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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Business Support Services

By Wendy Rose

Companies that provide business support services really contribute to small business operations and allow the business owner to focus on other key tasks. Bowdoinham is fortunate to have several enterprises in this category. They include everything from website design and maintenance to logo creation to graphic services to computer program design that is tailored to a specific business' needs. The businesses featured this month are actively engaged with current customers and able to take on new clients.

Will Zell Zellous.org Website Services

Will's background in Art and Art Education means that he brings an artist's perspective to the work he does as a website designer—making websites look appealing and easy to use. He enhances this strength with what he learned from his father's work as an industrial designer. "Navigation around a website has to be logical, functional, and easy for the customer," Will comments. He serves approximately 35 customers which include artisans, non-profits and many local businesses. Over the five years he has been doing this work, he has focused in on the core tools that are needed for websites to be efficient, economic, and sustainable. "I love working with people who are invested in the project," he says. If a business owner is interested, Will can train them to do simple upgrades themselves. He likes to empower them to explore all the ways their website can serve their business.

Will is especially interested in using energy efficient website design tools that are in the public domain. "Some websites are driving around in website Hummers,



easily managed sites that use a proven technology," he explains. Besides working with businesses to create new websites, Will can also do website upgrades, re-designs, maintenance and conversions. He can also set up software for business newsletters so a business owner can strengthen their business networks and relationships. "Every year it's amazing what I learn," Will says "I love using that to help other



small businesses succeed." Will is located on the Batchelder Road and his home office looks out on an inspiring view of fields and the Abagadasset River. Will can be reached at 737-8787 or will@zellous.org or visit www.zellous.org.

Jessica Beesley Gopher Design

very wasteful energy users. I'm interested in efficient,

Gopher Design is a home-based business located on the Muddy River Road with views overlooking Merrymeeting Bay. It's a lovely spot where Jessica can meet with customers and manage the business.

Jessica's husband, Walter, started the business when he was still in college, and Jessica has joined him in the years since they have been married. She now handles all aspects of the business including any website-related service from concept to implementation. The sites she creates can be simple, one page "business card" sites to larger "brochure sites" to "shopping cart sites" where the business can sell products online.

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Fire Department - Happy Retirement Chief Tourtelotte! Welcome Chief Arthur Frizzle!

By William Post



Chief Jack Tourtelotte led the Bowdoinham Fire Department for the last 14 years. Jack retired on April 1st after 57 years with the fire department. Jack is looking forward to not having to answer the pager at 1am or having to be around town all the time, or arranging for coverage. Many things have changed since Jack started with the Fire Department at age 13, including the expense of equipment and the huge amount of regulations that now exist for fire fighters. While he will enjoy getting a good night's sleep, he will be available to help new Fire Chief Arthur Frizzle.

Chief Frizzle was selected from four Bowdoinham Fire Department candidates and was serving as a Deputy Chief. He has served on the department for 32 years, starting as a junior firefighter. Select Board Chair Brian Hobart stated that Frizzle was the unanimous choice for the part-time position based on his background and his interview. Chief Frizzle is also a communications dispatcher for the Brunswick Police Department.

Plant Sale Coordinator

The Bowdoinham Public Library is pleased to announce that Michelle Reed has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. Michelle is a Bowdoinham resident with strong family ties to the community. She is an active volunteer at the Bowdoinham Community School and member of the Bowdoinham Parent Group.

Business Support Services

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Jessica also provides Facebook-related guidance such as setting up a Facebook business page and showing clients how to use Facebook to advance their business. Walter continues to help with the technical aspects.

Gopher Design has experience with a variety of business types. The Beesleys grew up in the Winthrop/Monmouth area and are very familiar with Maine businesses. Word of mouth has brought many of their customers, both local and out of state. After a couple of meetings in person, they can often work with their customers through email.

"I really enjoy working with our customers to find ways that internet tools can help their business," Jessica says. She especially appreciates the flexibility of self-employment and using all she's learned to assist local businesses. Contact Jessica at jessica@gopherdesign.com or 212-1739.

Bob Bertulli Taurus Systems Inc.

Taurus Systems Inc. is located in the yellow building (by the Town's Public Works Department) with a front row seat on the Cathance River. Since 1993, they have provided computer software programs that serve a particular business niche—the Fuel Oil, Propane and Service industries. Their computer programs help with billing, budgets, and customer service. The programs can be used by different operating systems like Linux, Windows, Mac, and Aix and by various hardware devices, such as handhelds. Taurus Systems has a nationwide reach and can customize their programs to help a particular customer.

As this newsletter was being prepared, Bob was about to travel to Thailand to visit his son who is teaching English there. Unfortunately, this prevented a full interview opportunity. However, the Taurus website is very informative (www.taurus-plus.com) and call Taurus at 666-3167.



40th Annual Bowdoinham Library PLANT SALE

MAY 18TH

**9am to 4pm
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or visit us on Facebook

(Clever folks bring baskets or boxes.)

