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BUCKSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT PHOTO

THE RESPONSE to the fire on Central Street was immediate, but the lone occupant of the home, Clifford Lambert, perished.

Smoking, oxygen tank spark fatal fire

BUCKSPORT — Some smoking materials and a canister of oxygen apparently combined to ignite a very hot flash fire in a Central Street home that left a 74-year-old Bucksport man dead last Friday (3/13).

Clifford Lambert's fire was located in the kitchen of the single-story, wood-frame, ranch-style home at 96 Central Street.

The family of a local firefighter and one of most recent on-call recruits separately came upon the scene, where smoke was spewing from the eaves of the house about 1:30 p.m.

They called in the alarm and tried to rouse anyone who might have been inside, but it probably

already was too late to save anyone, officials said.

The first firefighters were on the scene within two minutes, and the fire almost totally was knocked down within 10 to 15 minutes, according to Fire Chief Craig Bowden.

Thick rolling heavy smoke was everywhere inside the small home, where Lambert lived alone, Bowden said.

State fire marshal's office personnel reportedly traced the start of the fire to the living room.

While there was heavy fire damage to the living room and smoke and water damage throughout the building,

Bowden said there was little or no structural damage.

The firefighters immediately found and removed Lambert's body within five minutes.

The state medical examiner's office was expected to conduct an autopsy, which is not at all uncommon when a death occurs under such circumstances.

Bowden said there was about \$50,000 worth of damage as a result of the fire, but that the property probably is salvageable because of the lack of structural damage.

Orland and Orrington firefighters assisted, while Penobscot personnel covered the Orland fire station.

New lawsuit filed, but razing of mill still seems likely

BUCKSPORT — The machinists' union is making one last stab at stopping the destruction of the Bucksport paper mill, but the outlook for that is not bright.

The union wants a federal judge to rule that the former Verso Paper mill be offered to other paper makers. Barring that, they want the judge to intervene in the \$1.4 billion merger of Verso with New Page, which they and others contend has dramatically reduced competition in the market for the coated paper long produced here.

The machinists' union filed the legal paperwork on Friday (3/13), but moving ahead are:

- The sale of just about everything not bolted down at the mill at an auction next week.
- The lobbying of town officials to let the American Iron & Metal firm that now owns the 250-plus acre site work longer hours and more days each week than a newly enacted demolition allows.

The company also wants to substitute another form of security for the performance bond the new rules require. Both measures seek to make the salvage effort more profitable.

An effort by AIM officials to meet with the Town Council for "a workshop," but apparently don't want to do that in public as the state's Open Meeting law requires.

An appraisal being awaited by town officials now that its consultant has been able to tour the idle mill; something Verso officials had delayed repeatedly and finally ruled the town would have to arrange with AIM instead.

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Town manager seeking cash to bid at auction

BUCKSPORT — The town manager wants \$15,000 so the town can spend up to \$60,000 at the auction next week of most of the property that's still at the paper mill.

The \$15,000 would be for a certified check to post with the auctioneer before the bidding starts. Each dollar posted "buys" the ability to bid up to \$4 so the town could spend up to \$60,000 to buy items or vehicles for municipal departments.

If Town Manager Derik Goodine spends nothing or less than \$15,000 during the bidding, the balance would be returned to the town's coffers. Otherwise, the \$15,000 would be applied to the cost of the items Goodine successfully bids on.

One person familiar with what's been removed from the mill by the previous owner, the Verso Paper Co., cautioned the manager, "some of the best stuff already has been taken."

Goodine told the town councilors he planned to take some of the town's department managers to evaluate what might be of use to their agencies. However, he underlined that he can't nobod bid without putting up a certified check before the sale begins.

He said he was told there'd be "no exceptions" to posting a check. He also said he's not sure what might be left that the town could use, although he suggested a truck or a fork lift might be on the town's wish list.

New lighting planned on walkway

BUCKSPORT — New, more-efficient LED-style lighting is planned along the Penobscot River Walkway.

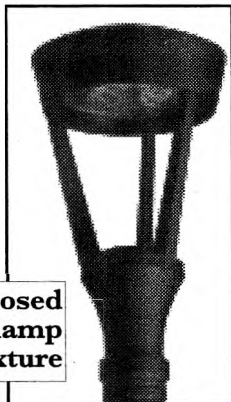
While the project has to go out to bid, 53 new lamps like the one shown to the Town Council cost about \$425 a crack. David Milan, the town's economic development director, is to draw up a "request for proposals" that matches the specifications of the model that's now favored.

According to the salesman, the

model he showed the council last week will pay for itself in electricity savings within 30 months.

The current lamps will be removed and new ones will be mounted on the same posts.

Town Manager Derik Goodine believes he can sell the lamps being replaced. The town also will seek energy incentive money now offered by the Energy Maine program.



Proposed street lamp fixture

DIGGING IT

Uncovering history - with shovels!

BUCKSPORT — The serious gentlemen and young lad in the photograph at the right brought shovels, trowels and brushes, and scoop by scoop, they uncovered what they were looking for: remnants of the Red Paint people, the early settlers of this area.

It was 1891 and 1892, and

they were engaged in what's believed to have been the first professionally done archaeological dig ever attempted in the United States.

Today, the ancient burial ground again lies buried in a small pocket abutting the Penobscot River. It's on land now owned by American Iron & Steel (AIM), the demolition/development arm of a Canadian company.

The AIM people are about to embark on a major project of their own" leveling the Bucksport paper mill which is located on the same property.

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Digging up history in 1891

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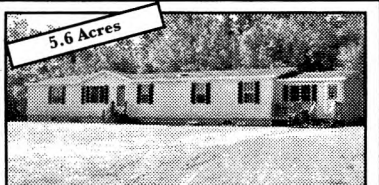


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Bucksport—Move-in Ready! Updated 4 BR 2 BA home located in town w/ off street parking. First floor bedroom bath & laundry. New insulation, electric panel & electric hot water heater. Public water, sewer, natural gas at street.
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Bucksport—Charming & comfortable 3 BR, 2 BA colonial in town w/ off street parking. Located conveniently in town on almost 1/2 acre lot. Amenities include large eat-in kitchen, vinyl siding & spa tub. Supplemental heat sources include 2 gas stoves, wood stove & gas heater.
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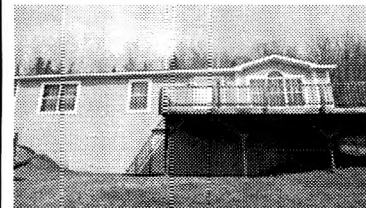
VERONA ISLAND—This 1837 house has recently undergone considerable updating. Wood floors are new throughout. The dining room and living room have new ceilings, and the walls are freshly painted. Both bathrooms have been updated. Large lot allows room for a garden.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$98,000



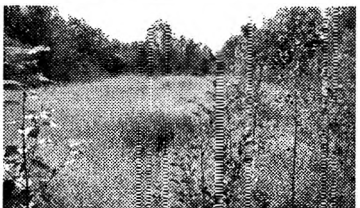
FRANKFORT—Nice river views! This 3BDRM/1BA Cape is located in the village of Frankfort & has potential for both commercial or residential uses. Amenities include: 1st floor BDRM and a big Kitchen/Dining area with room for the family. Easy commute to Bangor or Belfast.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$45,300



BUCKSPORT—Looking for a stately Federal style home set a sunny village lot? This 5BDRM/2BA home has seen many recent updates including a new kitchen w/ granite, energy updates including a new boiler, wood burning insert & windows. Enjoy seasonal views of the water!
Listing Agent: David Grant \$25,000



