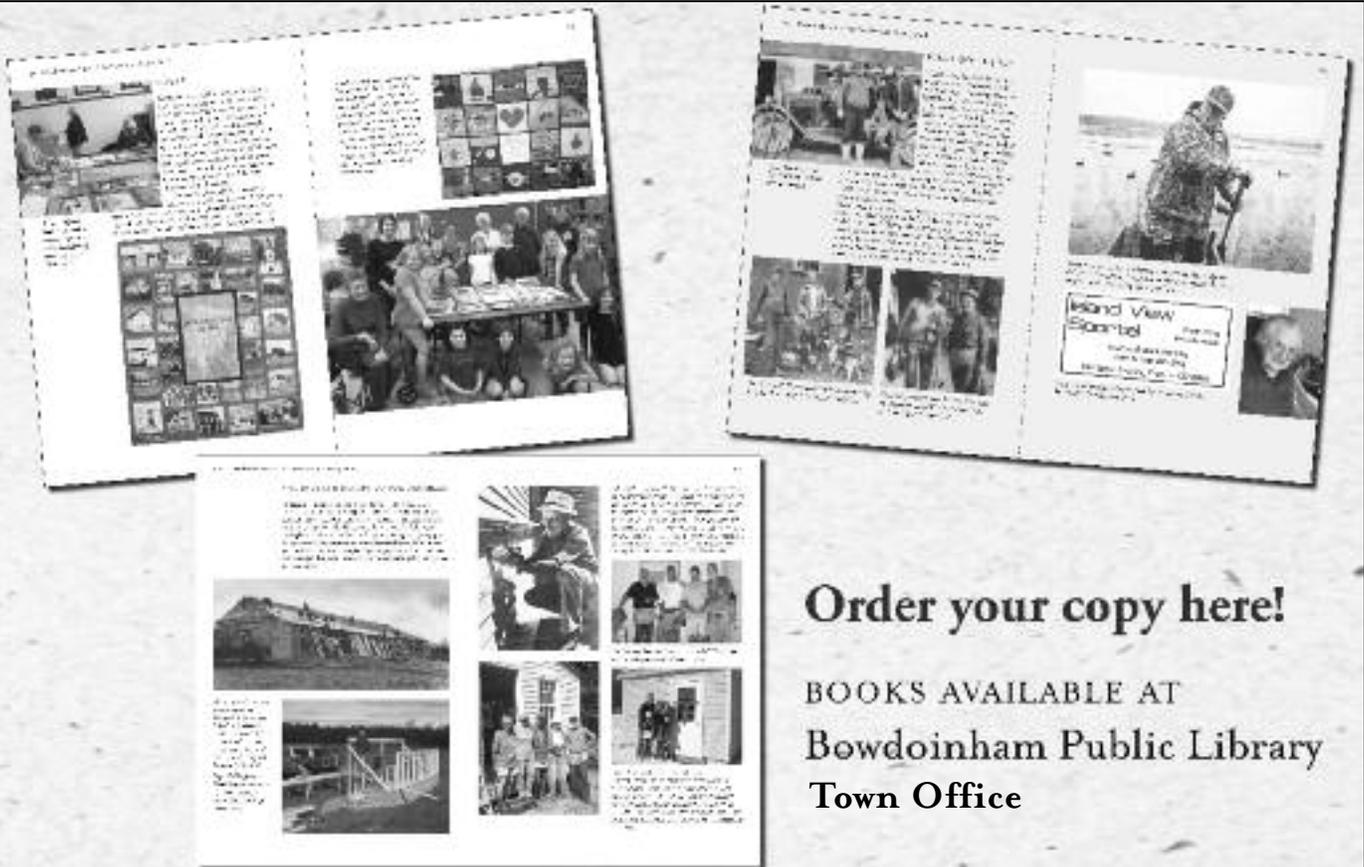
Saturday, December 1st, 10am-2pm
at Bowdoinham Community School

Join the fun with:

- * Art Activities - Make a Present with Merrymeeting Art Center
- * Horse and wagon rides on
- * Pictures with Santa and family portraits
- * Bake sale
- * Holiday Village display space
And much, much more!!