Town Budget Update

By William Post

The Finance Advisory Committee finished reviewing and revising the Town Manager's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). The budget was then presented to the Select Board on April 23rd. The next step is for a public hearing on the proposed budget and other town meeting warrant articles on May 7th at 5:30 p.m. at the Coombs Municipal Building.

The Town's proposed budget shows a slight increase of \$43,869, or 2.94% from the current year. Many individual department budgets are proposed to decrease in the proposed budget, while the debt service budget shows an increase of \$50,786. This increase reflects the first payment on the 2012 bond that was used to repair and pave two miles of the Millay Road and to purchase a rebuilt sidewalk snow removal machine. The debt service budget also includes \$11,000 for a lease/purchase payment on a backhoe to replace the Town's 1997 backhoe. Full details of the proposed budget will be available on May 7th and will be printed in the upcoming Annual Town Report.

You may know that the state budget as proposed by the Governor may have a significant impact on the Town's budget

that is unknown at this time because the state budget has not been finalized. Included in the proposed state budget is the elimination of municipal revenue sharing, the homestead exemption as it currently exists, reductions in general assistance reimbursements and shifting of commercial excise tax revenue from the towns and cities to the state. What this means for Bowdoinham is a possible reduction of approximately \$250,000 in revenue. Because there has been a great deal of resistance to the state's proposed budget, the Town has chosen to put together a budget that does not include these possible revenue losses. Instead, the proposed budget assumes the same state revenue will be received. However, the Town Manager and Finance Advisory Committee have identified several areas of possible reductions that could be made if the Town does not receive the revenue from the state. These reductions would have severe impacts on services for Bowdoinham residents, and would still result in an increase in the tax rate.

As the state legislature works through its own budget review and revisions, we will be watching carefully and will make adjustments as needed in the Town's budget. Unfortunately, the impact of the state's budget on the Town's budget may not be known before our annual Town Meeting on June 12th at 7pm..

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For more information, contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531 or nbriand@bowdoinham.com or visit the Town's website.

CDAC News

By Nicole Briand

The Bowdoinham Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) would like to extend an invitation to our local business owners to participate in our “Business Open House” Meeting to be held at FHC’s Cathance Landing at 9 Main Street on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm. Steve Wallace, President of the Southern Midcoast Chamber will join us to provide information about the Chamber and we will discuss how Bowdoinham may partner with the Chamber to support and promote Bowdoinham Businesses. We will also discuss the Buy Bowdoinham Program and how we can develop the program to better support Bowdoinham businesses. Please join us to weigh in on how the Town can better serve our businesses.

As part of our effort to support Bowdoinham businesses, we are offering a Social Media Business Workshop on Wednesday, May 29th, 6:30-8pm in the Kendall Meeting Room at 13 School St. The workshop will focus on how to create the correct Facebook page for your business and how to maximize your Facebook audience. Other social media options, such as Twitter, LinkedIn and blogging will also be discussed. Please register for this free workshop by contacting Will Zell of Zellous.org Website Services at 737-8787 or will@zellous.org.

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

Land Use Ordinance Proposed Amendments

By Nicole Briand

The Planning Board is proposing seven warrant articles to amend the Town’s Land Use Ordinance for this year’s Town Meeting. These proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance address the following:

- Article 1. To Amend the Town of Bowdoinham Official Shoreland Zoning Map to Delete All References to the ‘Marina District’ and to Replace Them With References to the ‘Commercial Fisheries/Maritime Activities District’. This amendment fixes the legend on the Shoreland Zoning Map, because the Town doesn’t have a Marina District.
- Article 2. To Remove Certain References to ‘Great Ponds’ Because There Are No Great Ponds Located in Bowdoinham. This amendment removes references to great ponds, because Bowdoinham does not have any great ponds.
- Article 3. To Add Provisions Regarding Non-Permanent Structures and Temporary Buildings. This amendment serves to: define non-permanent structures, create performance standards for non-permanent structures and remove the permit requirement for non-permanent structures, temporary buildings and greenhouse.
- Article 4. To Revise and Clarify Provisions Relating to Business Name Signage, Home Day Cares, Home Occupations, and Home-Based Businesses. This amendment serves to: redefine home occupations, remove permit requirements

for business name sign changes, change the performance standard for home-based daycares to allow outside use, and relax the permitting requirements for home-based businesses.

- Article 5. To Revise and Streamline the Subdivision Application and Review Process. This amendment combines the preliminary and final subdivision review processes into one review process.
- Article 6. To Revise Provisions Regarding Consent Agreements for Illegal Structures in Shoreland Areas and to Clarify Provisions Regarding General Administrative Fees and Fines. This amendment incorporates the language from Maine Department of Environmental Protection’s (MDEP) Conditional Order, which is currently in place.
- Article 7. To Clarify the Application Procedure for Appeals. This amendment specifies the number of application packages required for applications for the Board of Appeals.