SEARSPORT—Wonderful newer house ready for you to move in. Three bedrooms, one bathroom, large living room and eat in kitchen. Need more space? Spacious downstairs ready for you to put your ideas in motion. Very private lot. Make this house your new home.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$140,000



BUCKSPORT—Looking to build your dream home? This 1.4ac lot is located just off the Race Course Road with access to town sewer at the street. Let the kids walk to school via the Miles Lane Trail system! Quiet spot with limited through traffic.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$25,000



BUCKSPORT—Looking to combine classic & modern energy saving improvements? This 3BDRM/1.5BA home might just be the one. Recent improvements include a new kitchen w/ granite, new appliances, tile floor/backsplash and granite counters. Additionally, the bathroom has new tile floor and shower surround as well as all new plumbing and electrical fixtures. Energy improvements include blown in insulation making heating & cooling stress-free! Centrally located between Bangor, Ellsworth, Bangor and Blue Hill. Great walking town!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$139,000

PERMITS ISSUED

BUCKSPORT — For the first time in his tenure as code enforcement officer and building inspector, Jeffrey C. Hammond wasn't called on to issue a single permit. Here are the most-recent permits issued:

- 20 CENTRAL STREET - Mark Eastman took out a permit on Nov. 5 to allow for the change in use of a building as well as major renovations to the structure.

- 11 MECHANIC STREET - Lester Hutchinson obtained a permit for a roof and an addition.

- 53 U.S. ROUTE 1 - The Hannaford Bros. supermarket chain obtained a permit on Nov. 21 for installation of a freezer and the renovations of the local grocery store.

- 405 BUCKSMILLS ROAD - Doug Gross on Nov. 25 was issued a permit to erect a barn.

- 333 CENTRAL STREET - Kevin Buza on Nov. 26 got a permit allowing a commercial use.

- 61 ELM STREET - Cammie Sheehan on Dec. 2 obtained a permit for a shed.

- On Dec. 2, permits were issued to allow small "pop-up" shops to operate during the holiday season: Those permits cover 86 MAIN

STREET (Asha Fenn), 74 MAIN STREET (Sonya Twombly) and 77 MAIN STREET (Whitney Thurston and Lee Collins each received a permit).

- 18 HOLMES DRIVE - Bryan Simpson on Dec. 8 got a permit to add a shed.

- 202 U.S. Route 1 - The Rite Aid drug store on Dec. 12 obtained a permit for the recent renovations.

- 24 HERITAGE PARK ROAD - Jeff Gammelin of Freshwater Stone Co. in Orland got a permit on Dec. 12 allowing a deck on a building in the industrial park.

- On Jan. 13, he received a permit to allow stone processing there.

- 220 U.S. ROUTE 1 - Joseph Craven received a permit on Jan. 5 to allow a sign.

- 11 BAGLEY AVENUE - The Maine Construction Group took out a permit on Jan. 6 for a porch.

- 58 STATE ROUTE 46 - Everett Pierce got a permit on Jan. 8 to install a sign.

- 7 HINKS STREET - Advance Auto on Jan. 21 obtained a permit for signs.

- WILLIAMS ORCHARD ROAD - On March 5, Abram Allard got a permit for a single-family home to be constructed.

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Bucksport: A feel of yester year with many new updates of today! New furnace, some new windows, new addition to include family room, year round sunroom with hot tub, master bedroom with full bath. Natural gas furnace and woodstove make this a very energy efficient home. 3-4 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms. 1-car garage. Call to see today!
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Bucksport: 4 bedroom, 2 bath cape situated on 4.5 country acre lot. Large kitchen with access to back deck and yard. 4-season sunroom attached to back of home for your relaxation and enjoyment of wildlife surroundings. Detached two car garage. A must see, you won't be disappointed.
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Verona Island: Immaculate cape with 3 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms and two car garage. Energy efficient home. Home has been remodeled to include new windows, new roof, addition and sunroom. Views of Penobscot River. Call to see today!
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Friends & Family

TOP OF HER CLASS — **Fiona Hunter** of the **Daffodils Florist** shop on Main Street in Bucksport became a professional certified florist on Saturday.

Fiona graduated at the top of her class with high scores in the 90s on all of her exams.

LOOKING BACK . . . way back! This area's legislators formally have moved ahead with the previously publicized effort to get a small amount of state money to study if some rocks piled off Route 15 (the River Road) may be the remnants of the fabled **Fort Norumbega** built by the French centuries ago.

What may be the foundation stones of some unusually large buildings are located near the shore of the Penobscot River, not far from the present day boundary between North Bucksport and Orland.

Fort Norumbega was considered a major trading station for the native tribes doing business with the French.

The legislative resolve - now numbered and moving its way through the Legislature was filed by state **Rep. Richard H. Campbell**, R-Orrington, and it now is being cosponsored by state Sen. **Kimberley Rosen**, R-Bucksport, and being backed by five other state legislators.

Also among the co-sponsors is Henry John Bear, the legislative representative of the Houlton Band of the Miliseet Indians, and among the other backers of the measure is Wayne T. Mitchell, the representative of the Penobscot Nation.

The bill would have the Maine Historic Preservation Commission provide assistance to the Town of Bucksport to study the site "in order to preserve its archaeological importance to the state."

WHISTLE-BLOWERS — The coaches for the spring sports offered at the Bucksport Middle School were formally approved by the RSU 25 School Board this week.

They are **Richard Rotella**, softball; **Lisa Tapley**, track; and **Steven Rice**, track.

The baseball coach still is to be determined after the resignation of **Kyle McGeechan**, citing a lack of time to



take on the commitment. The superintendent of schools and the principal of the school will seek to have a coach in place when the training season begins at the end of the month.

RESIGNED — **Dianne O. White**, a special education technician at the **Bucksport Middle School** has resigned.

In a letter to the superintendent of schools, White said that while she has enjoyed working with the students and the faculty she has opted "with many tears and much anxiety" to take a medical disability and retire so she can devote more time to coping with some medical issues.

SOCIAL JUSTICE — The **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine (UUCU)** has posted criteria for its 2015 **Pulliam Social Justice Grants**.

The grants, which each range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, are made annually, and honor the late **Deborah Pulliam**, a longtime member of the congregation and a staunch supporter of a variety of social justice causes.

"We are pleased once again to be able to honor Deborah's memory through concrete action," said **Lynn Parsons**, the president of the governing board of the congregation. "This is only one example of the many ways in which her spirit has guided us since her passing."

Information and application procedures for the 2015 Pulliam grants is available on-line at UUCastine.org.

DEAN'S LIST — **Danica Brassbridge** of Orland, a 2014 graduate of Bucksport High School, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Southern Maine for the 2014 fall

Sharing their art!

Some elementary school artists from this area have pieces of their artwork on display at the Bangor Mall through March 27. The show is sponsored by the Art in the Heart and the University of Maine of Art.

The students whose work is on display are: **Isabella Brown**, **Alexis Buonopane**, **Dillon Clark**, **Rylee Coombs**, **Nina Emery**, **Rowan Jergensom**, **Levi Mantsch**, **Talina Michaud**, **Mya Moran**, **Maggie Pelletier** and **Brady Treneer**

Their art teacher is **Margaret Jones**

semester.

She is a Pioneer scholar, majoring in the biological sciences.

SKILLED COMPETITORS — Four **Bucksport High School** students have qualified to compete in the Skills USA competition in Louisville this summer.

Three won gold medals in a recent regional competition: **Alslynn McCafferty**, **Gage Hanson** and **Carlie Boyles**. A fourth, **Dylan Soper**, won a silver medal, close enough to qualify him for the Kentucky competition.

Earning bronze medals were **Codi-Anne Farrington** and **Natalie Gray**.

