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Thank You! From the 250th Anniversary Committee

We, the 250th Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who helped us in making 2012 a year of celebration. Please join us in thanking all of the volunteers who made 2012 a year to remember.



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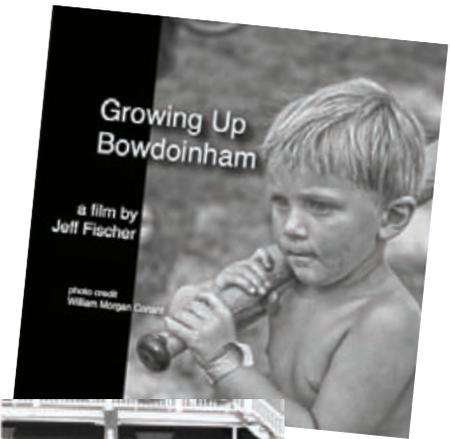


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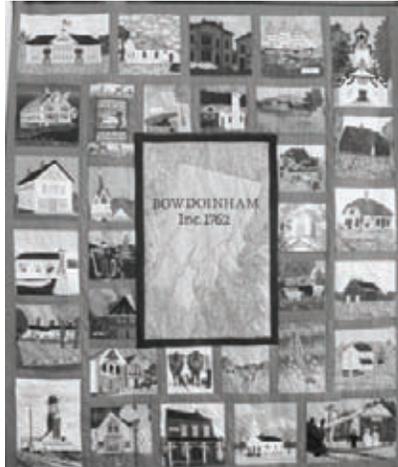
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Our **EMS Department** created a special **Cookbook**, which includes all of the famous recipes from Bowdoinham. Thank you to: Ann Davis and our EMS Department for capturing all of Bowdoinham's best recipes to share with future generations; everyone who shared their family recipes; and all of you who have supported our EMS Department by purchasing this treasure.

A **250th Commemorative Book** highlighting Bowdoinham's rich history was created. Thank you to: Lara Ashouwak, Glenna Morin, Janet Galle, Frank Connors, Betsy Steen, Michael

Mahan and Leslie Anderson; to everyone who shared their precious photographs with us all; and a special thank you to Kate Cutko for all of your hard work in creating this wonderful piece of history.



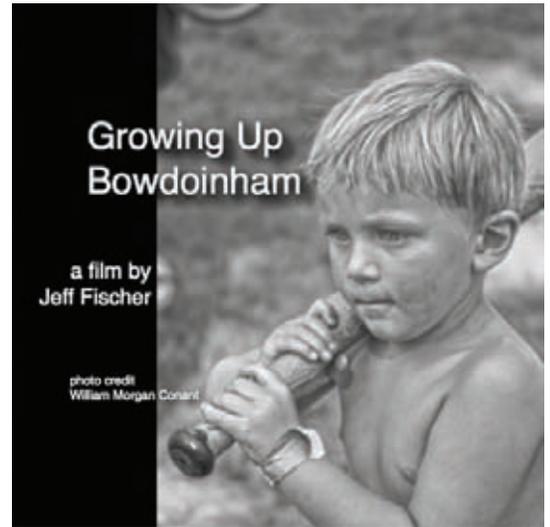
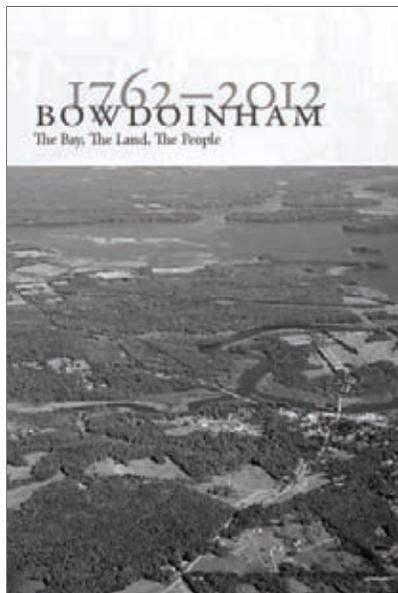
A beautiful **Commemorative Quilt** was created by the Bowdoinham Historical Society. Thank you to: Kate Cutko, Nan Curtis, Joanne Savoie, Jane Connors, Lara Ashouwak, Lynne Sanford, Leslie Anderson and Betsy Steen; all the volunteers who did such beautiful work creating their blocks; and everyone who supported the Bowdoinham Historical Society by adding their name to the quilt.



A **Commemorative Kids Quilt** was also created. Thank you to: Deb Jones for organizing the project; Leslie Anderson, Sandy Hickey, Betsy Steen and all the parents & grandparents for helping the kids create their squares; Liz Bouchard for providing us with the space; and all of our junior quilters for the great work.



The 250th Anniversary Committee created a **2012 Commemorative Plate**, which is modeled after the 1962 Plate. Thank you to Peggy Muir and Betsy Steen for continuing this wonderful tradition.



An outstanding documentary film, **"Growing up Bowdoinham"** was created. Thank you to: everyone who was a part of the film; and Jeff Fischer for his amazing work in creating this film.