Find us on Facebook @ Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair

For more information, please visit our website, www.bowdoinham.com/holiday-festival





Celebrate Bowdoinham!

On September 15th, Bowdoinham celebrated its 250th Birthday. The days events started at 10am with the parade. Thank you to all the Bowdoinham businesses and organizations that joined the festivities by entering the 250th Float Contest. The winners of the contest were: Annie's Daycare, Bowdoinham Historical Society and the Bowdoinham Snowbirds.

At 11am, the ceremonies began at the Gazebo with the opening of the Century

Box. The Bowdoinham Historical Society shared the memories that were sealed away from 1912 and 1962. Then the 250th Committee was recognized for all their work and awarded the Spirit of America Award.

The day was filled with activities and entertainment. The

music played while the vendors, local businesses and organizations shared their crafts with us. The Silent Auction was filled with many deals. With over 100 items to bid on, we raised \$3,200 to sponsor Celebrate Bowdoinham. New to this year's event was the EMS Flea Market, which raised over \$400.00 for our EMS Department. The afternoon's feature event, the infamous KenDucky Derby was one of the fastest in history.

Meanwhile the kids scramble for

coins, raced across the lobster crates, made crafts in the art tent, tried their legs at skateboarding, jumped in the bouncy house and at the super bungee, and tested their aim at the dunk tank. Thank you to Steve Balboni, Senator Seth Goodall, Representative Seth Berry, Tony Cox, Bob White, David Gouger, Jay Brown and Lynn Spiro for taking the plunge in the dunk tank and raising \$650 for the skatepark.

While the waterfront was filled with the best Bowdoinham has to offer, the Grange Hall was filled with Bowdoinham's Best. This year's special category was the 250th Cake decorating contest, featured 17 cakes. The winning cake was "Riverbend Camps" was made by Morgan Benjamin. Julie Booty made the second place cake and Tom & Betty Deforest won third prize. The winning kids cakes were made by Laurel Streeter, Dakota Lopez, and Jacob and Amanda Ross.

Celebrate Bowdoinham was filled with fun, entertainment, amusement and gratitude for the Town we call home. The music continued at the Gazebo all evening, until the fireworks lit of the night's sky.

Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard, to all the business and individuals who participated, and to all the businesses and individuals who contributed so generously to the Silent Auction. Thank you to all the people who helped make Celebrate Bowdoinham a success!



Bowdoinham 250th Commemorative Plate

The 2012 Commemorative Plates are available to purchase at the Town Office, along with the 1962 plate. The new plate is modeled on the 1962 plate and is, in fact, being produced by the very same company, Kettle Springs Pottery of Ohio! The 2012 Commemorative Plate is being offered either in blue or in maroon on white and the 1962 Plate is being offered in either blue or green. The plates are edged in gold. Plates are \$20 each.

Celebrate Bowdoinham!

Just some of the fun had throughout the day—



250th Float Winner: Annie's Daycare



LIVE FISH!

*250th Cake Contest Winner
LIVE fish swimming in water
below the frozen smelt camp
cake!*



Bowdoinham Public Library Book Sale

Saturday, Nov. 10th,
9am-2pm

Coombs School Building,
13 School St.

Hardcover books: \$1,
Paperbacks: .50

Lots of kid's books!

For More Information call:
666-8405

One Book, One Bowdoinham

The Bowdoinham Public Library is happy to be offering a Community Read program in celebration of our Town's 250th Birthday. We're hoping that Bowdoinham people of all ages will read the chosen book and gather together at one of several gatherings to discuss it.

"Life on the Abbagadasset: Memories of Boyhood on a Bowdoinham Farm", by Albert A. Dunlap was written in the 1970's and until now, had only been shared with Dunlap family members and close friends. The town's anniversary and the restoration of the Jellerson School was the inspiration for the author's daughters to publish the memoir for a larger audience. "We are thrilled that the family has taken Bert's

story and shared it so generously," says Kate Cutko, director of the Bowdoinham Public Library. "I am certain that people will find descriptions of life in Bowdoinham in the early 1900's to be evocative and interesting. There is something in this book for absolutely everyone."