The top students will be engaged in some serious fund raising between now and the competition to cover the expenses involving their participation in the prestigious event which honors many skills that can lead to careers.

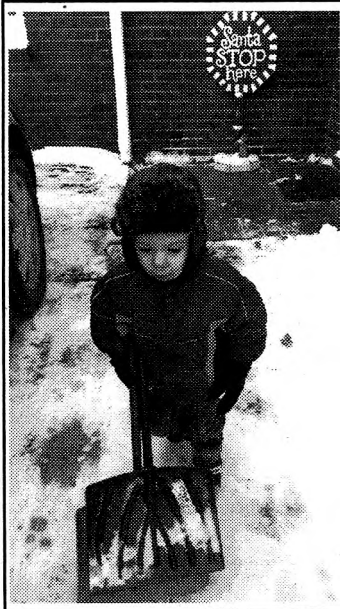
JOINED IN PRAYER — People from 13 denominations came together on March 6 to observe the **2015 Women's World Day of Prayer**.

Women who reside in the Bahamas set the theme for the global observance: Jesus said, "Do you understand what I have done for you?"

Those who gathered came from churches in both Hancock and Waldo

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EDITORIAL

Ask the neighbors

The American Iron and Steel Co. (AIM) want to have at least a six-day work week and a longer work day and not have to post a performance bond as they tear apart the Bucksport paper mill. A five-day work week limit, an eight-hour work day and the bond are spelled out in the recently stiffened rules the Town Council set for major demolition projects like this one.

Those who've put up with the venting of the newest generator at the mill know what real noise sounds like. The venting - often on weekends and/or late at night - sounds like a continuous gas explosion to those in the neighborhood, and, at times, even to some who reside much farther away. The noise reverberates off the hills.

The facts are the technology used to design that generator haven't resulted in the quiet performance promised by Verso to those who allowed their project. Town and state officials did hand-stands to get the permitting and financial incentives needed so the Verso Paper Co. could build the generator on a very fast track to qualify for state and local support. The resulting generator system may be fairly quiet at the base of the stack when the venting is going on, those who live over a large part of the town have experienced the unannounced, extremely loud - and, certainly, disturbing - noise during the ventings. That's especially true in the summer when windows are open or people are relaxing outside.

Now, the AIM people want those residents to experience the sounds of metal being ripped apart and then deposited, metal clanging against metal, into trucks and rail cars for 10 to 12 hours a day, at least six days a week for 14 to 16 months once the demolition process starts.

And what has AIM done? One of the first things its executives and accountants and lawyers did was take most of the equipment in the mill off the town's tax rolls, items assessed at nearly a quarter of a billion dollars. Simultaneously, the AIM folks made plans to gut the place. The auction of most of what Verso Paper did not drive or haul away before turning the keys over to AIM goes to the high bidders next week. (*Hint: Some of the best stuff was taken out months ago by Verso.*)

An AIM official told a reporter that holding his company to a five-day work week, "is very limiting. That's going to cost us money."

Considering AIM bought over 250 acres and everything on it for \$58 million, two-thirds of the appraised value of the generating station alone, the purchase was a steal. It also is not the Town Council's job to maximize anyone's return on their investment, and especially when it is at the expense of those who want weekend peace and calm as they enjoy their homes.

What's the future of the site and its deepwater port? What about the rights to most of the fresh water bodies in Bucksport and Orland that AIM got as part of the purchase? Will AIM meet state demands it honor the agreements that yielded the incentives to build the new biomass-fueled generator? What steps is AIM taking to assure there are no hazards in, under or near the buildings and tanks it will scrap and send the metal to St. John's, New Brunswick and elsewhere? Should AIM be allowed to walk away from about a million square feet of concrete, some of it over 80 years old, when it moves on to its next demolition job. What's under that concrete, and who will pay to clear it or clean it up? What about the huge concrete tanks under the mill which through the decades collected groundwater and other runoff? Will they be abandoned, too?

Town Manager Derik Goodine and David L. Milan, the town's economic development director, met yet again with the AIM people last week. Each time, they emerge from the private sessions with more unanswered questions. An AIM spokesman expects the City Council will rule April 9 on its work day/work week requests. The councilors should talk with the neighbors first. AIM hasn't even submitted its demolition plan to the town so the council and the public can review it, so why the rush to accommodate the unknown?

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Happy times! Orland— concert tickets, pizza and lots of other prizes were awarded at MountainView Variety's Grand Opening (3/14)

Each of these names has a face

BUCKSPORT — A lot has been said and written about the closing of the Bucksport Paper mill, and how the Verso Paper Co. went about the process. Often lost in the words are the people, those who lives and families have been totally altered by decisions made by executives in Tennessee and New York.

That's why we found the "List of Impacted Bucksport Employees" filed in court by Local 1821 of the International Association of Machinists Union so moving. Quite wisely, the union's lawyers labeled the list, "Exhibit A."

Here's that list of the union's members who lost their jobs here in December, and while reading it remember that each of those names - like the more than 450 others who have left the mill - for the final time - has a face, a family, friends and neighbors:

- Brian Abbott, 42.9 years of service;
- John M. Adams, 40.25 years of service;
- Barry G. Adams, with 33.89 years of service;
- Russell W. Ames, 38.53 years of service;
- Edwin W. Ames, 36.88 years of service;
- John E. Bakeman, 38.29 years of service;
- Benjamin W. Kendall, 3.44 years of service;
- Mark A. Bennett, 38.48 years of service;
- Kevin L. Bernier, with 3.84 years of service;
- Alden L. Blodgett, 33.24 years of service;
- Brian L. Bridges, 37.62 years of service;
- John A. Burke, 26.11 years of service;
- Robert A. Burpee, 38.48 years of service;
- Larry S. Carter, 30.37 years of service;
- Jeffrey A. Clement, 27.36 years of service;
- Michael L. Coleman, 23.88 years of service;
- Michael L. Cookson, 3.96 years of service;
- Wendell G. Corey, 35.75 years of service;
- Chad R. Cote, 3.84 years of service;
- Corey Darveau, 15.75 years of service;
- Ronald A. Davis, 4.26 years of service;
- Leon Dorr, 42.27 years of service;
- Robert A. Downes, 34.26 years of service;
- Kendal S. Dunbar, 44.31 years of service;
- Kenneth P. Flannery, 34.73 years of service;

- John R. Freeman, 22.65 years of service;
- Alfred F. George, 33.37 years of service;
- Richard Gilley, 38 years of service;
- James P. Goupee, 31.21 years of service;
- Merle H. Grant, 3.44 years of service;
- Aaron W. Gray, 24.5 years of service;
- Nathaniel H. Gray, 37.88 years of service;
- Leo W. Grunwald II, 30.37 years of service;
- Gary A. Hopkins, 37.73 years of service;
- Randall T. Hyland, 3.44 years of service;
- Lawrence G. Johnson, 4.26 years of service;
- Allen W. Lawrence, 22.13 years of service;
- Scott A. Littlefield, 28.63 years of service;
- David Lowell, 41 years of service;
- Jesse MacNair, service since July, 2011;
- Patrick M. McGowan, service since July, 2011;
- George L. Miller, 27.36 years of service;
- Edwin L. Nason Jr., 4.26 years of service;
- Steven C. Palmer, 30.8 years of service;
- Harold Porter, 22 years of service;
- Tracy D. Redmond, 23 years of service;
- Terry A. Ring, 39.42 years of service;
- Cory S. Robertson, 27.22 years of service;
- Robert E. Seekins, 35.26 years of service;
- Brian R. Seekins, 28.67 years of service;
- Frederick Shirland, 39.74 years of service;
- Brina Simpson, 27 years of service;
- Mark D. Stevens, 24.67 years of service;
- Thomas Sweet, 39.74 years of service;
- John Trefethen, 43.34 years of service;
- Lance D. Trundy, 24.5 years of service;
- Travis G. Veilleux, 13.24 years of service;
- Linwood E. Violette, 23.88 years of service;

Many of those no longer working at the mill have been leaders in this community on all sorts of fronts - civic, athletic, people who could - and can - be counted on to help another during tough times.