These proposed amendments are available online at http://www.bowdoinham.com/plan-land-use-ord_proposed-revisions and at the Town Office, copies are available for viewing and/or purchase.

If you should have any questions please contact the Nicole Briand, Director of Planning & Development at 666-5531.

Call for Members

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Biking, Walking, Paddling Committee - 1 opening

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Comprehensive Planning Committee Update

By Nicole Briand

The Comprehensive Planning Committee has developed the proposed Future Land Use Map for the Town's Comprehensive Plan update. The Map was developed through the three workshops that were held in April and can be viewed on the Town's website at www.bowdoinham.com/future-land-use.

Now that the Map is complete, the Committee will be discussing what strategies the Town can use to encourage

growth in the Growth Area and preserve our natural resources in the rural areas. Strategies such as zoning, different lot standards and performance standards. To start this discussion, the Committee is inviting three professionals for a Panel Discussion. The goal of this meeting will be to discuss various strategies and ideas and the possible impacts of using those strategies. Please join us for this discussion on Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30pm at Town Hall - your opinion matters!

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

Municipal Meeting Rooms to be Dedicated

By Kate Cutko

The two meeting rooms on the second floor of the Coombs Municipal Building are soon going to be named. Town staff and citizens of Bowdoinham for years have been referring to these rooms as "Room One" and "Room Two" or "The Selectmen's Room" and "The Front room." Many Bowdoinham people who attended school here, refer to these rooms as "my third grade room" or "Mrs. So-and-so's room". With inspiration and funding from the 250th Committee, the rooms will be given a sprucing-up and official names.



The "The Selectmen's Room" will be named after William B. Kendall, honoring not only his legacy of farming and business in town, but also the work he did in establishing the century box and the century fund. The room facing the front of the building will be named "The Graduates Room" in honor of the graduates of Coombs High School and Bowdoinham High School.

To that end, we are collecting portraits of graduating classes; Bowdoinham High School graduated classes from 1877 to 1911 and Coombs High School graduated classes from 1912 to 1946. We hope to reproduce and frame as many as we can to

decorate the room.

Visit Kate Cutko at the library, or call 666-8405 to make arrangements.

Cable-Internet Committee

By Theresa Turgeon

After over two years of searching to expand the cable and internet services for Bowdoinham this committee is being suspended until there is a next step for us to take.

In those two years we have contacted over six (6) potential providers including Comcast, FairPoint and even having one committee member exploring the possibility of being the provider himself. The basic finding is that Bowdoinham does not have enough potential customers to make it be financially feasible for those companies to work with us.

Up until early March there was a possibility that we would be able to work with FairPoint on a ConnectME grant to extend broadband internet service in Bowdoinham. But the courts have ordered FairPoint to provide service to 10,000 more residents of Maine without the use of ConnectME grant funds. Given the size of Bowdoinham it seems very unlikely that we will be included in the next 10,000.

So as of now, there is nothing else for us to do regarding improving cable/internet services. Therefore, we are suspending our committee meetings until something changes.

In the meantime, we are working to get the necessary equipment and services so that the Town can record various meeting and make them available to the community via the internet.

As the Chair of this committee I want to thank everyone who has worked with us over the last two years.



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News from Committee on Aging

By Linda Jariz

The Senior Center opened in January 2013 and has been open every Thursday from 10am to 3pm at the Second Baptist Church on Main Street. Many thanks go to the Second Baptist Church for its generosity in offering space. Selectperson Theresa Turgeon (and a member of the Committee on Aging) has been serving as the Center's volunteer with other members of the Committee on Aging assisting. The Senior Center is a place to drop by and have coffee and socialize. You can also get help with technology issues and other resource or information needs.

The first Thursday of each month is movie matinee day at 1:00pm. We have popcorn and gather to watch movies such as the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel and Terminal. An exercise program began in April, "Exercise Plus" is led by Kathy Pszczolkowski on Thursdays at the Fire Station at 9:00am. This program can accommodate seniors of all ability levels. A walking group also began in April with walks offered every Monday at 9:00am; leaving from the Fire Station. Walkers of all skill level are welcome to participate in this activity. On the 4th Thursday of each month, the Center offers a speaker following the luncheon, which is provided by the Second Baptist Church.

The Committee also makes available a list of monthly activities and resources. This may be viewed online at the Town's website (www.bowdoinham.com) or picked up at the Town Office.

Scams – Just Say NO!

As part of the Senior Center program and following the March Second Baptist Church luncheon, Sheriff Joel Merry spoke about the various scams circulating – either by mail, e-mail or phone. The bottom line is – if it sounds too good to be true – it is! In short, don't send money to anyone that you do not know. Some of the most recent scams include:

- Someone who poses as law enforcement calls in the middle of the night from another country on behalf of your son/daughter/grandchildren requesting bail so your loved one can get out of jail. Please just hang up. If you have any doubts about the welfare of your loved one, you can check with other family members in the morning.

