



REP. HOLLY STOVER with Boothbay Region High School's Interact Club. Courtesy of Suzie Edwards

Interact Club

**By Suzie Edwards
Interact Club Secretary**
Tuesday, Nov. 15, the BRHS Interact Club had Representative Holly Stover come to their meeting and explain all that the Community Resource Council does; Stover explained that the CRC is unique to our community.

She explained all that the CRC does to help within our community. These activities included the Woodchucks, Set for Success, Boothbay Rides, Addiction Outreach, Community Fuel Fund, Food for Thought, the Community Navigator, and the Community Fridge. Stover also stated that only

two other communities in our state have a Community Fridge. Kittery and Skowhegan, more urban areas than Boothbay, have Community Fridges to help people in their regions. The students of the Interact Club donated non-perishables to the Community Fridge to help provide goods for families in need. At this month's meeting, the Interact Club wrote holiday cards for the citizens at St. Andrews Village. The members of the club did this to ensure that no one would feel alone during the holiday season. Members wrote over 30 cards to the community members at St. Andrews.

Maine Animal Health officials remind bird owners to protect flocks from HPAI

AUGUSTA — Maine Animal Health officials with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry (DACF) remind commercial and backyard flock owners to keep birds indoors to prevent the spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI). Today's reminder follows the detection of HPAI in a small, non-commercial group of backyard birds in Washington County.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that can be spread in various ways from flock to flock, including through wild birds, contact with infected poultry, equipment, and on the clothing and shoes of caretakers. Starting in February 2022, DACF reported detecting 14 cases of the disease in domestic birds, all involving non-commercial backyard flocks. DACF found these cases in six counties across the state.

Practical measures to protect the health of Maine's domestic birds:

Prevent contact between domestic and wild birds by bringing them indoors or ensuring their outdoor area is fully enclosed. Practice strict biosecurity measures, including washing hands before and after handling birds and when moving between different

coops, wearing clean clothes, and keeping vehicles clean and free of dirt, manure, and other organic material. Disinfect boots and other gear when moving between coops. Do not share equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms. Clean and disinfect equipment and other supplies between uses. Use well or municipal water as drinking water for birds. Keep poultry feed secure to ensure no contact between the feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents. Avoid visiting other farms, homes, or facilities with birds. Know the signs of HPAI and monitor the health of birds regularly. For a snapshot of HPAI in Maine, frequently asked questions, and additional HPAI resources, visit maine.gov/dacf/hpai. To report sick poultry or unusual domestic bird deaths, call the USDA's toll-free hotline at 1-866-536-7593. To report a strange-acting or deadwild bird, call the MDIFW at (207) 287-8000. After hours, evenings, and on weekends, please call (800) 452-4664.

Calendar of Events

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Trio performs the Charlie Brown Christmas album as recorded by the Vince Guaraldi Trio, as well as other Guaraldi compositions. Tickets advance online (<https://bit.ly/3V0B7EC>) for \$20. \$25 the day of the show; tickets for youth (17 and under): \$10. Masks optional. Concessions available. FMI: <https://www.thewaldtheatre.org/>

Saturday, Dec. 10 & Sunday, Dec. 11
The North Pole Express
See listing under Dec. 3 & 4 for details!

TUESDAY
Stress be gone with Qigong
Weekly Zoom classes led by Judi Milinowski from 8 to 9 a.m. Simple movements, breathing techniques, visualization and a meditative state help in gaining control over both ordinary tension as well as the subtle internal tensions. Suggested donation \$10 - a portion of which is donated to a food insecurity program in Nobleboro, Twin Farms. Visit <https://www.judymilnowski.com/services> for Zoom link and to make that donation.

WEDNESDAY
Bereavement support group
This support group meets the second Wednesday of every month at the Community Center in the Meadow Mall, 185 Townsend

Clothing Closet
Behind the Boothbay Harbor Methodist Church, 81 Townsend Ave. Clothing for all ages. Take what you need.

THURSDAY
Stress be gone with Qigong
See Tuesday listing for details.

FRIDAY
Boothbay Region Food Pantry
Pantry hours: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your own reusable bags for your groceries; no boxes available. Volunteers will hand out numbered grocery lists to complete outside the food pantry and be returned to a volunteer. At the Congregational Church of Boothbay Harbor. Parking in the back lot accessed by Eastern Avenue. Masks required inside.

SATURDAY
Rotary Club Barn
The Rotary's Big Gray Barn, 66 Montgomery Road, Boothbay Harbor, is open 8:30 - 11 a.m. until the weather turns cold. Gently used furniture, household goods, tools and collectibles. Off-road parking area. FMI: www.boothbayharbor-rotary.org.

Clothing Closet
See Wednesday listing for details.

The Opera House Dough Ball 2011

Another blast from the past – The Opera House Dough Ball from 2011. Gingerbread houses, decorated tables and trees, food, drinks and dancing highlighted the night. We didn't use all these photos online back then so we thought we would use them since we've got them.



SUSAN BRACKETT and her winning gingerbread entry. File photo



NANCY TIBBETTS STODDARD and Lee Stoddard look at the gingerbread creations. File photo



FILLING THE PLATES. File photo

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club

By Irene Fowle
Hoping you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. A chance to slow down and count our blessings. But, now the Christmas season is upon us. No more slowing down for a while. But, lots of opportunities to show our gratitude for family, friends and this wonderful community we live in. Christmas is a time for giving. The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club is excellent at that, but this week we make it fun, fun, fun. On Monday, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m., we gathered to decorate the clubhouse for the holiday season. We shared pizza, salad and wine and put up some of those decorations and the tree sitting in the shed since last Christmas. Every year it's fun to see what's been in that

storage shed, waiting to turn the clubhouse into a festive holiday place. On Thursday, Dec 1, we are having our annual Santa's Helper night. We'll make around 200 Christmas goody bags for the children at the Food Pantry. Also, this year, we are making 20 "Welcome" tote bags for the homeless veterans moving into the V.E.T.S. trailers. It's always a chaotic, fun, but productive night. We have two wooden trees that we purchased to support STEM programs at the high school. They are about four feet tall. If anyone has any ideas for decorating those please bring them and supplies for decorating Thursday night. The club will reimburse you for any supplies for this project.



MAGICAL SCENERY. File photo



LEIGH AND KIT SHERRILL dancing the night away. File photo



MUSIC from the stage. File photo



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