Some, understandably are very reluctant to leave an area they love. Some will opt to retire, although not at a time they got to choose. Perhaps a hundred-or-so now have found jobs elsewhere.

Life moves on; the camaraderie behind the decades of making quality paper together endures.

As soon as the snow melts . . . it's PLAY BALL!

BUCKSPORT — The Little League registration and tryouts are continuing:

• Sign-ups are continuing for 7- and 8-years-old (those born between Jan. 1 2007 and Dec. 31, 2008.) Tryouts are not required for the minor league players.

• The 9- to 12-year-olds (those born between May 1, 2002 and Dec. 31, 2006) who want to play in the major league will have tryouts.

It all will happen on • Saturday, March 28, from 10 to noon, or on Tuesday, March 31, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the gym at Bucksport High School.

Tryouts will be held for the major league - the 9- to 12-year-olds (those born between Jan. 1, 2002 and Dec. 31, 2006)

The tryouts are required for players in Little League who are 9- to 12-years-old and not assigned to a major league team last year. Those sessions will be on Saturday, March 28, from 10 to 11 a.m.

The 9- to 10-year-olds will gather on Saturday, March 28, from 11 until noon.

The 10- to 11-year-olds will meet on Tuesday, March 31, from 6 to 7 p.m.

The fee - \$50 per player - is due at registration. It can be paid in cash or a check payable to Bucksport Little League

Required at registration will be an original birth certificate and three proofs of residency (a parent's driver's license, a voter registration card, school records,

welfare or child care records; federal records, state records, local municipal records; support payment records, homeowner or tenant records; utility bill, (only financial records, insurance documents, medical record, military records, internet, cable or satellite records, vehicle records or employment records. (All must be dated between Feb. 1, 2014 and Feb. 1, 2015.)

Any documents submitted as proof of residence must show customary usage or consumption to demonstrate bona fide continuous habitation as determined by Little League Baseball, Inc.

Bucksport Little League Facebook page or contact Justin Richards, League President, at justin-richards0709@yahoo.com

OBITUARIES

Clifford J. Lambert Jr., 1940 - 2015

BUCKSPORT — Clifford J. ("Butch") Lambert Jr., "Butch," 74, died at his home on Thursday, March 12, 2015.



Clifford J. Lambert Jr.

He was born in Bucksport on Sept. 23, 1940, the son of Clifford J. Lambert Sr. and Louise (Pickering) Lambert.

He worked and retired from the Bucksport paper mill after more than 40 years of service. Clifford was a great pool player, and he loved fishing, boating and playing cribbage. He also was an avid reader.

He is survived by a daughter, Lisa Winters, and her husband, Robbie; his grandchildren: Robbie Winters IV and fiancée Laura Wentworth, Sara Winters and fiancé Travis King; and his son, Trevor, a special great-grandson Charley Winters; his long-time special friend Claudette Heath and her extended family; a brother, Edward Lambert and his wife, Sonja.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his step-father, Chester Sanborn.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Bucksport.

• mitchelltweedie-young.com •

Catherine A. Simpson, 1919 - 2015

BUCKSPORT — Catherine A (Moon) Simpson passed away at the age of 95 at her home surrounded by her family on Monday, March 16, 2015.

She was predeceased by her husband Maynard Simpson.

She is survived by her three children: Clifton Hooper Sr. and his wife, Esther, of

Belfast; Harry Simpson and his wife, Linda of Bucksport and June Hall of Bucksport. She is also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was the heart and soul of the family and will be dearly missed.

Her burial and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Lurline W. Webster, 1945 - 2015

BUCKSPORT — Lurline W. Webster, 69, died Monday, March 16, 2015, in Bangor.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1945 in Portland, the daughter of John and Beatrice (Mitchell) Wilbur.

Lurline and Arthur enjoyed motorcycle riding on Arthur's Gold Wing and walking on the beach, collecting sea glass.

She worked at the Emple Woolen Mills and at American Felt Slipper.

Lurline is survived by special friends, Terry and Sandra Foster of Bucksport.

In addition to her parents, she was prede-

ceased by her beloved husband, Arthur G. Webster, in June of 2009 and a brother, Ellery Wilbur.

She will be laid to rest in the spring at the Riverview Cemetery, next to her husband Arthur.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Lurline's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society of Maine, One Bowdoin Mill Island - Suite 300, Topsham, ME 04086.

The arrangements are under the direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home Bucksport.

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Friends & Family

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counties to worship and then share in prayer, amid some lively music and a strong sense of togetherness.

Some wore vibrant clothing some wore, and brought along pictures of warm, sunny beaches and island scenes, all to lift spirits amid the snowy winter doldrums.

After the service, the group gathered for a luncheon featuring typical island recipes.

The **Ecumenical Committee** coordinated the program, and also cooked or helped in other capacities.

Next year, the Women's World Day of Prayer will be on March 4, and the theme selected by women in Cuba will be, "Receive the Children, Receive Me".

MYSTERY SOLVED — Tess

Gerritsen, the mystery writer, will return to **BookStacks** on Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m. for a signing of her latest book, "Die Again."

A former physician, Gerritsen became a full-time writer in the 90s, making a splash with "Harvest." Her popularity rocketed when TNT launched the series "Rizzoli & Isles," based on her novels and featuring medical examiner Dr. Maura Isles, and Boston homicide detective Jane Rizzoli.

Her current book, "Die Again," takes Jane and Maura away from their Boston beat to track down the murderer in Africa.

ATTN: VETS — The **Washington Hancock Community Agency's** supportive

services for veterans families program will host a free "resource fair" on Saturday, April 18, at the East Machias Town Hall at 571 Main Street from 10 to 2.

The event will offer active duty service members and guard, reserve, veterans and their families a place to learn about the services available to them.

Representatives of national, state, and local organizations will be there to share information and answer questions.

Veterans will be able to get help with veterans' benefit questions and enrollment, Veterans Administration health care, social services, well water testing, SNAP food stamp application, Affordable Health Care Act questions, job search tips, spiritual guidance, housing assistance, food, mental health care or concerns, dental care, legal questions, fuel assistance, transportation, homelessness prevention, substance abuse prevention, housing and more.

A number of legislative representatives and candidates also will attend to talk about veterans' concerns and issues.

The Machias and Eastport Reiki clinics will provide free Reiki sessions, and there will be an opportunity to learn how to train a dog to be a service canine in the Salute to Service Program.

Lucy Barnhart at 610-5937

STUDENT OF THE MONTH — Mavis Taungatua

was the "student of the month" in January at the **Bucksport High School**.

A junior, she is involved in the CNA and the Bridge Year programs at the school.

Foundation offers cholarship money

ELLSWORTH — The Ellsworth-based Maine Community Foundation offers nearly 520 scholarships to aid students studying music, journalism, teaching, horticulture, technology, the arts and many other fields.

The money is available to students at secondary, post-secondary, and graduate schools, as well as non-traditional programs.

A complete list of the scholarships is posted on-line at www.maineccf.org.

In 2014, the foundation gave over \$1.4 million to 750 Maine students attending schools in the state, across the country and around the world.

Adult learners also can benefit from 18 funds set up to help them along the road back to school. About 180,000 Mainers who started college never com-

pleted their degrees so the Maine Community Foundation is focusing on this group as part of its goal to advance education in Maine.