25 copies of the book are available to borrow from the library, and more copies are available for sale (\$20) from the Bowdoinham Historical Society. The following date has been planned for public discussion of the book.

Thursday, November 15th, 7pm: book discussion with special guests, relatives of Albert Dunlap and current residents of his East Bowdoinham neighborhood.

More gatherings are encouraged! Please call the library for more information: 666-8405.



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\$18. - 7" pot

Handmade wreaths:
\$15. with a red bow
\$12. without a bow
Taking orders during the book sale, and at the library until November 10th.

Plants and wreaths will be ready for pick up Friday, Nov. 30th, 2-5 pm &

Saturday Dec. 1st, 10-3 pm.

Bowdoinham Historical Society News

Jellerson School Dedication: On a clear sunny day, over 100 people gathered at Jellerson School to join in its dedication. The flag was raised, the pledge recited. Anne Vaughan spoke and Sarah V Dunlap read from their fathers' book *Life on the Abbagadasset*, about his attendance at Jellerson School. Bert's daughter Peggy and granddaughter Rebecca also attended. Six former Jellerson scholars were there as well as scholar and former teacher Erla Browne Kelley who cut the ribbon and rang the old school bell. The guests toured the restored school room and the Merrymeeting Bay Museum and enjoyed delicious refreshments.

Our goal is to bring classes from neighboring schools to experience a day in a one room school and learn in that context about some of the history of Merrymeeting Bay and its influence on

the towns that ring it. If you are interested in being part of this project, please

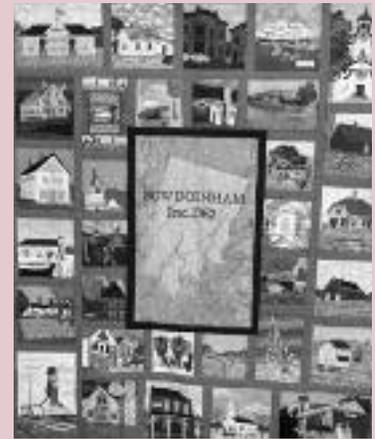
Century Box and Some of it's

Contents: Bowdoinham's own time capsule was organized by William Kendall in 1912 and added to in 1932 and 1962. After riding on the BHS float in the 250th parade, the Century Box was carried to the gazebo where Frank Connors talked about Kendall and introduced his great niece and great nephew and their families. The box was opened and its contents were displayed at the BHS tent. Many people came to view 'messages from the past', and more than a few stayed to read and study them at length. Among the interesting items were the narratives of life in Bowdoinham written in 1932. We will need help transcribing or copying these materials before they are returned to the new Century Box.

We will also be gathering memories from Bowdoinham citizens to add to the 2012 Box for the citizens of Bowdoinham in 2062 and 2112. The form is available on the Town's website, at the Town Office and at the Library. The century box will be re-sealed at Celebrate Bowdoinham 2013.



Historical Society Float is a Winner: Thanks to Daphne White the BHS float won 2nd prize in the Celebrate Bowdoinham 250th parade.



250th Quilt

The 250th Quilt is near completion. There is still one last chance to get your name on the back of it for \$5 a line.

Contact Joanne Savoie 373-8253
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Merrymeeting Arts Center Celebrates 5th Anniversary

The Merrymeeting Arts Center (MAC) is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a yearlong series of exhibits, workshops, films, classes.

MAC sponsored the first event of the official 250th Anniversary: the Ice and Smelt festival on February 4, 2012. With smelt art, smelt decorating, Best Beard Contest and an art show on Ice and Smelt, it was a full, fun day.

Two exhibits were mounted during the spring: "Vernal Pools" and "Farms, Food, and Families," the latter our annual emerging artist-youth show. Each had an opening with the artists in attendance.

For the Red, White and Blue Festival in June, the MAC held a gala opening of its



major summer show: "Three Town Artists: Carlo Pittore, Bryce Muir & Carter Smith". The show was open through Celebrate Bowdoinham in September. Each of these three Bowdoinham artists was also honored by a special event: Bryce with a "Wooden Toy Reunion" on July 22, Carlo with a "Carlofest" on August 25-26 which included a talk by Edgar Allen Beem, and Carter with screenings and discussions of his movies "Bugcrush", "Yearbook", and "The Ruins" on September 28 and 29.