- You won a lottery and you must send some fee before you can get your winnings. If you really had won a lottery, you would never be required to send money in order to get your winnings.

There are many variations of the "send money to get money" scheme. Bottom line, just hang-up and do not respond to e-mail or letters in the mail. Call the Sheriff's office at 443-9711 to talk with them about any questionable requests.

Sheriff Merry also discussed the guys pedaling frozen meat from the back of a truck. Please do not buy this meat and, if you see them, call the Sheriff's Department immediately to report location and license plate number (if you can get it).

Lastly, when shopping on-line, remember that you should always check to make sure you are buying from a secure site. If you see [HTTPS://](https://) in the address line, the S indicates that the site is secure.

Ridge Church Update

By Albert Stehle

With ownership complete, the Ridge Church has slowly begun to breathe new life. When I started the ice was thick, the snow deep, the smell horrid, the chimney was plugged, the roof was falling in, the ceiling was blowing in the wind and the animals living in the church were not too happy. In less than two months, a new tarp (that a neighbor bought) has been put up, the last of the ice inside the building has melted, the pews have been removed from the work

area, the portion of the collapsing roof has been removed, the tin ceiling has been

removed (and saved), the wood stove has been hooked up, the mess has been cleaned and 18-ft timbers are now holding up the church to prevent further sinking.

Next I will start gathering the donated items and begin the brick work to prevent the walls from spreading apart further.

I'm thinking of having a dinner to share photos and stories or maybe setting up a toll booth as a fundraiser.

Again, this is a church, not a house, condo, apartment, store, casino or anything else you can think of. Gettin' married and gettin' buried should say it all.

Check us out on Facebook (Ridge Church of Bowdoinham). For more information, contact me, Albert Stehle at albertstehle@yahoo.com or 666-3493.



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Food Pantry

By Kathy Tome

Neighbors helping neighbors is something that happens naturally here in Bowdoinham. The new Bowdoinham Food Pantry is just another way that this community is coming together to help those that are in need. Many community members including several local veterans have come together to create this much needed service.

We will be holding a food drive in the parking lot of the Long Branch School on Saturday, May 4th from 9am to 3pm to jump start the food pantry. Please help us help those in need by bringing a non-perishable food item or a money donation. We will have a BBQ and musical entertainment, so come share in the fun while helping our community.

You can also drop-off your donation at one of our Donation Boxes that are located at: The Town Landing Restaurant, Longbranch Store and the Town Office.

The Food Pantry needs nutritious, non-perishable foods:

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Tuna and canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Low-sugar cereals
- 100% fruit juices
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Canned vegetables (low salt)
- Pasta and Rice

On Saturday, May 18th, the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, will be opening its' doors in the basement of the Second Baptist Church, 1 Church Street. Then starting on May 23rd, the Bowdoinham Food Pantry will be open weekly on Thursdays from 2-5pm and Saturdays from 10:30am-2:30pm.

If you would like to help or have any questions, please call Kathy Tome at 751-0080 or email us at bowdoinhamfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Donations can be sent to:
Bowdoinham Food Pantry
P.O. Box 246,
Bowdoinham, ME 04008

Get Your Boat Ready

By John McMullen, Harbor Master

Sometimes, it's the little things that can ruin a day on the water. Even major things like a ruined engine due to clogged manifolds can be prevented by a quick inspection before launching for the season. Here are a few reminders:

- Change your water pump impeller (unless you changed your impeller within the last two years).
- Inspect engine zincs - if they are half wasted replace them.
- Upgrade your stuffing box -it should only drip when the shaft is spinning. A study a few yrs back found that 35% of inboard powered boats that sank at the dock had leaking stuffing boxes.
- Check steering linkages - a cable should not sound or feel crunchy.
- Check your seacocks - they should open and close without force.
- Check all fluid levels - engine oil, power steering, transmission & trim tabs.
- Check & repack trailer wheel bearings-hubs that have been immersed in water during the season are likely to be contaminated unless bearing protectors were installed. Bearing failures are one of the most common roadside service calls.
- Outdrives - check outdrive bellows for cracked spots, (especially in the folds).
- Inspect hoses for stiffness, rot, and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly and are double clamped.
- Wire brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water (if applicable).
- Check expiration dates on flares and fire extinguishers.
- Review your boat insurance. Be sure you have fuel spill insurance coverage.
- Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they are working.
- **Get a free vessel safety check from the US Power Squadron or CG Auxiliary.** Request one at Safetyseal.net

Take care of the details now so you can enjoy your time on the water!

Maine Senior FarmShare

By Representative Seth Berry

Maine's Senior FarmShare program is gearing up for another bountiful season and eligible seniors will once again be able to get free fruit, vegetables and herbs from local farmers.

Last year, more than 19,000 Maine seniors and 130 farmers took part in the program, which provides \$50 worth of produce to each participant. Qualifying seniors contract directly with local farmers for pickup or delivery.