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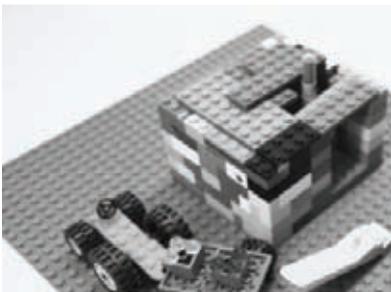


The Bowdoinham Historical Society renovated the **Jellerson School**. Thank you to: the Bowdoinham Historical Society; the Jellerson Crew: Tom DeForest, Bob and Sam Stetson, Leslie Anderson, Chet Gillis, Al Stehle, & Lennie Pellitier; all those who donated time & materials to the project; and everyone who purchased a Jellerson Mug in support of the project. Please join us in sending a special thank you to Betsy Steen for all of her hard work!



The Fire Department did an amazing job restoring the **Water Witch**. Thank you to Rick Ellis and the Fire Department for restoring this piece of historic fire equipment.

Cannon Park was revitalized and re-dedicated to our veterans, (page 6). Thank you to Lara Ashouwak for creating a beautiful **Veterans' Park** to make us proud and Doug Tourtelotte for donating his time to help in the restoration of the park.



On February 3rd, Merrymeeting Arts Center brought us the **Ice and Smelt Festival**. Thank you to Lee Parker, Peggy Muir, Merrymeeting Arts Center, all the volunteers and everyone who joined us in the celebration.



On April 14th, Albert Stehle led **Cemetery Clean-up Day**. Thank you to: all the volunteers to joined us in cleaning our cemeteries; the Fire Auxiliary and all the volunteers who provided lunch for our volunteers; and Albert Stehle for organizing this special day.



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June 23rd brought back the famous Chicken BBQ, which raised \$5,248 for the Bowdoinham Community School! Thank you to: all the volunteers who baked brownies, cooked the meal and served the chicken; the Bowdoinham Historical Society for the great displays and delicious strawberry shortcake; Lara Ashouwak for organizing the baseball game; and everyone who joined us in supporting the Community School. A special thank you to David Berry and Tony Cox for organizing this great day!

On September 14th, 15th & 16th

was **Celebrate Bowdoinham**. Thank you to: Betsy Steen & the Bowdoinham Historical Society for their rededication of the renovated **Jellerson School**; the Fire Department for their demonstration of the water witch; and all the volunteers & participants who make Celebrate Bowdoinham possible.

A Harvest Festival was held on October 20th. Thank you to: Long Branch, Merrymeeting Arts Center and Jeff Fischer for creating a great day.

In honor of our veterans, there was a Veterans' Day Celebration on November



11th, (page 6). Thank you to: Glenna Morin, Betsy Steen and the Bowdoinham Historical Society for the wonderful displays; Peggy Muir, Lee Parker and Merrymeeting Arts Center for the USO show; all those who participated in the weekend's events and shared



their information; and to all of our veterans. Please join us in extending a special thank you to Lara Ashouwak for coordinating the beautiful ceremony.

The year of festivities was brought to a close with the Holiday Festival, (page 7.) Thank you to: Merrymeeting Arts Center, Long Branch, Bowdoinham Parent Group, Bowdoinham Guild of Artisans, our EMS & Fire Departments, 2nd Baptist Church, Jill & Steve Hooper, and all those who volunteered and participated in the event. And a special thank you to Jessica Sullivan and Laurel Lopez for coordinating this wonderful weekend.



Thank you to everyone who helped and joined us in celebrating Bowdoinham's 250th Birthday!



Above: Holiday village display generously donated and set up for the day by Kathy Montejo.



Above: Best beard contest at the Ice and Smelt Festival.



Above: Thank you Laurel & Jessica!



Above: Guild of Artisans Show & Sale.



Right: The Jellerson Cake.

Below: Bowdoinham's Best.



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Veterans' Day Celebration



On Veterans' Day we celebrated the dedication of the new Bowdoinham Veterans' Park. The Town Hall was bursting at the seams with over 150 people in attendance to honor our local veterans.

The weekend started with the Bowdoinham Historical Society's Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans' Exhibit of photos, histories and memorabilia recognizing the service and contributions of our local veterans. The dedication of the Veterans' Park took place at the Town Hall with the wonderful exhibit. A slideshow telling the history and creation of the Veterans' Park was shown, followed with music by Mt. Ararat High School's Fife and Drum Corps. A ceremonial flag was presented to Town Manager, William Post by an Eagle Scout. Accompanying him was Richmond's American Legion Color Guard, Bowdoin's Boy Scouts and Bowdoinham's Cub Scouts. The Star

Spangled Banner was sung and the event was closed with a performance by the Bowdoinham Community School Chorus, singing America the Beautiful.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held and many walked to the Park for the raising of the ceremonial flag. Mt. Ararat trumpet soloist, Hannah Zimmerman played Taps as representatives of the Knights of Pythias and Boy Scouts lowered the old flag and raised the new ceremonial flag. Then a memorial wreath was placed at the cannon.