During July MAC offered three weeks of drop-in art which was attended by 54 children of all ages.

In August, MAC was awarded a grant from the Quimby Foundation to support the establishing of classes for children. "Fall Art Opportunities" runs from October 15 to November 30. Winter and Spring Art Opportunities will be announced at a later date.

Photographer Heather Perry gave a talk on "Photography Above and Below Merrymeeting Bay" during Ducks Unlimited annual visit to Mailyly

Waterfront Park. This talk was sponsored by MAC in conjunction with the Friends of Merrymeeting Bay.

For Celebrate Bowdoinham in September, MAC offered a full day of art activities in Cathance Place. It also had a booth with information on upcoming events, classes and items for sale. The "Three Town Artists" exhibits were open all day.

"Portraits of Portraits: Jack Montgomery Photos of Bryce Muir Sculptures and new work", our fall exhibit, opened October 12 and featured photos shot by Montgomery at the July 22 Bryce "Wooden Portrait" event. Jack also taught a photography workshop for experienced photographers on October 13.

The Annual Meeting of the Merrymeeting Arts Center was held October 12. As usual, the public was invited to come hear our achievements of 2012 and plans for 2013. MAC welcomes and values public input.

In October the "Fall Art Opportunities was launched with Ceramics (Matt Ahlers), drawing (Jane Page-Conway), "Place Based Preschool" (Corie Scribner), "Alice, Legos and Robotics" (Martin McDonough) and Yoga (by Dana Wieluns). On Wednesday mornings (Late Start day) Angela Kimberk and Kathy Reynolds joined up for "Creation Station": art from found and repurposed items.

On October 20 MAC joined Long Branch in the Harvest Celebration offering Fall Crafts for all ages in Cathance Place. MAC also provided support to Ziggurat Theatre Ensemble's production of "The Medicine Show".

The full schedule of events in 2012 was made possible by a small devoted group of volunteers and Board Members. We are delighted to be involved in the Bowdoinham Community and offer a huge thank you to everyone who worked on and attended MAC Events.

For more information on Merrymeeting Arts Center activities, see us on Facebook or visit www.merrymeetingartscenter.org or call 841-5914.



News from Bowdoinham Parent Group

Bowdoinham Community School would once again greatly appreciate your support in helping us collect Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels this year as well as empty ink/laser cartridges and old cell phones. You can drop off any of these items at our blue school collection boxes located at the Town Hall or the Library. For more information you can contact Jessica Sullivan at JessicaMaySullivan@gmail.com or 207.504.7103 or visit us at: <http://bhm.msad75.schoolfusion.us/>

As part of the Holiday Festival Craft Fair, the children of the Bowdoinham Community School will also have their own crafts for sale. The proceeds of their table will benefit their field trip fund.

We need the following craft supplies are needed to help them fill their table of treasures: wet foam for live greenery, plastic florist containers, gold or red dinner candles, zots, blue, green, red, gold beads, dried peppermint, and white paper bags. If you can donate any of these items, please send them to school or contact Lisa West 776-1852 or West_LM@yahoo.com.



News from Long Branch

Go Local, Go Long Branch.—We want to thank everyone in the community who continues to support us in our effort to bring you local products in our store, or local skills through our school. Your support has taken many forms from volunteering, to teaching, to just buying a dozen local, backyard eggs. Through this support, we are able to continue our efforts in meeting the Long Branch mission. The latest efforts at Long Branch are working on growing our buying club, progress on the main work shop, and our alliance with an organization seeking homes and employment for disabled veterans.

The Long Branch Buying Club—We took a big leap forward with our buying club efforts with the hiring of Sarah Miller. Sarah led the effort in Gardiner's on-line buying club, The Kennebec Local Food Initiative. She has become part of the



Long Branch team and has been working with us to make the Long Branch Buying Club a reality. The goal of our buying club is to provide customers with a one stop, weekly service for both healthy food and bulk items. Customers can go on-line and select their items for the week ahead and then pick them up at the store during the delivery window. The service is similar to a food co-op model where customers can save money by combining their purchasing power with other members. The Long Branch Buying Club differs from the standard food cooperative model in that we are striving to provide the service using the existing Long Branch staff so the service is convenient and easy to use for its members. If you have not signed up yet, it is not too late; either email us or swing by the store for more information.