The scholarship funds are established for a variety of reasons, from honoring a family member to carrying on the tradition of "giving back" that helped an individual get through college.

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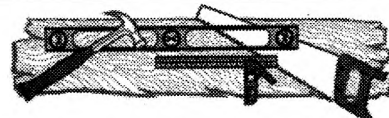
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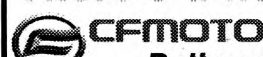
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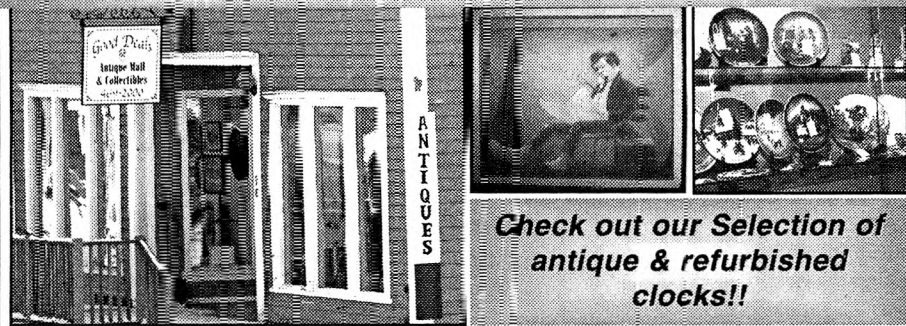
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THE TILLEY REPORT

ENOUGH ALREADY!
Another snowstorm over the weekend! When is winter going to stop?

OFFICE CLOSED —
The Prospect Town Office will be closed on Tuesday for a training session. The office will be opened again next Thursday (3/26) at 10 a.m..

SPRING also arrives tomorrow, Friday (3/21), so maybe we'll get some warm weather and get rid of all of that snow.

Planting time may be delayed unless we have sun to get rid of the snow and dry up the mud.

RECYCLE!

EVERYONE'S IRISH —
Hope you had a happy St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday and wore your green.

YARD SALE — The Prospect Community Club will hold an indoor yard sale in the dining room of the community building on March 28 from 8 to 2.

The club is accepting donations and the group will be putting for the sale in the dining room for the rest of the month.

If you have something to donate, give me a call and I either will pick it up or open the dining room to receive the item.

The proceeds from sale will help the club pay its insurance bill.

Have a good week.

— Barbara Tilley



**'This winter in Maine?
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First Student again wins RSU 25 school bus contract

BUCKSPORT — The First Student firm will continue to provide the school bus services used by RSU 25 for the next five years.

The company will be paid \$903,467 during the first year and that sum will continue to climb incrementally each year to \$1,024,324 during the 2019-2020 school year.

The first year quote represents a 3.2 percent increase over this year's school year cost, the superintendent said.

The Cyr Bus Lines submitted a bid, but when evaluated by Supt. of Schools James Boothby, the quote would be a more expensive option," the school official told the School Board on Tuesday.

The RSU has use 248,000

to 270,000 miles of school bus service in recent years. It will get a credit if it drops bus routes and a charge if it adds any routes.

The panel also agreed to accept Boothby's recommendation to hire Brantner, Thibodeau & Associates of Bangor to do the next annual audit of the RSU's books.

The firm submitted the low bid \$12,500 to do the job.

Also, the board heard:

• Because of winter storms, the final schedule for the seniors remains unsettled. Extra school time is needed before graduation.

• The floor of the Bucksport High School gym will be refurbished for \$14,760 by Roger Campbell Floors of Bangor, the lowest of three bidders.

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Mr. Bucksport & Co. strut their 'talents'

BUCKSPORT — The world now has a new "Mr. Bucksport."

He's Matt Stewart, a/k/a "Mr. Quarterback and general Bucksport *bon vivant extraordinaire*."

The high school senior took the 15th annual honor at last Saturday's competition, gaining him 300 bucks in cold hard cash and a free pass to all of the school's events.

The runner-up was K.P. Hilaire, another senior, giving him \$150.

The also-rans got McDonald's gift certificates because, well, that's what the "also-rans" traditionally have gotten.

The big winner once again was the school's Outing Club, which snared some \$2,500 to help underwrite activities, including a trek up and down the Grand Canyon this year.

The winner of a 50/50 drawing went home with \$130, and the Outing Club's portion was donated to Bucksport Community Concerns.

The organizers of the event now are brainstorming ideas on



how the newly crowned "Mr. Bucksport" can be more involved in the community and have him help draw attention to some other community activities.

It's all part of an effort to take more positive steps to support the area served by RSU 25, and not just have a single night

of students engaging in a fun event for their peers and their families.

As usual, the competitors matched wits, skills and a willingness to be laughed at and with in a variety of categories, while a panel of teachers judged their performances.

IN THE PHOTO at left, Bailey Graychase, "Mr. Bucksport - 2014, left, congratulates Matt Stewart, the latest "Mr. Bucksport". Stewart, a senior at Bucksport High School, last Saturday, earned the sash of his new office, bragging rights, a free pass to school events and, oh yes, \$300 in cash.

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A woman said she received notice that she had won some \$4,400 in a Publishers Clearhouse sweepstakes. She was instructed to deposit the bogus check and then send \$1,700 to an address in Wilmington, DE.

The check she received was bogus, and it was not clear from the police report whether or not she had been duped into sending the money to Delaware.

The fraud investigation is continuing.

Youth expelled amid drug case

BUCKSPORT—The RSU 25 School Board in Tuesday followed the superintendent's recommendation and expelled a 14-year-old boy charged on March 5 with furnishing a scheduled drug while riding on a school bus.

The situation was discussed in a closed session, and then the expulsion was ordered.

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TOWN OF BUCKSPORT

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Kindergarten screening will be scheduled for early June and parents will be contacted to schedule student screenings.

03/19/15

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Two arrested on court warrants

BUCKSPORT — Police reported these recent arrests in unrelated cases:

- Richard J. Gainer, 29, of Bucksport turned himself in to authorities early on Saturday afternoon, apparently aware he was wanted on Belfast District Court warrants alleging he failed to pay fines and failing to be in court to answer a charge involving a theft through an unauthorized taking or transfer. He posted bail and was released.

- Police responding to a separate incident at a River Road residence arrested Jesse Davis, 23, of Bucksport on Sunday morning as the result of a Hancock County warrant for reportedly not paying a fine in a case involving driving after a license suspension or revocation.

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT — Richard R. LePage, 27, of Bucksport was given court summonses on March 10 as a result of an investigation of alleged consumer fraud of a First Street resident.

The police charged LePage with theft and home repair fraud after the First Street resident claimed money was paid to LePage but the work he had promised was not done.

Neighbors told of sex offenders

BUCKSPORT — In keeping with the department's policies, police last month alerted those in three neighborhoods that a registered sex offender now is residing in their area.

The notifications are made each time a registered offender relocates within the community.

The Police Department has registered a dozen sex offenders

in the town. Some of those offenders must verify their addresses every 90 days while others need to do so only once a year.

The department also does follow-up compliance checks on those who have posted bail and those who are on probation.

Both of the checks made last month found no problems, according to the police chief.

The department also follows up on reports of domestic violence to gather more information and to make certain the person who was taken into custody is not violating the conditions or his or her release, including not contacting the alleged victim.

Last year, the department did 22 domestic violence follow-up interviews, and four already have been done this year.

Ice shack burns

BUCKSPORT — There was an ice shack frozen in the ice at Silver Lake last Friday (3/15) but the next day it was found burned to the ground or, rather, burned to the ice.

Only the debris from the fire was left behind.