The celebration honoring our veterans' came to a close with a USO Show that included singing, dancing and poetry commemorating those who have served. Merrymeeting Arts Center, with the assistance of the 250th Committee sponsored this talented group of performers, Kim Kalesti and family.

Thank you to all the participants who contributed to this wonderful event; it was a proud day in our Town's history.

Creation of the Bowdoinham Veterans' Park

By Lara Ashouwak

As the 250th Birthday of Bowdoinham approached, people gathered together with grand ideas of what to do to celebrate this milestone. People shared all sorts of ideas to celebrate, educate, create and improve various aspects of our Town. One thing led to another and I found myself staring at the old cannon in the Town center, so I volunteered to "spruce things up". Then research, measurements, consultations and meetings upon meetings, lead to complete upheaval of a landmark that had been left alone for over 100 years.

Driving by the day after Tourtelotte Excavation got in there, I knew there was no going back. The cannon weighed four tons, the gun carriage was about that and they both were going to sit on another 4 tons of granite. A substantial foundation was required and an eight foot deep concrete base was poured. Doug Tourtelotte helped me get everything back together and straight. I now have such a great appreciation for the



The cannon before and after restoration.

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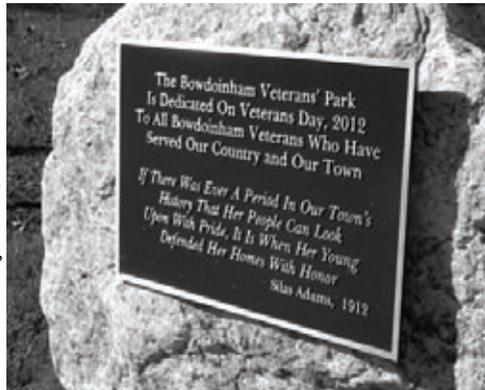
nimble work that can be done with really big equipment.

With the critical pieces back together and the weather warming up, Phase 2 began—time to make things beautiful! First there was the mud and ruts, then the rust and all those blasted rocks. Week after week, we raked and planted grass. Chadd Mayo and the guys from Public Works brought in the recycled asphalt material and made the path. Sarah Stapler designed the inspired layout and, if you squinted, a park was taking shape. The cannon was rusty and the flag pole crumbled when we tried to move it. Eventually, all those ducks were put in a row. A new light was installed for the new flag pole and the generous member of the Knights of Pythias installed an outside water faucet. Life was good and the grass grew.

The annual Plant Sale came around and with their helpful advice we planted the garden and chose the new trees. We have a Crabapple to honor our local history and a Magnolia, because they're pretty. With the old horses' watering trough returned (almost) to its original spot on Main Street, Sam Stetson made it her pet project to keep it ablaze with patriotic colors through the summer. As things took hold and filled out, our Veterans' Park truly became a

beautiful and serene place to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our local veterans.

The Stetson Family donated a lovely bench. We have educational signs which speak to the history of the area and theme. Wonderful people like Kathy Montejo who donated the small flags, Lynn Spiro from the Town Landing who brought out ice water to thirsty groundskeepers and the great (invisible) person who mows the lawn, continue this Town's legacy of community spirit. To all the well-wishers who shared complements as they drove by you inspired us to finish this project. Here's to Bowdoinham and to all who shared in this amazing birthday celebration.



The Holiday Festival

The town bustled with holiday cheer as folks enjoyed the 2012 Holiday Festival.

A special thank you to Anne Davis from the EMS; Merrymeeting Arts Center; BHM principal Diane Stahl; Santa; Kathy Montejo; Lynne Spiro; Suzie Reinheimer; Banana Banners; Tony Cox, Susan Tuttle and Charles Lopez for photographing the events; and the 250th Committee.



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Going on Vacation?

It is a good idea to turn off your main water supply. If you are on town water you should have a shut-off on the house side of your meter. If on a well there should be a shut-off on the house side of your pressure tank. Having the water shut-off insures that only the water currently in the pipes will cause damage; it is better to be safe than to come back to hundreds of gallons of water damage in your home.



Kids had a great time at the Make-a-Present table.

Thank you Brooke. . . Welcome Brandi!



Brandi Lohr

Brooke Cox left the position of Recreation Director in November after serving the community as our Recreation Director since August 2006. Through the years, Brooke has moved

the Town's recreation program and facilities forward and involved many volunteers. Her hard work and dedication to the Town is greatly appreciated. While Brooke will no longer be employed by the Town, she has assured us that she will be volunteering for the Recreation Department. Thank you Brooke!

Brandi Lohr was hired in September as Recreation Director to replace Brooke. Brandi is a Bowdoinham resident and has volunteered for the Recreation Department over the past several years as a coach, assistant coach, and performing field maintenance. You may have even heard her sing the national anthem before a ball game. Prior to moving to Bowdoinham, she volunteered for seven years as a gym teacher at a private school. Her personality and background will serve the Town and the Recreation Department well. Thanks again to Brooke for working along side Brandi for two months to make the transition easier.