Progress on the Main Work Shop—25 Main Street, formerly the “old fire station,” is now called, “The Long Branch Community Work Shop.” As many of you

know, this building had been vacant for many years. With a lot of effort, we are slowly making progress in transitioning this building into a work shop facility that will be used for classes, business incubation, and community use. The blacksmith shop is set up such that a person can rent the shop out for his or her own use for a four hour block for fifteen dollars provided they take three courses and pass a skills assessment test. The main work shop will be set up in a similar fashion, making sure the individual is properly trained for the equipment they wish to use.

A Special Alliance—We are partnering with an organization called, “Homes for Homeless Vets,” led by Mark Warren and Rex Richardson. In short, these are noble men with a noble mission. We realized that the missions between the two organizations are very compatible. The mission of Homes for Homeless vets is to get assist veterans by direct engagement with other veterans. Part of the Long Branch interface with this organization will be to act as a skills training and business incubation facility for these veterans. Please join us in welcoming this organization into our wonderful community.



BCDI Farm Support Continues

The Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative continues to receive loan applications from the farmers in town, creating additional opportunities to make local investments that will help the community. BCDI hopes local investors will continue to respond to “Opportunity to Invest” invitations, keeping Bowdoinham money supporting neighbors in Bowdoinham. The capital requirements in the first two investment opportu-

nities that BCDI put forward were met within two weeks of their offering, and so far have been repaid on or ahead of the due dates. So far, so good!

BCDI's initial focus has been on farms and food. This is an area that has an impact on our entire community: our nutrition and well-being as well as our economy. BCDI aims to support the production and consumption of good, healthy local food as much as possible.

That said, the loan/investment program is not limited to agriculture, but is open to all aiming to help stimulate and grow local businesses that include an intended community benefit. BCDI, a non-profit corporation, is membership based meaning that it will be the members themselves who determine the organization's future. In other words, this is YOUR organization and it will only be as effective as you make it! If you wish to become a member or are

interested in more information about BCDI, please visit the website at <http://www.bcdi.us> or call David Whittlesey at 522-4118.

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Thank You from the Town Landing Restaurant

July at The Town Landing Restaurant brings many things, summer residents, vacationers, fishermen, boaters as well as hot and humid weather. While trying to beat the heat of both the weather outside and the heat of the ovens and grills. The last thing we expected at 1pm that 25th of July was a truck not stopping at the bottom of the hill and coming through the store front.

Having lost its brakes, the driver of the old Army truck, Rick Ellis, prepared to make a straight shot for the Cathance River, when Miriam Schneider walked into the intersection. With only a moment to react, the wheel was turned, and Ellis made his landing into the Town Landing. Splintered wood, bent metal, shattered glass, and a truck filled the store area where people normally would be mulling and talking. This day, fortunately, there was no one there and no one was hurt. In most places, that is where the story would end but, this is Bowdoinham; and this is where the story begins.

Within moments, there were customers, taking care of employee Michelle Coyer, as she shook from the shock of the crash. Jim Sawyer rushed to shut off the propane to the building as the Fire, Sheriff, and Rescue personnel began arriving. Josephine Mussomeli offered a calming voice to owner Lynn Spiro's daughter, Anna Taglieri after she made her way down from her home to face the nose of the truck, and unsure of where anybody was, and if anyone was hurt. Brent Zachau concerned with the expanding wetness on the storefront floor, checked to make sure it wasn't gasoline. One by one, residents, customers and friends continued to arrive. They watched as the truck was towed out of the building, Sam Cook of Cathance Marine was first to say "Let's get this place cleaned up," and the cleanup began.

Shovels, brooms and garbage bags replaced the normal moving of coffee cups

and plates that afternoon. Bob Kane, Brant Miller, and Brent Zachau, having just finished their lunch, now began the cleanup of what was once the outside wall of The Town Landing. Toby Frizzle, on scene with the Bowdoinham Fire Department, retrieved wood from his home and the close up and repairs began. C.M.P. was called on site to ensure there was no concern regarding electrical issues; the water was also shut off to the building. While neighbors and friends worked to clean up the scattered bags of potato chips,



broken bottles, food debris, and shattered glass, Brent began working to line things up and close up the building.