Assault probed

BUCKSPORT — An alleged assault involving two Bucksport High School students in the gym last Friday (3/13) remains under investigation.

Cats & dogs report

BUCKSPORT — The animal control officer last month handled seven dog complaints, four complaints involving cats and four other animal incidents.

Officer Dan Joy took one cat in Bucksport, two dogs and a cat from Orrington, two cats from Orland and a cat from Hampden.

He and his volunteers also had three dogs reclaimed.

Joy still has a dog and several cats available for adoption into caring homes.

Questions about the animals now available can be handled by contacting Joy at 469-7951.

Weekly police stats

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Police Department handled 77 complaints last week, still well off the usual 100-or-more, probably because of the winter weather.

Three of the calls for police service - 3.9 percent - involved alcohol or other forms of substance abuse.

No new items have been reported on the department's lost-or-found list since the beginning of the year.

Ambulance runs

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Fire Department handled five fire calls last week, all of them to sites in Bucksport including one in which a resident perished (See article on Page 1.)

There were 16 ambulance calls, 14 to Bucksport addresses and two to locations in Orland.

The firefighters were called to a Central Street home on Friday (3/13) for a fire in a dryer and to a Forest Hills address last Thursday (3/13) for smoke coming from a dishwasher. They also responded to alarms and carbon monoxide detectors sounding at a River Road home on Dec. 12.

Over the past eight months, the department handled 617 ambulance calls, 76 of them during February.

It also handled 114 fire calls, 16 of them last month.

There were 53 inspections, 412 fire permits and 77 emergency medical calls requiring extra help on the crews that responded.

Firefighters to receive \$2,000 for training costs

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Fire Department is receiving \$2,000 to help pay for the books and on-line training called for in the Firefighter I & II classes town firefighters will take.

The money is from the Maine Municipal Association's insurance fund.

In other fire department news:

- Local firefighters provided station coverage in Orland and western Penobscot County during the roughly

103-vehicle pile-up that occurred on Interstate 95 during a recent snow- and ice storm.

- Fire department officials issued a reminder that residents and businesses should continue to deal with the snow piling up on roofs and keep their driveways clear. They cited the recent roof collapse at the EBS warehouse in Orland and an unplowed drive that delayed access to a fire scene in a nearby town.

COUNTY COURT LOG

ELLSWORTH — According to official records, these cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were heard in Hancock County Court: **Jan. 13 through Feb. 20**

- Craig E. Smith, 43, of Bucksport, fined \$500 and sentenced to 72 hours in the Penobscot County jail for driving while under the influence of alcohol in Bucksport on Nov. 9. He also had his license suspended 150 days.

- Steven J. Tartaglia 38, of Penobscot was sentenced to nine months in the county jail with all but 15 of that suspended for driving while under the influence in Sedgwick on April 10. He also was fined \$700, placed on probation for a year and had his license suspended for three years. He had a prior conviction on a similar charge.

- Glendon D. Yule, 27, of Holden had a charge of using drug parapherna-

lia in Ellsworth on Aug. 28 dismissed.

- Jacob T. Connors, 30, of Searsport, was fined \$100 for harvesting shellfish without a license at Brooklin on July 13.

- Curtis Bennett Farrin, 18, if Bucksport was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$5,025 for engaging in criminal mischief as the result of a charge filed on Deer Isle on Nov. 11.

- Curtis Bennett Farrin, 18, of Bucksport was fined \$500 and ordered to pay \$5,025 in restitution for causing criminal mischief on Deer Isle on Nov. 11.

Between Dec. 12 and Jan. 12

- Craig E. Smith, 43, of Bucksport was sentenced to the Penobscot County jail for 72 hours for driving while under the influence of alcohol in Bucksport on Nov. 8. He also was fined \$500 and had his license suspended for 150 days.

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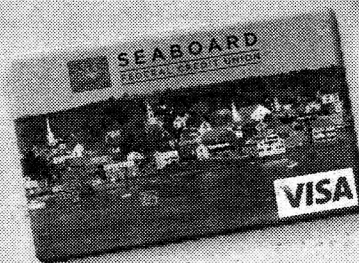


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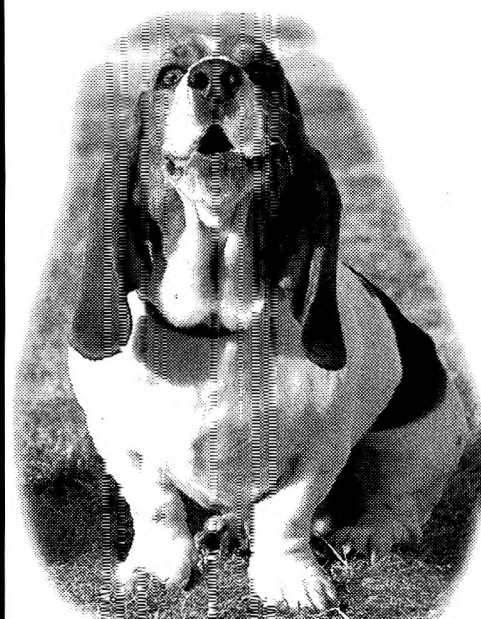
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SEASONED CITIZENS

BUCKSPORT — Here are the events activities being scheduled at the Bucksport Senior Center at 125 Outer Broadway:

— Shufflers —

ATTN: BRIDGE BIDDERS — The Monday night bridge players at the Bucksport Senior Center are seeking a few good - or, perhaps, not-so-good - bridge players.

If you'd like to join in call Judy Leach at 469-3367.

In fact, the intrepid card players at the center are having so much fun another mid-day session is being added for those who enjoy "3-13" card games.

That Friday session now is on the weekly schedule, and everyone's welcome to join in.

— Avoiding scams —

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY! — Sgt. David E. Winchester of the Bucksport Police Department will be at the Senior

Center at 125 Outer Broadway at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 30, to talk about some potentially dangerous scams and how best to avoid being caught up in one of them.

He will focus on several scams that have been specifically targeted at older persons.

Winchester said, "I'm hoping to help members of our local older community protect themselves from falling victim and losing their money."

Winchester also is the detective for the police department.

HEALTHY LIVING — The Healthy Living program gatherings are being held on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bucksport Senior Center at 125 Outer Broadway.

The next gathering in the eight-session series will be on Tuesday.

— The week ahead —
Thursday, March 19

• 6 to 9 p.m. — Poker and Scat/31 cards.

Friday, March 20

• 8 to 9 a.m. — Morning exercise.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Skip-Bo cards and games.

• 11:30 a.m. — Yankee pot pie luncheon with baked potato, glazed carrots and vanilla ice cream for dessert.

• 12:30 to 2 p.m. — Card games for those who enjoy playing "3-13" games.

Monday, March 23

• 8 to 9 a.m. — Morning exercise.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Knitting and crocheting. Also, Skip-Bo cards and games.

• 11:30 a.m. — Clam strips, french fries, cole slaw and a "cookie."

• 6 p.m. — Poker for money and "hand and foot" cards.

• 6:30 p.m. — Bridge games.

Tuesday, March 24

• 5:45 to 8 p.m. It's B-I-N-G-O night.

Wednesday, March 25

• 8 to 9 a.m. — Morning exercise.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Skip-Bo cards and games.

• 11:30 a.m. — Baked ham luncheon with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables, and topped off with "real velvet cake."

• 12:30 to 2 p.m. — Five crown cards.

Thursday, March 26

• 6 to 9 p.m. — Poker and Scat/31 cards

Friday, March 27

• 8 to 9 a.m. — Morning exercise.

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Skip-Bo cards and games

• 11:30 a.m. — Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and "blueberry corn bread."