Through the Maine Senior FarmShare Program, Maine farmers provide fresh, unprocessed, locally grown produce to low-income seniors. Food is distributed directly from farms to seniors.

Each participating senior receives a share (worth \$50) of produce during the growing season. Farms are prepaid in the spring for the produce they agree to provide later in the season.

To qualify for a Senior FarmShare, a

participant must be a Maine resident, at least 60 years old and with a household income of not more than \$20,665 for singles and \$27,991 for a two-person household.

Participating farmers offer a variety of methods for providing produce. Seniors pick it up at a specific farmers' market, or at the farm or farm stand. Some farmers offer home delivery. Eligible produce includes fresh, unprocessed fruit, vegetables and herbs.

The Maine Senior FarmShare Program is administered by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in partnership with other agencies and organizations, including the Office of Elder Services, Maine Cooperative Extension, and Maine's five Area Agencies on Aging. The program is funded through the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program.

To find participating farmers or go to www.getrealmaine.com or contact the Area Agency on Aging at 877-353-3771.

THE BOWDOINHAM NEWS

News From BCDI

By David Whittlesey

For the first time, BCDI put forward three opportunities to invest at the same time, totaling over \$14,500. While they varied in terms of their purpose, the amounts being sought and their level of risk, all three were fulfilled in less than two weeks!

AND there were people interested beyond what was required! THANK YOU BOWDOINHAM!!

Here are the most recent loan recipients:

Bob Kane Wood Products

BCDI provided funds to support a new aspect of Bob Kane's enterprise. Bob has all the pieces in place to launch a small wood milling operation to compliment his firewood business on his property on the Post Road. He has the equipment, including a brand new WoodMizer L35 Hydraulic portable mill (picture above) and now will make some critical repairs to his truck and purchase some replacement hardwood saw blades for the operation to launch. If you need fresh cut lumber for a project this summer, get in touch with Bob at 666-3668.



Apple Creek Farm

Jake Galle (picture below) received a loan to proceed with the expansion of his sheep raising operation through installing fixed

sheep fencing and improving pasturage. Most of the costs of the fencing will be reimbursed through a grant from USDA which has already been approved but that can only be disbursed on completion of the work according to USDA specifications, which will take place this summer.



Long Branch School

A loan to Long Branch will help cover the upfront costs for two great courses this Spring: a timber framing workshop taught by Ken Voorhees of Little River Timber Frames that includes the building of a small multi-purpose building; and an outdoor wood-fired oven workshop taught by Dean Zoulamis of the former Mother Oven Bakery. The resulting structures will both serve as collateral and become tangible assets for the School and the Community. Check out the Long Branch schedule for the exact dates!

If you are in business in Bowdoinham, and need some capital to start, improve or expand your enterprise, consider looking to your neighbors for support through a BCDI loan. BCDI is the community helping to build the community, and it's working! Join us and become a Member of BCDI. A strong Membership participates in deciding the direction of the organization, and is one way we can help cover our operational costs. And please consider investing in your community when the next investment opportunity comes around.

For more information please visit the BCDI website at: www.bcdi.us.

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News from The Long Branch

By John Favreau

We've got lots of exciting things happening at Long Branch this summer.

Let's start with the School

Have you been thinking about getting your own chickens? Well, they'll need a place to stay, so we're offering the Chicken Coop Challenge on May 4th & 5th.

Also in May, Natural Dye Making, Home & Hearth Blacksmithing, Introduction to Timber Framing, Introduction to Traditional Archery, Picnic Table Workshop, Knife & Tool Sharpening, Raising Chickens, and Wild Food Foraging. There are many more courses being offered throughout the summer, for more information, www.longbranchschool.com.

On a final note, we would like to thank the Bowdoinham Community Development Initiative and its local investors for the necessary capital to bring you our timber framing and outdoor wood oven courses. As a result, we will be holding our first timber frame course and outdoor wood oven courses May 11th and June 1st



respectively. We greatly appreciate the support of our community.

The Veterans Work Shop

Our collaboration with Homes for Homeless Vets is kicking into high gear and was visited by Maine's First Lady, Anne LePage, on Tuesday, April 2nd. Mrs LePage has been working with Maine veterans for many years and was very excited to hear about our program to both re-train veterans in woodworking skills and to help them build affordable cottages with vets helping themselves and vets helping other vets. Long Branch is excited to be a part of this effort.

The General Store

Our store continues to bring in new local product, and our food buying club enables everyone to shop from a wide variety of local healthy foods online. It's like having access to your own farmer's market from your computer. You can also find a sample of the food list available at the home page of our website.

Luke, Sarah, and Nadine are in the store daily and happy to assist you. Our phone number is 666-8900.