FairPoint to Invest in Network Upgrade in Bowdoinham

FairPoint Communications—under a plan recently approved by the Maine PUC—is investing approximately \$450,000 to install new technology in eleven of its central offices bringing greater broadband speed to customers served by these facilities. Bowdoinham is one of the eleven central offices that is being upgraded.

The network upgrade includes adding Ethernet high-speed equipment to the Bowdoinham central office, enabling more customers to achieve the full speed potential of the FairPoint's next-generation network. This deployment will allow some residential customers in these markets to qualify for higher broadband speeds—up to 15Mbps, depending on distance they are from the central office.

FairPoint will also do network upgrades that will benefit customers served by central offices in Corinth, Dexter, Mechanic Falls, Monroe, Searsport, Sullivan, Vinalhaven, Washburn, Wilton and Woodland. Many of the upgrades have begun and FairPoint expects to complete the work by year end, including the Bowdoinham project.

Customers in Bowdoinham who qualify can find out more about pricing and speed options available by calling 866.984.2001 for residential and 866.984.3001 for businesses.

Protect Yourself & Your Family

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There are simple steps you can take to protect yourself:

- Install CO Alarm. Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Install and maintain CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of carbon monoxide.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, have CO alarms that are interconnected throughout the home.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Combination smoke-CO alarms must be installed in accordance with requirements for smoke alarms.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms and vice versa. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and the sound of CO alarms.
- CO Alarms: Testing and Replacement Test CO alarms at least once a month. The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life. Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Know the difference between the sound of the CO alarm and the smoke alarm, and their low-battery signals. If the audible low battery signal sounds, replace the batteries or replace the device. If the CO alarm still sounds, get to a fresh air location and call 9-1-1 or the fire department.



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- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of debris.

- Open the damper for proper ventilation before using a fireplace.

- Use portable generators outdoors in well-ventilated areas away from all doors, windows, vents and other openings.

- Never use your oven or stovetop to heat your home. The CO gas might kill people and pets.

- When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested by a recognized laboratory.

- Make sure all fuel-burning vented equipment is vented to the outside to avoid CO poisoning. Keep the venting for exhaust clear and unblocked.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Never run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a vehicle is not blocked with snow or ice.

- Only use barbecue grills outside, away from all doors, windows, vents and other building openings. Some grills can produce CO gas. Never use grills inside the home or the garage. For more information visit: usfa.fema.gov or contact 800-561-3356.

Shore & Harbor Planning Grant

The Town has received a \$10,000 Shore & Harbor Planning Grant from Maine Coastal Program of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The Town of Bowdoinham was one of 11 applicants totaling, \$177,950 in requests, for the \$60,000 of available funding. The grant will be used for the planning and design of a restroom facility and pump-out station at Maily Waterfront Park.

To carry-out this project the Town has hired Wright-Pierce. For the pump-out station, Wright-Pierce will conduct outreach with stakeholders, including both resident boat owners and transient boaters to confirm the required capacity of such a boating sanitary pump-out facility, as well as other logistic issues, such as hours of operation and potential fees. This effort will also support projections of the required capacities of the pump-out equipment, as well as the disposal system. Wright-Pierce will develop a preliminary design for the system, including consideration of pump-out system vendors, electric supply, siting and treatment and disposal of the effluent.

Then for the restroom facility, Wright-Pierce will conduct outreach with stakeholders, including both boaters and other users of the waterfront park to confirm the required capacity of such a public restroom facility, as well as other logistic issues, such as hours of operation. This effort will also support calculations with respect to the required treatment and disposal capacity and whether the facility should be designed for seasonal versus year round operation. Wright-Pierce will develop a preliminary design for the facility, including consideration of location, building size and construction, water supply, electric supply, and treatment and disposal of the effluent.

To ensure a comprehensive planning process, the Town is forming a working group to work with Wright-Pierce through-out this project. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact Nicole Briand, Planning & Development Director at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

News from Cable/Internet Committee

The Cable/Internet Committee is currently working with Fairpoint Communications to expand broadband internet services in Bowdoinham. The Committee and Fairpoint Communications are working towards submitting a grant application to the

ConnectME Authority in the near future. In order to qualify for a grant, the unserved locations in Bowdoinham must be determined first. "Un-served" means the location has no source of broadband internet service, such as cable based internet. If you do not have access to broadband internet, please contact Town Manager Bill Post at 666-5531. Look for more information on the grant application in the spring.

Bowdoinham Heating Assistance Program

Winter is here and some of our neighbors need our help to stay warm. 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 is interested in working to organize a benefit that will help us raise money for this fund contact Kathy Tome at: ktome@bowdoinham.com



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Merrymeeting Arts Center Plans for 2013

The Merrymeeting Arts Center is planning a full schedule of exhibits, classes, workshops and special events for 2013.

First on the calendar is the 2nd Ice and Smelt Festival on Saturday, February 2. Once again, the Center will have activities all day including a Best Beard Contest, smelt decorating, outside activities, parade, puppet show, smelt shack decorating and lego smelt shacks for \$5

per person for all activities. EMS will be selling refreshments during the day. New this year will be a soup supper with a wide variety of soups and breads, for only \$5 per person. After supper Chinese Paper Lanterns will be sent into the night sky. Lanterns will be on sale and must be purchased before January 19th. Lanterns cost \$5 and can be personalized with a wish or message.