By 8:30 that evening, a passerby would be hard pressed to know that anything had happened that day. What that afternoon was a scene of chaos, now looked like a deliberate repair. Owner Lynn Spiro did not hesitate to assess the situation and decide that now was the time to complete those projects that can't be done during normal operations. Glad to be able to keep her employees working while Brent Zachau worked with the Patriot Insurance to get repairs underway, cleaning out, cleaning up, painting, and re-organization began. While normal and day to day activities inside the Town Landing were not able to operate, what did continue was Cruise 'In On the Cathance, held on the 28th of July as scheduled only three days after the accident.

"There were certain things that remained important to me those very first days," stated owner Lynn Spiro, "having

coffee with "The Guys" the very next morning, and hosting the Cruise In on Saturday."

And host it they did. The Second Baptist Church of Bowdoinham loaned Spiro the use of their grill and the Cruise In went on as planned. Not letting disaster get in the way, The Town Landing Restaurant also held the last cruise in of the year while closed, and in total raised \$507.00 for The Bowdoinham Community School.

Five weeks later, with lots of hard work, and many on lookers stopping by to offer their support, The Town Landing hosted a "Thank-You" dinner for some of the many people that stopped and helped. It officially re-opened on Thursday, August 30th. While no big "Grand Re-Opening" has been planned, Spiro is glad to be once again, "serving the community that has been so good to me, my family, and my business. This whole experience has certainly been very humbling with the out-pouring of support".

With new windows, floors, cooler doors, and some fresh paint, what began as a tragedy for The Town Landing, has ended with many silver linings as the 'old' restaurant and store has received a new face lift. The mantra continues, "thank goodness, no one was hurt." So while no future plans exist for any future drive thru service, there does hang a "No Parking" sign above the new cooler doors. Donuts are again being made each and every Friday, and the coffee and conversations continue. Once again, The Town Landing Restaurant is open for business, supporting not only its employees, but the community it serves. The Town Landing offers a 'Thank You' to the community of Bowdoinham "this (support) wouldn't have happened just anywhere, only in Bowdoinham!"



Here's Food Help

By Rep. Seth Berry

Are you worried about feeding yourself and your family this winter? If so, you're not alone: 200,000 Mainers, or over 1 in 7, are "food insecure"—meaning not sure where their next meal will come from. This is especially true for young families: nearly 1 in 4 Maine children live in poverty. Our area is no exception.

Fortunately, there are at least three options available to help you get through. It's worth noting that these are funded and staffed by volunteers, without state assistance. Unfortunately, there are very limited hours and no transportation is provided.

1) The Richmond Area Food Pantry welcomes Richmond residents as well as neighbors in Bowdoinham and Dresden. Located in the dining room of the Dresden-Richmond United Methodist Church at 121 Pleasant St in Richmond,

RAFP is open on the first Wednesday of every month from 4 to 6 pm and the third Saturday of every month from 2 to 4 pm. To volunteer or to donate items at RAFP, contact Janette Sweem at richmondfoodpantry.me@gmail.com.

2) The Friends Helping Community (FHC) food pantry is available to assist residents of Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, and the surrounding communities. Operating as a call ahead service, the pantry has pre-packaged "basic boxes" to meet the food needs of a family for 4-5 days. Boxes may include staples like flour, sugar, coffee, and tea; canned fruits and vegetables; peanut butter and jelly; macaroni & cheese and boxed dinners; canned stews and soups; hot and cold cereals. In addition, there are certificates available to use at the local stores to purchase fresh basics including milk, bread, eggs, and butter. To learn more, get help, or give help, please call 666-5651—Denise Norko (ext. 2248) or Carolynn Sumner (ext. 2820).