**We'll see you at Long Branch
Go Local, Go Long Branch**



ATTENTION IRAQ and AFGHANISTAN VETERANS

Creative Flow Foundation was founded on the belief that creativity can heal and is seeking an apprentice. This is a great no cost opportunity for veterans to learn:

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- woodworking,
- cabinetry, or
- other wood and metalworking skills

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Plumbing Tip *Spring Sump Pump Check*

Spring is the time of year your sump pump works overtime, so make sure your pump is working properly. Check the hoses for leaks and make sure there is a check valve installed to keep water from pouring back into your basement. Make sure the pump is positioned and secured so that the float will not get hung up on anything; remember pumps tend to shake a bit when in use. Finally, make sure the pumped out water does not flow back into your house.

250th Memorabilia *Available at the Town Office*

Commemorative Plate	\$20
History Book <i>The Bay, The Land, The People</i>	\$20
DVD <i>Growing up Bowdoinham</i>	\$10
EMS Cookbook <i>250 Years of Treasured Recipes</i>	\$12
Hat	\$10
T-Shirt	\$12

From the 1912 Century Box

Name: Florence S. Kelley
-for her children ages 4 & 3,
Frances & James Harrison Kelley, Jr.
Residence: San Francisco, Calif.
Birthplace: San Francisco
Date: March 11, 1908
Donation: \$5

May 13, 1909

We are your great, great, great grandfathers and grandmothers speaking to you, and wishing you luck and happiness with the legacy left to you by us. Today in what we think a wonderful age, when woman's suffrage is taking its place among other customs in the U.S., the Panama Canal about to open, and wonderful things in all lines being accomplished, you are not born or even thought of; but there is no doubt but what you will exist, and have my same feelings, impulses, and sympathies, for your blood will be of my blood. So to you my posterity, enjoy the celebration of your legacy and use it wisely.

Frances Sarle Kelley
James Harrison Kelley, Sr.

2012 Century Box

The 250th Committee encourages you to write something for the 2012 Century Box, which will be sealed in September 2013. Material can be left at the Library or the Town Office. Notes can be long or short, about whatever you would like -Bowdoinham or life in Bowdoinham, your family, business, hobbies or a message to the folks in 2062. We are also looking for items that represent Bowdoinham in 2012: business materials, photos, etc.

Please help us fill the Century Box!

News from Bowdoinham Historical Society

By Betsy Steen

The sounds of children learning once again filled Jellerson School house on April 8th & 9th when the second grade classes from Bowdoinham Community School came to spend 'a day in 1910.' Recitations from McGuffey's readers, copy book work, arithmetic problems

worked out on slates, a spelling bee, learning about Merrymeeting Bay and its rivers and how men of the town made their families'

living from them filled the hours. They dressed up as scholars of the time, ate old fashioned lunches and enjoyed old fashioned games at recess.

To enhance the Jellerson School experience, we still need: individual school slates, tin or enamel cups, a recitation bench (about 4-6' long), blackboard letters, blackboard line maker, lard pails, other antique school materials and equip-



ment, folding chairs (for adult seating). Our next big project will be finishing scraping and painting the exterior of the BHS Meeting House (corner Route 24 and Brown's Point Rd.) If you'd like to lend a hand, call Chet Gillis at 666-3203.

Monthly Board-Business Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month (not 3rd) at 7pm in Coombs

Building or, in warm weather, Jellerson School. All who are interested in playing an active role in the work of the historical Society are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Betsy at 666-3468 bayviewess@comcast.net.

Great BHS Yard Sale

Please start collecting things to donate to the Historical Society Yard Sale in September. If you wish to give them to us now, call Jeanne Gillis, 666-3203. Or plan to join us at the sale by bringing your own table and setting up outside to sell your treasures. Table space \$10.

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News from Merrymeeting Arts Center

By Peggy Muir

We are excited about upcoming activities at the Merrymeeting Arts Center this summer and fall.

Exhibits

Our major summer show is "Every Maine Lighthouse", 65 paintings by Ernest DeRaps of Richmond, a former lighthouse keeper himself, who embarked on this project when he retired. This is the first showing of this entire collection in one place. The show will be open to the public on Saturday, May 11th. The Annual Arts Center Gala Opening will be on Friday, June 28th from 5-8pm. The lighthouse show will close after Celebrate Bowdoinham in September.

Plans are also developing for our fall show "Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address" featuring Lincoln portraits by Carlo



Pittore. This show will coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. We will sponsor a speaking contest and other activities. A Veterans' Day Concert is planned featuring Kim Kalesti and troupe who did such a fine job last year as part of Bowdoinham's 250th anniversary. More plans for our Lincoln show activities will be announced!

Events

There will be a number of special events associated with the "Every Maine Lighthouse" Show. Kate



Cutko will have a "Lighthouse Story Time" at the Bowdoinham Public Library from 10-12am on Tuesday, July 16th, which will

include a display of books about lighthouses during July. On July 21st there will be a slideshow and talk at 3pm by Mr. DeRaps about his experiences tending lighthouses with his family, and his retirement project of painting every Maine



lighthouse.