From February 2 through March 2 there will be an exhibit of "Bryce Muir's Winter" featuring sculptures of skaters, seal hunters, bears as well as paintings of winter scenes. A few of Bryce's pieces will be on sale. Then on March 8th the arts center will open its "Vernal Pools: Spring and the Emerging Artist" with works by local artists under the age of 18. There will be a reception from 5-8 and artists will be on hand to discuss their work.

The Merrymeeting Arts Center will be offering winter and spring class sessions in

pottery, drawing, lego/robotics as well as special activities during the school holidays in February and April. The schedule will be available after the New Year and a 10% discount will be offered for those who sign up and pay in full for classes by February 2.

Please check our website for other events including another concert by Kim Kalesti—Friends and Family in either February or March. You can also visit us on Facebook.

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Bowdoinham Historical Society News

A Celebration of Bowdoinham Veterans was the theme of Bowdoinham Historical Society's November show, with an amazing display of veteran photos and information. We very much appreciate all the people who shared their veteran information, helped put the show together, came to the show and attended the dedication.

All this material is being kept as part of BHS's collection. We hope that others will come forward to help make our record of those who served complete. Glenna Morin, who spearheaded the display on Bowdoinham's Veterans, is looking for information or photos about any veterans who lived in

Bowdoinham at any time. Please contact her at 666-3462.

BHS Annual Fall Yard Sale: Thanks to Chairperson Jeanne Gillis, and all who helped or donated items, it was a success in spite of the weather! Next year we will have a rain date.

The **Bowdoinham 250th Quilt** has now made over \$700.00. Thanks to all who participated and especially Joann Savoie for being in charge of name sales and Jane Connors for putting the names on the back of the quilt. We will be looking at ways we can have it on display.

Now that the 250th year is over, BHS plans to return to its regular schedule of Quarterly Meetings. Everyone is welcome at these meetings!! If you have any suggestions for meeting topics, please let us know.

Our major projects for 2013 are the Century Box and Jellerson School.

The Century Box will be sealed in September 2013. Until then, BHS is working with the 250th Committee: to preserve materials from 1912, 1932 and 1962 and transcribe/copy them so that they will be accessible; create a new Century Box; and gather materials from Bowdoinham citizens or former citizens

to add to the Century Box.

The Jellerson School & Merrymeeting Bay Museum is looking wonderful and is nearly done thanks to the hard working Jellerson Crew. We still need an out-house, security system, and heater for the museum. We hope to have students begin to visit in Spring 2013 and will be putting together a school visit committee. We will also be looking at other ways to open it to the public.

If you are interested helping with any of the BHS activities please email Betsy Steen mail to: bayviewess@comcast.net or call Glenna Morin 666-3462 bowdoinhamhistoricalsociety.org

Join the Bowdoinham Historical Society

The Annual Dues for a Family is \$10 and for an Individual is \$5. If you are not on our mailing or email list but would like to be, please email Betsy Steen at: bayviewess@comcast.net or drop us a note at: PO Box 101 Bowdoinham, ME.

News from The Library

The Bowdoinham Public Library invites you to shake off those winter doldrums and come to the library for three exciting offerings by generous and talented Bowdoinham residents. All programs take place at the library. Call for more information or to reserve your seat: 666-8405.

Face your Facebook Fears Tuesday, January 29th, 6:30-8:00pm.

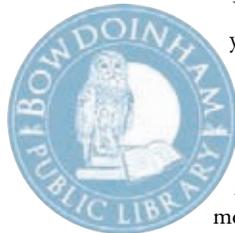
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Introduction to Genealogy and Family History Research – Saturday, February 9th, 12–2pm

If you are interested in exploring your own family history and don't know how to get started, then please join Kathy Montejo, municipal clerk and board member of the Maine Genealogical Society, for an interactive workshop about getting started in genealogy and family research. We will cover such topics as birth, marriage and death records, family records, US Census documents and other resources. We will also explore the library's free resources, featuring "Ancestry.com Library Edition." \$5 class fee for handouts and print resources.



2012 Century Box Help us fill the century box for future generations!

Forms are available at the Town Office and online OR feel free to put together your own document. Please include your: Name(s), Address; Birth Place & Date; Family Members; Occupation; and Connection to Bowdoinham. Some other suggestions include: narratives of growing up in Bowdoinham; everyday life in 2012; your neighborhood or road; interests and avocations; plans for the future; what you like or dislike about Bowdoinham; predictions for the future; messages to folks in 2062 or 2112. Write as a family and/or have each member contribute his or her part. Please drop off your messages at the Town Office.