• 12:30 to 2 p.m. — Card games for those who enjoy playing "3-13" games.

Monday, March 30

• 11 a.m. — Sgt. David E. Winchester of the Bucksport Police Department will talk about various scams and how to avoid them.

• 11:30 a.m. — Chicken alfredo with broccoli on pasta, caesar salad and chocolate ice cream.

NEW LUNCH FEES — This month the luncheon price was raised to \$5 to cover higher food costs.

The telephone number at the senior center is 469-3632.

GIVE A CALL — For a meal reservation, call 469-3632.

Anyone interested in scheduling an event for older residents of the region also is asked to call 469-3632.

If the telephone isn't answered, just leave a message and include a telephone number to assure a response.

The town's director at the Senior Center is Sue Ann Craig. She can be reached at 469-3633.

Easter rites

— Catholics —

BUCKSPORT REGION — Here are our Easter week Masses for the Stella Maris Parish based in Bucksport:

• Thursday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bucksport.

• Friday, April 3, noon - Good Friday service at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Stonington.

• Friday, April 3, 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bucksport.

• Friday, April 3, 6 p.m. Good Friday service - St. Vincent de Paul Church, Bucksport.

• Saturday, April 4, 8 p.m. - Easter vigil at St. Joseph's Church, Ellsworth.

• Sunday, April 5, 8 a.m.

Easter Mass - St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, Stonington.

• Sunday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Mass - St. Vincent de Paul church, Bucksport.

• Sunday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. Easter Mass - Our Lady of Holy Hope Church, Castine.

— Congregationalists —
The Elm Street Congregational Church in Bucksport:

Palm Sunday: A worship service will be held on Sunday, March 29, at 10 a.m. Palms will be distributed.

Maundy Thursday: A simple supper of soup and bread will be served at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, and then a worship service will be held.

Good Friday: A silent prayer and meditation time will be held on Friday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Easter sunrise: An Easter sunrise service will be held at Fort Knox in Prospect at 6 a.m. on Sunday, April 5.

Easter morning: An Easter morning service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 5.

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EVENTS

Thursday, March 26

BUSINESS WORKSHOP — Another of the local free workshops for those thinking about starting a business - Exploring Self Employment - will be held at 5:30 in the Town Council room at the Town Offices at 50 Main Street. The group will talk about what it takes to develop a business plan and ultimately get an entrepreneur's idea off the ground. Attending at least one session is required to participate in a region effort to launch new businesses.

Email reservations to Loretta Alley at LAlley@emdc.org or call 469-0209

HISTORY REVISITED — The fourth and final talk on genealogical research will start at 1 p.m. in the Wilson Museum's Hutchins Education Center on Perkins Street in Castine. Mark Honey will share information which can be gleaned from county deed and probate records. Honey, a local historian and author with ties in the Castine area, resides in Ellsworth. Also, the public can go the center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to peruse some of the museum's resources. Both events are free. Those who want to attend both can bring a bag lunch.

326-9247 or info@wilsonmuseum.org

Saturday, March 28

YARD SALE — The Prospect Community Club will hold an indoor yard sale in the dining room of the community building from 8 to 2. Donations of items for the sale are being accepted for the rest of this month.

Barbara Tilley at 567-3267

OUTDOORS

Monday, March 30

SIGNS OF THE SEASONS — Signs of the Seasons is a science program that trains volunteers to observe and record phenology, the timing of seasonal changes in plants and animals. Visit <http://umaine.edu/signs-of-the-seasons/> for more information on the free program or email questions to elissa.koskela@maine.edu.

Monday, March 30

WHAT'S THAT? From 4 to 6 p.m. the Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden will offer a free program on night sounds. Enjoy the nature center as darkness sets in, but dress for the weather.

Sunday, April 5

BIRDFEST — Sandi and Bob Duchesne will lead an all-day van trip to some of the best birding sites along the scenic southern Maine coast. They'll be on the watch for unusual birds that have been seen "down south" this winter: king eider, snowy owl, gyrfalcon, red-throated and Pacific loon, razorbill, thick-billed and common murre, dovekie, purple sandpiper, northern shrike and harlequin ducks. Bring binoculars, a camera and a spotting scope if you have one (The leaders will share theirs). The trip, which will leave University Plaza in Old Town at 7:30 a.m. and the Fields Pond Audubon Center at 8, will be canceled for bad weather. Bring a lunch or purchase one en route. It's \$20 for Audubon members and \$30 for others. The trip is limited to 10 people.

Call the Audubon center at 989-259 to register

FOR THE KIDS

Fridays & Sundays in March

EVERYTHING'S looking up! — There are public star shows at the Emera Astronomy Center in Orono on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. On Fridays "Undiscovered Worlds" the hundreds of planets orbiting stars beyond the sun. The Kepler telescope has lead to discovering exoplanets, one step closer to the possibi-

Let the sap flow!

Experience a demonstration of how maple syrup is made, beginning with tapping a tree and the collecting of sap at the Curran Homestead in Orrington.

The "Tap To Table" will include a taste of ice cream with maple topping and beans made with maple. Sample grass-fed beef from "A Wee Bit Farm" in Orland cooked in a stew. Or sample some corn chowder, or other goodies prepared in the Curran kitchen.

Listen and contribute to yarns spun about the "good ol' days" around the wood stove. Enjoy live music and "sing-alongs." Discover farm animals in the barn. Watch blacksmithing in the "smithy."

It's all happening at the Curran Homestead Living History Farm and Museum, on Saturday from 10 to 2.

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ty of finding an Earth-like world. The showings will be on March 20 and 27.

For younger sky watchers, the Sunday shows introduce a medium sized yellow star, traveling through space. The voyage explores various types of stars and some of the other things that make the universe so interesting. The shows continue on March 22 and 29. Each showing includes a tour of the Maine sky and tips on how to view all things astronomical.

Admission is \$6, and seating is limited.

For reservations call 581-1341

or visit Astro.UMaine.edu

Wednesday, March 18

YOUNG WRITERS? Maine children's author Tamra Wight, will talk with those of all ages at the Blue Hill Public Library at 3:30 p.m. She will talk about the wildlife inspiration and research that went into her Cooper and Packrat mystery series for middle schoolers. She also will show wildlife photos and tell first-hand stories of the wildlife scenes she's witnessed; loons switching places on the nest, three generations of eagles fighting

over a fish, banding eaglets and pictures from the small box canyon featured in one of her stories. Those of all ages are welcome to participate in the free program.

Tuesday, March 31

WILD THEATRE — Enjoy nature with a theatrical twist. Parents will drop off their young actors and budding naturalists at the Fields Pond Audubon Center in Holden at 7 p.m. so the children can rehearse a short nature-based play or story book. An outdoor exploration will be a fun break in the theatrics. When the parents return (perhaps with more family members and friends) they can watch the performance. The \$5 program is for those of all ages, and no experience is necessary.

Register online at maineaudubon.org, or call 989-2591 with questions

— **OTHER EVENTS** —

DOGGIES in the library? Tuesdays are back in the lineup for the Blue Hill Public Library's "Reader Dog" program, which runs until mid-April. Those 5 and older can sign up for 20-minute slots on Tuesdays, March 24th

and April 7, from 3:10 to 4:40 p.m., and Saturdays, March 21 and April 4 and 18, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Two lovely golden retrievers, Bixby and Keebler, and a sweet greyhound named Rumble, each a registered therapy enjoy listening to children read. The children read in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment so they may gain self-confidence. This is not a drop-in program. Children may sign up for 20 minute slots ahead of time with Pat. For more information or to sign up, call Pat at 374-5515. Why not? The Blue Hill Library's "reader dog" program which lets children read and learn in a relaxed, non-judgmental environment that encourages self-confidence. Sign up for time slots in person or call Pat at 374-5515.