On August 10th Duane Prugh will give a talk about "Kennebec Lights and the Men who served them" at the Arts Center. Then on September 7th at 9am Duane Prugh will lead a walking tour to the site of one of the Kennebec lighthouses.

The summer Drop-In art sessions in July will include lighthouse activities as will the arts center events at Celebrate Bowdoinham in September.

The Maine Maritime Museum sponsors summer cruises to lighthouses which we hope to join. We are planning a guided hike to the site of one of the Kennebec Lighthouses on Merrymeeting Bay (date to be announced). And watch for lighthouse lawn ornaments around the area!

Classes

We are planning for our summer classes in July. For more information, please go to www.merrymeetingartscenter.org or call 841-5914. Like us on Facebook!

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Healing Hearts Event

By Tina Jasper

On Sunday, May 19th the Healing Hearts Foundation will have a fundraiser to benefit Aubrey Padilla and Wayne Crooker. Family Fun Day &



Kayaking on Merrymeeting Bay will take place at Mailly Waterfront Park from 12 to 4pm. There will be a BBQ, live music, raffles & more.

Aubrey (picture above) is four years old and lives in Bowdoinham. Aubrey has aplastic anemia, which is a rare condition in which her bone marrow does not make necessary blood cells.

Healing Hearts Foundation is an organization that is dedicated to making a difference against life threatening illness. Our goal is to help those whom have been inflicted with a life threatening illness. Please help us to help others by looking deep within your hearts and searching for that little bit of kindness that will make a difference in the life of a stranger (or neighbor).

For more information, please visit us on Facebook or call Gary at 666-3601.

Farmers' Market

By Pete Galle

The 2013 Bowdoinham Farmers Market will open for the season on May 18th at the Merrymeeting Grange Hall beginning at 8:30am to 12:30pm. Favorite returning vendors include:

- Fair Winds Farm with veggies and fruit, plants, seedlings and more;
- Paula C's Baked Goods;
- Adams Farm with veggies, unique seedlings and plants, and eggs;
- Laurel Lopez with her home made soaps, lotions, and other eco-friendly personal care products; and
- Apple Creek Farm with their locally raised beef, lamb and eggs, raw wool, and felted woolen items.

Over the past 5 years, the Bowdoinham Farmers Market has proven to be a leader in providing the freshest locally raised healthy foods. The market has room for a few more vendors and offers a unique opportunity for local producers to showcase their products and mingle with members of the community.

For more information, please contact Pete Galle at 666-3936.



Cake Decorating Contest

By Diana Mosher

The Bowdoinham Library Annual Plant Sale is observing its 40th Anniversary this year. And what better way to celebrate a special anniversary than by eating cake! So the Friends of the Library is sponsoring a cake decorating contest with the theme, "40 years along and still growing strong."

Everyone is invited to participate in this contest. Please register by Friday, May 10th. Registration forms are available at the Bowdoinham Library, The Long Branch General Store and the Town's website.

Judging will be done at the Plant Sale by the shoppers until 12:30pm. The winners will be announced at 1pm, then we will all eat cake! Prizes for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place will be plant sale certificates. For more information, please contact Diana Mosher at 666-8102.

Attention Parents:

Do you have an entrepreneurial child between 8 and 14 who bakes, makes jams, picks berries, or creates crafts? If so, the SPROUTS Table is the perfect place to hone their business skills. For more information, please contact Nicole Briand at 666-5531.

13th Annual Giant Rummage Sale

The Bowdoinham Parent Group is having their 13th Annual Rummage Sale at the Town Hall, 13 School St. on Saturday, May 4th from 9am to 3pm. The Early Bird Sale will be on May 3rd, 5-7pm and there is a \$1 donation per adult to enter.

This sale is made possible thanks to your donated items. All proceeds go to the school's field trip fund. For more information, please contact Jessica Sullivan 504.7103 or JessicaMaySullivan@gmail.com.

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Bowdoinham Chicken Barbecue Returns

By Kathy Gallant

Everyone will be glad to hear that the Chicken Barbecue will return to Bowdoinham again this year on Saturday, June 22nd, from 11:30am-1:30pm at the Community School. The menu will be similar to those enjoyed in the past, consisting of BBQ chicken, baked beans, coleslaw or salad, chips, drink, and a brownie. Tickets are \$10 for a large meal (1/2 a chicken) and \$6 for a small meal (1/4 chicken), and may be purchased at the Town Office, Bowdoinham Country Store, or at the BBQ. All proceeds will be donated to the Community School.

Chicken BBQ T-shirts will be for sale, as well.

This year we plan to dish out 700 servings. To accomplish this, David Berry has enlisted the help of other past BBQ volunteers, including Steve Lamoreau, many members of the Bowdoinham Fire Department and Fireman's Auxiliary and members of the Community School Parent Group, who will provide the brownies. The Bowdoinham Historical Society will be also selling fresh strawberry shortcake at the Barbecue with proceeds going to the Jellerson School.