Bowdoinham Century Box Entry from 1912 Form. Transcribed Fall 2012
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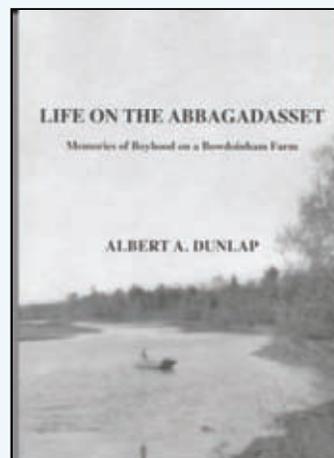
*Name: Emma C. Denham
Occupation: Dressmaker
Residence: Bowdoinham, Maine
Birthplace: Bowdoinham, Maine
Date: Jan 17, 1869*

I Emma C. Denham a dressmaker in this day and year Sept. 18, 1912 send greetings to my kindred and their contemporary's of 2012. As I write these lines I sit arrayed in a brocade silk gown, of ancient

cut and style, worn by my cousin Rebecca Denham sixty years ago. Thus dressed to partake in the festivities given in honor of our towns one hundred and fiftieth birthday on which she reaches a welcoming hand across the century. If among your cedar chests my far off cousins there remains a garment of my handiwork that you may wear one hundred years hence as proudly as today I wear this quaint old dress of our distant kinswoman, then indeed will my memory be perpetuated among you, and the good wishes I send for your welfare will seem as close and cordial to you as they are real to me.

— Emma C. Denham

Life on the Abbagadasset



One of the great treasures to come out during our 250th year is Albert Dunlap's *Life on the Abbagadasset: Memories of Boyhood on a Bowdoinham Farm*. This fascinating narrative of growing up in the 1910's is a wonderful read for anyone interested in Bowdoinham or in rural life in the early 20th Century. This book is on sale at the Bowdoinham Public Library and Town Office for \$20; proceeds benefit Bowdoinham Historical Society.



News from the Long Branch School & General Store

At Long Branch we are continuing to build our food buying club. Our buying club offers convenient access to a broad range of local food products. It is simple, we open a weekly ordering window on-line, where you access the menu of products. Then your order will be available for pick-up the following week.

Our alliance with the organization, Homes for Disabled Veterans of Maine, continues to mature. We are working hard with its leader, Mark Warren, to complete our main workshop. Once the shop is complete, we will not only be offering a range of new courses, we will also start using the shop as a job training center for veterans. Come join us for the Open House at the workshop on Saturday, January 26th from 1 to 3 pm.

The Winter/Spring courses are underway at Long Branch. Here are some of the courses being offered: Creating Your Rag Rug, Cold Process Soapmaking, Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms Class, A Snowshoing Expedition, An Introduction to Woodcarving with Gus Frank, Ladies Night at the Forge, A Masonry Heater Design Course, Making



Your Own Lotions, Deodorants, and Chapsticks, Building Your Own Grandfather Clock, Eight Week Beekeeping Course, Making Your Own Canvas Floor Mats, Season Extension Using High Tunnels, Do-It-Yourself Chair Caning, Building Your Own Traditional Tail Vise For the Work Shop, Growing Your Own Mushrooms, The Fundamentals of Cheesemaking, Felt Inspirations: A Course on Wet Felting, Annabella's Breadmaking, Grafting Apple Trees, and An Introduction to Healing Herbs.

For more information, please visit our website at www.longbranchschool.com, or contact us at 666-8900 or stop by for a visit.

Attention Bowdoinham Teens!

The Richard Ferrier Scholarship Fund Applications are now available and the application deadline is April 1, 2013. This scholarship is for students who are residents of Bowdoinham and are between the ages of 13 and 18, by April 1, 2013. This scholarship provides financial assistance to pursue artistic, academic, athletic, vocational or life's passion outside of the traditional school environment (including but not limited to: music lessons, tuition for summer camp, or special athletic instruction).

For more information, please go to www.maine4f.org or inquire at your guidance office, the Bowdoinham Public Library, Bowdoinham Rec Dept or contact Jill at hoopersj@comcast.net. There is money waiting for you, all you have to do is fill out the application!

Advertise in The Bowdoinham News

Attention Business Owners—you can advertise in this newsletter! The Bowdoinham News is published six times per year in January, March, May, July, September and November by the Bowdoinham Department of Community and Economic Development. It is mailed directly to the all households in Bowdoinham (approximately 1,400) and placed on our website. Advertising is restricted to businesses located in Bowdoinham or businesses that are owned by a Bowdoinham resident.

The ad rates for 2013 are as follows:

- 2.25" wide by 3" high is \$30
- 4.5" wide by 1.5" high is \$30
- 4.5" wide by 3" high is \$50
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- 7" wide by 3" high is \$75

The ad rate is based on \$20 per two column inches (columns are 2.25 inches wide), with an additional discount given for larger ads.

For more information, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or go to the Town's website, www.bowdoinham.com/bowdoinham-news-advertising.

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News for the Community Development Advisory Committee

By Lynn Spiro

The Bowdoinham Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) would like to extend an invitation to our local business owners and residents to participate in our new “Business Open House” meetings to be held 3 times throughout the upcoming year. Our first upcoming meeting will be held at The Town Landing Restaurant on Tuesday, January 15th at 6:00pm. The CDAC will provide you with an overview of the projects we have completed, updates on ongoing projects, and a chance to provide both business owners and residents the opportunity weigh in on the economic and community issues that affect our Town. Wendy Rose will provide information about state and local resources available to expand your business, financing, education, and other resources.