3) The Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program also operates a soup kitchen each weekday for lunch only, as well as a food pantry Monday, Wednesday and Friday with limited hours. They also plan to hold open "food mobiles" for all comers on 11/8 from 2 to 4 pm and on 12/8 from 9 to 11 am, as well as Saturday hot lunches from 11 am to 12:15 pm on 11/17 and 12/15. MCHPP is located at 84A Union Street in Brunswick. For details on hours, eligibility or to volunteer, call 725-2716 any weekday from 8:30 to 3:30.

For additional resources to help your family through a tough spot, call 2-1-1 to learn about heating and weatherization, or other limited assistance. Remember, it is not a child's fault when a parent loses a job or has trouble finding work; or a senior's fault when Social Security and Medicare can't cover the cost of heat, medication and food. Our community needs all its citizens to survive and succeed!

Thanksgiving Baskets

Making a difference in our community is a core value that FHC, Inc. embraces. Each year in November, FHC, in cooperation with the Friends Helping Community Food Pantry, coordinates and delivers 10 Thanksgiving meal baskets to the Bowdoinham Town Office, who then distributes the baskets to residents in need that would otherwise not be able to enjoy a turkey dinner on this special holiday. The baskets include the turkey, stuffing, potatoes and all the fixings for a family meal. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal basket, please contact Pam Ross at 666-5531.

Food Bank Help?

Anyone interested in helping start a Food Bank in Bowdoinham, please contact Kathy Tome at ktome@bowdoinham.com

Bowdoinham Heating Assistance Program

Winter is approaching fast and as we all know so is the cold weather. The generous donations that were made last year helped so many families in our community stay warm throughout the winter months. Unfortunately, the need is even greater and more people continue to need assistance. If you are able to donate to the Bowdoinham Heating Assistance Program, please make your checks payable to the "Town of Bowdoinham"; reference "BHAP" in your check's memo; and mail or drop of your donation to 13 School St. Many thanks for considering a donation - no amount is too small!!

If anyone interested in working to organize a benefit that will help us raise money for this fund contact Kathy Tome at ktome@bowdoinham.com.

The Giving Season is Upon Us

The Town Landing Restaurant will be hosting the Holiday Giving Tree with the help of the Bowdoinham Town Office this season, starting November 23rd. The purpose of this tree is to help any resident, family, or elderly person who may be in need this time of year. Please know that the name(s) are kept strictly confidential.

If you would like to purchase a gift for someone, you will need to go to the Town Landing Restaurant and choose a gift tag from the tree. The gift tag will have all the pertinent information that is needed. We ask that you bring the unwrapped gift (along with the gift tag) back to the Town Landing by December 21st.

If you know a family or someone who may need help this season or have any questions, please call Pam at the Town Office at 666-5531

Community Calendar

NOVEMBER 2012

9th

Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans,
6-8pm
Town Hall, 13 School St

10th

Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans,
9am-4pm
Town Hall, 13 School St

Growing up Bowdoinham, 7pm
Town Hall, 13 School St

11th

Veterans' Park Dedication, 1pm
Cannon Park

USO Show, 3 pm
Merrymeeting Art Center

12th

Veterans' Day
Town Office Closed

15th

Community Read Event, 7pm
Bowdoinham Public Library

17th

Bowdoinham EMS Craft Fair, 9am-2pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

20th

Pie Sale, 12-3pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

22nd

Thanksgiving

Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 12pm

Town Office Closed

23rd

Town Office Closed

30th

Tree Lighting, 5:30pm
Town Hall, 13 School Street

Holiday Concert, 6:30-8pm
Bowdoinham Second Baptist Church

30th

Artisan's Guild Show & Sale,
6:30-8:30pm
Town Hall, 13 School Street

Christmas Open House, 4-8pm
By the Bay, 312 Millay Road

DECEMBER 2012

1st

Artisan's Guild Show & Sale, 9am-4pm
Town Hall, 13 School Street

Christmas Open House, 9am-3pm
By the Bay, 312 Millay Road

Bowdoinham Community School Craft
Fair, 10am-2pm
Bowdoinham Community School

Polar Bear Dip in the Cathance, 3pm
Maily Waterfront Park

2nd

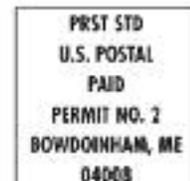
Santa's Bean Supper, 12-3pm
Bowdoinham Fire Station

24-25th

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