A variety of fun events will take place at the school after the BBQ, including pick-up baseball games, children's activities, and an old-time traditional music show from 2:00pm-4:00pm.



Later in the afternoon, is the Cruise-in on the Cathance, (*see page 14*) and FHC's 6th annual Red White and Blue Festival to benefit the Midcoast Chapter of the American Red Cross. The evening comes to a finale with a dynamic fireworks display over the Cathance River.

Bowdoinham is the place to be on June 22nd!



**Bowdoin and Bowdoinham's
6th annual**



Red White & Blue Summer Fun Festival

Saturday, June 22rd

FIREWORKS over the Cathance

Waterfront festivities at Maily Park in Bowdoinham will include live performances by local musicians, entertainment, activities for kids (of all ages) and a Fireworks Display over the Cathance at 9:30pm.

**Hosted by FHC ~ FMI or to get involved, please call
666-5651, ext. 1000**





Cruise 'In On The Cathance

By Lynn Spiro

Cruise 'In On The Cathance, sponsored by The Town Landing Restaurant, now marks its 5th year in downtown Bowdoinham. Classic and antique cars lining the streets of this quiet village with all classes of cars, enjoying the music of yesteryear, and the many cars that made them special. Cruise 'In On The Cathance will rev up its engines on June 22nd from 4-6:30pm nestled in between the Chicken BBQ and The Red, White, and Blue Festival carrying the festivities on into the evening.

There is no entry fee to exhibit or attend the Cruise 'In on the Cathance. Everyone bringing a classic or antique

car gets automatic entry into the Door Prize Raffle pool, and anyone attending can participate in the 50/50 drawing, and buy additional Door Prize Raffle tickets with the proceeds going to a local charity, this year all monies raised will be donated to The Bowdoinham Food Pantry.

“Celebrating 5 years of hosting Cruise 'In On The Cathance is a big accomplishment, especially after the challenges of last year,” states Town Landing owner Lynn Spiro. “Nothing brings a smile to my face more than seeing the bustle of the cars and people enjoying the great community we live and work in.”

Having been recognized as a favorite hotspot where the republicans gather in the morning, the democrats at lunch, and don't forget the Sunday sinners, after Church crowd, The Town Landing Restaurant now extends its entourage to the auto enthusiast that love not only the history of the town, they love the history of their car. Cruise 'In on The Cathance, began as a luncheon discussion, and in over the 5 years, have averaged over 40 cars per event, with enthusiasts coming from as far away as Westbrook, West Paris, and

Bangor. This year's events to take place on June 22th, July 27th, and August 31st, and will once again host live music, T-shirts, door prize raffles, 50/50 raffles, and a taste of good-old home Maine cooking offered with the best of Maine hospitality. All monies raised in 2013 will be donated to support the Bowdoinham Food Pantry, a recently established volunteer group, working together to feed our friends and neighbors. Join us as we celebrate the car, the memories, and the traditions.

“If you build it, they will come,” and they have! Come join us this summer as we celebrate and support the community we call home. Show your support for the Bowdoinham Food Pantry and bring a non-perishable item to donate.



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Community Calendar

May

3rd

Giant Rummage Sale- Early Bird Sale
Town Hall, 5-7pm

4th

Giant Rummage Sale
Town Hall, 9am-3pm

Food Drive
Long Branch School, 9am-3pm

5th

Wonderland Tea Party
Merrymeeting Arts Center, 1-4pm

10th

Lighthouse Show
Merrymeeting Arts Center, 5-8pm

18th

Bowdoinham Farmers Market Opens
Merrymeeting Grange, 8:30am-12:30pm

Library Plant Sale
Town Hall, 9am-4pm

Bowdoinham Food Pantry Opens
Second Baptist Church, 10:30am-2:30pm

18th

Contra Dance
Town Hall, 6:30-11:30pm

19th

Healing Hearts Event
Maily Waterfront Park, 11am-4pm

21st

Bowdoinham Business Meeting
Cathance Landing, 6:30-8pm

25th

Bean Supper
Fire Station, 4-6pm

27th

Memorial Day
Town Office Closed

29th

Social Media Business Workshp
Kendall Meeting Room, 6:30-8pm

June

4th

Land Use Strategies Panel Discussion
Town Hall, 6:30-8pm

11th

Elections
Town Hall, 8am-8pm

12th

Town Meeting
Town Hall, 7pm

15th

Contra Dance
Town Hall, 6:30-11:30pm

22nd

Chicken BBQ
Bowdoinham Community School

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

Red, White & Blue Festival
Maily Waterfront Park, 6-10pm

27th

Summer Concert Series Begins
Maily Waterfront Park, 6-8pm

See what's happening at the Bowdoinham Community School, visit their website and click flash - <http://bhm.msad75.schoolfusion.us/>

For a complete listing of events, please visit the Town's Calendar at www.bowdoinham.com/calendar.

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