Once again, we remind you that supporting your local business, supports your local economy.

Consider buying one product you usually buy outside of town, in Bowdoinham this week. For every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$45 stays in the local economy, creating jobs and expanding the town’s tax base. For every \$100 spent at a national chain or

franchise store, only \$14 remains in the community.¹ By purchasing more of your products and services locally you can have an immediate impact; eventually this will lead to creating more jobs in Bowdoinham.

Need help finding local businesses, just visit: www.bowdoinham.com/business, for a searchable list of Bowdoinham businesses. All Bowdoinham businesses can have their own business page on the Town’s website for free. It’s easy, just go to the webpage (listed above) and fill out the form on-line.

The Bowdoinham Community Development Advisory Committee meets once a month, usually the third Tuesday. Please contact any of the current members with your ideas to help our local economy or to volunteer your time or skills. The committee members are Steve Bunn, Lee Parker, Brian Smith, Wendy Rose and Lynn Spiro. The committee currently has two openings for interested citizens.

For more information or questions, please contact Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com.

¹ Institute for Local Self-Reliance and Friends of Midcoast Maine, “The Economic Impact of Locally Owned Businesses vs. Chains: A Case Study in Midcoast Maine,” Sept. 2003.

Maine’s College Goal Finding Money for School

By State Representative Seth Berry, Bowdoinham

Did you know that on average, those with a four-year college degree earn over a million dollars more in their lifetime than those who do not have such a degree? If you or a friend or family member are looking for ways to finance a college education, or any program of study beyond high school, I have great news for you. The Finance Authority of Maine’s College Goal program is no longer just a one-day event! This year, the entire months of January and February are dedicated to helping students and families complete the Federal Application for Student Aid or FAFSA forms.

The FAFSA is the gateway to all state and federal college financing, and all individuals hoping to qualify for financial aid must complete and submit the form. Deadlines for filing the form vary from school to school, so students should carefully consult the deadlines of every school to which they are applying. Online forms and more information are available at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

The College Goal program is a statewide volunteer program coordinated by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) that provides free information and assistance to students and families who are applying for financial aid for post-secondary education. All families are welcome to participate.

There are dozens of College Goal events scheduled during January and early February of 2013. Visit www.collegegoalsundaymaine.com today to find the up-to-the-minute list of all College Goal events. Trained staff and college administrators will be at these events to provide financial aid forms and to help walk you through the FAFSA application line-by-line and to answer your questions. In addition, they can answer almost any questions you may have about financial aid and grant programs generally. If attending, please bring copies of your most recent tax information.

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Bowdoinham Senior Center Opening Thursday, January 24th

The new Bowdoinham Senior Center is about to spring to life, offering a weekly opportunity for our older residents to take part in a host of activities.

The Second Baptist Church in the center of Bowdoinham has offered us space in which to begin our gatherings. We have the use of two rooms and a kitchen. Parking is available behind the church.

We timed our opening day to coincide with the Village Senior's January luncheon, also held at the church. The Seniors' Luncheon is free and open to all seniors living in the town; lunch is served at noon.

On this first day, Center activities will begin at 1:15 and continue until 2:30 pm. In the future, the Center will be open each Thursday from 10 am – 3 pm.

On opening day, we will have cribbage, table tennis, and board games available. The most important activity at our opening, however, will be getting information from community members about what you are interested in having available. We have a host of ideas, such as:

- A friendly place to visit, drink coffee and read the newspaper.
- Classes in art, bridge.
- Exercise or a walking club.

- Board games and table tennis.
- Access to computers and help using them.
- Presentations about health issues, low cost healthy cooking, resources for getting by on a budget.
- Help with taxes and with tax rebates.
- Excursions. The church has offered us use of its 15-passenger van and driver.
- Weekly trip to the Topsham Fair Mall – the church already sends their van there every Monday morning, and there's plenty of extra room.

We know there are other possibilities we have not thought of and we are eager for your suggestions.

The Bowdoinham Senior Center is the first project of the newly created Committee on Aging in Bowdoinham. Last summer our Comprehensive Plan Committee authorized a study of the needs of the elderly in our town. Four focus groups were convened: two of adults 65 and over, one of adults 45-64 years old, and one of social service providers. Overall, members of the focus groups described Bowdoinham as "a good place to live," and "a strong community with many advantages for its residents." They suggested five ways that Bowdoinham could become a more aging-friendly community:

Increased Communication—a regularly distributed list of social opportunities, town activities and opportunities for

community involvement as well as information about the programs and services offered by the town to support aging in place.

Information and Referral source—the availability of a local resource person to help older residents access services located in and outside Bowdoinham that could promote aging safely in the community.

Development of a Senior Center or dedicated space where older adults can socialize or participate in activities of interest to them.

Develop Volunteer Base—the need for a person to develop, coordinate and administer a network of volunteers willing to give time to help older or disabled town residents.

Promotion of Inclusiveness—the enhancement of a town environment promoting inclusiveness of all ages and abilities in all town-sponsored activities.

The Committee on Aging has decided to begin with a focus on these first three issues. Focus group members also identified issues with housing and transportation for the elderly population in town.

For more information, please contact Theresa Turgeon, member of the Committee on Aging in Bowdoinham and Select Board, at 837-2577 or email: ttugeon@myfairpoint.net OR speak to one of the other committee members: George Christopher, Martha Cushing, Judy Gray, Linda Jariz, Peggy Muir and Gracia Woodward, or alternates Neal Brown and Ann Davis.

Thank You Seth Berry!



For taking the plunge at the Polar Dip and raising over \$1,000 for our Skate Park.

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For more information, contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com

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Bowdoinham Recreation

The **Basketball Registration** forms for Kindergartners–2nd graders will be available in January. The program will start after February vacation and will run until the last week in March.

Adult Basketball will start after February vacation on Wednesday's 6:30-7:30pm.

Baseball, Softball, T-Ball.

Registrations will be available mid-February and will be due on or before March 15th. Please register on time as teams need to be formed and uniforms need to be ordered; late registrations will be accepted if space is available. Registration forms are also available on our Town's website, bowdoinham.com/recreation.

Family Swim at Bowdoin College. Join in on the fun at the Bowdoin College Pool Sunday afternoons 4:30-5:30pm from mid-January until the end of April.

Village Seniors The 2nd Thursday of every month lunch is provided at the Bowdoinham Estates. The 4th Thursday of every month there is a lunch at the 2nd Baptist Church, with social time at 11:00 and lunch is usually served around 11:45am.

Regal Cinema Tickets are available at the Town Office for a discounted price of \$7.75.

Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine, in Portland, passes are available at the Town Office for free admission for up to 6 people per day. This pass may only be used once per day so please come and reserve your day! The Museum is even open all week during school vacations! So don't miss out on this opportunity.

Please refer to the Town website, bowdoinham.com/recreation for more information and updates! If you have any questions, please contact Brandi at 666-3504 or email: blohr@bowdoinham.com

Snow is Flying!

Bowdoinham Snowbirds Snowmobile Club proudly maintains over 40 miles of great trails in town. In addition to snowmobiling, the trail system can also be used for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and dog sledding. There is nothing more refreshing and healthy than getting out of the house and into some crisp fresh air for some exercise on the trails. We have to thank the landowners of Bowdoinham for sharing access to their land; without them this trail system wouldn't be possible. Please respect landowner's property and stay on the marked trails.

The Bowdoinham Snowbirds is for more than just snowmobilers. Anyone is welcome to join, which helps support the trail system. The level of club participation is up to you. We have members that are very active with the club and come to all the meetings, and we have members who join the club only because they ride the trails. The club appreciates all types of members because without their support, the trail system would not be maintained.

The club also has over 40 business members. These businesses are mostly local, and are significant in supporting the trail system for your enjoyment. A list of business members can be found on our website. Please thank them by supporting their establishments. Please keep in mind without landowner generosity, club member dedication and supporting business members, we wouldn't have this great trail system in the town of



Bowdoinham.

Go to our website for information about our club and the current members. You might find some interesting tidbits and enjoy looking at some photographs of your neighbors having fun in the snow. If you need high quality maps of the trails, they can be purchased at locations listed on our website. The map also can be downloaded from our website at mesnowbirds.com.

Get out and enjoy the trail system for some local winter fun this season before it's over. Ride safe, look out for each other, and always keep to the right of the trail when riding on the sleds.

Happy trails to you!
David Gouger
Club President



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JANUARY 2013

15th

Quarterly Business Meeting, 6:30pm
Town Landing Restaurant

FEBRUARY

2nd

Ice & Smelt Festival

18th

President's Day
Town Office Closed

TOWN BOARD & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public and held in 2nd Floor Meeting Room at John C. Coombs Municipal Building, 13 School Street.

Select Board Meetings

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

Planning Board

4th Thursday of Month
at 7:00pm

250th Anniversary Committee

1st Wednesday of Month
at 7:00pm

Biking, Walking, Paddling*

4th Monday of Month
at 6:30pm

Cable-Internet Committee

4th Thursday of Month
at 6:30pm

Committee on Aging

2nd & 4th Mondays of Month
at 3:00pm

Community Development Advisory Committee*

3rd Tuesday of Month
at 6:30pm

Comprehensive Planning Committee

1st Tuesday of Month
at 6:30pm

Energy Committee

To Be Announced

Finance Advisory Committee*

To Be Announced

Solid Waste Committee

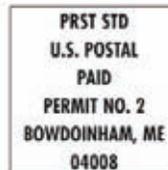
To Be Announced

*These committees are accepting new member(s). To join one of these committees, please contact William Post, Town Manager at 666-5531 or wpost@bowdoinham.com.

Please see the Town's Calendar, www.bowdoinham.com/calendar for a complete listing of events.

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