STORIES & PLAY — The Blue Hill Public Library has two year-round programs: Pre-school storytime for those up to 5 on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and a play group for babies and toddlers up to 3 on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. A special weekly music and movement program for infants and toddlers, led by early childhood music educator Deborah Reinke, will be held on Wednesdays during the first half hour of the 10:30 a.m. play group.

The children will listen, chant and physically respond to age-appropriate songs that encourage language skills and stimulate brain development. The sessions are geared toward infants being held and toddlers who can follow along with the movement and singing. Reinke will use silk scarves, musical instruments and other items to engage the children. Kits of related material can be taken home.

Pat at 374-5515

Tuesdays and Thursdays

PRINTED WORDS — The Ellsworth Public Library offers weekly programs for pre-schoolers. The programs on Tuesdays are from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 4- and 5-year-olds and the 2- and 3-year-olds. gather on Thursdays.

Wednesdays

STORY HOURS — Each Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. there's a free "story hour" at the Buck Memorial Library in Bucksport.

Fridays

LAP TIME! — "Lap Time" at the Ellsworth Public Library for children up to 2 is held each Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. Babies, toddlers and caretakers invited.

First and Third Saturdays

TELLING STORIES — The Stockton Springs Library hosts a story hour for children of all ages on the first and third Saturdays each month from 9:30 to 11 p.m. 567-4147

ON EXHIBIT

AROUND THE WORLD — The Blue Hill Public Library has a display entitled, *Miss Pearson Brings the World To Blue Hill*, with items and photographs from a 1938-39 around-the-world trip by library benefactor Adelaide Pearson and her associate, Laura Paddock.

GROUPS

CAREGIVERS — A caregivers group meets at the Ellsworth Public Library for coffee, conversation, education and support. Dottie VanHorn of the Eastern Area Agency on Aging, is available to anyone who regularly cares for another.

Dottie VanHorn at dvanhorn@eaaa.org or 941-2865 or (800) 432-7812

Wednesday, March 4

CANCER SUPPORT — The Cancer Support Center of Maine offers a group on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the Bucksport Regional Health Center at 110 Broadway in Bucksport. All cancer patients and those who support them are welcome. Lunch is not provided, but bring a bag lunch or snack if you like.

Cancer Support Center: 469-6363

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Accidents listed

BUCKSPORT — Police reported these recent accidents:

- James R. Dionne, 56, of Bucksport struck a deer on Central Street on Monday about 4:45 p.m. About \$3,500 worth of damage resulted.

- Vehicles being driven by Buddy D. Smith, 31, of Etna and William G. O'Donnell, 66, of Bucksport collided on CW Lane, resulting in about \$1,000 worth of damage.

- A vehicle being driven by Erika C. Golding, 24, of Orland received about \$1,000 worth of damage after an accident on the

Silver Lake Road on Saturday evening. She was able to drive the vehicle away, police said.

- Also on Saturday evening, a vehicle being driven on the Silver Lake Road went off the roadway near the Power Line Road, resulting in minor damage. The driver later was located near the Cross Road-Millvale Road intersection and was given a summons for leaving the scene of an accident.

- A woman went to the police station to report an accident on U.S. Route 1, near the Family Dollar store. There was minor damage to the side of her

car. The driver of the second vehicle could not be located.

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT — These motor vehicle tickets were issued:

- Joseph E. Mace, 53, Searsport was given a summons for an inspection sticker violation after he was stopped on U.S. Route 1 on Sunday morning.

- Kevin M. Pickoski, 34, of Bangor was given a ticket for an inspection sticker violation after being stopped on Main Street about 1:30 p.m. last Thursday (3/12).

Police officer and fire chief earn recognition

BUCKSPORT — Two local public safety personnel - Fire Chief Craig Bowden and Police Officer Daniel Harlan - are to be honored on April 15 by the Red Cross next month for their efforts to save two people who had gone into the rushing waters of the Penobscot River last summer.

Dubbed "Real Heroes", they

will be joined by Lt. Rod Charette of the State Police, who also went into the river in the unsuccessful effort to save a 5-year-old boy and his grandfather.

The grandfather, Roland LaRue of Bangor, will be honored posthumously, for he drowned in his attempt to save his grandson. The two had been

fishing from the Fishermen's Pier here when the youngster fell into the water.

The public safety officers recently were honored at a dinner in Portland sponsored by the Maine chiefs of police association.

The awards and a number of others will be presented at a breakfast in Brewer.

— Mill razing increasingly likely

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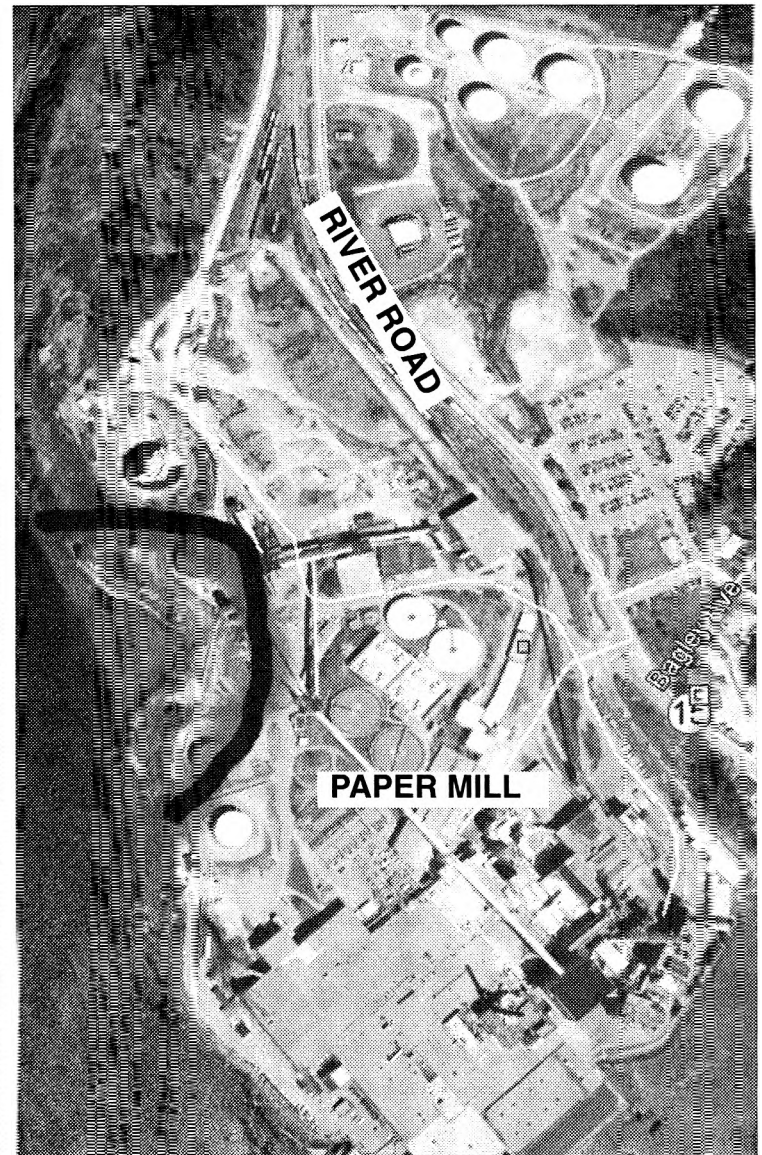
- The town manager and the economic development director are continuing to meet privately with the AIM personnel assigned to the demolition project here, but the AIM representatives have made few public comments about what the firm

plans to do with the property once the demolition ends.

- Local municipal department heads have toured the mill recently. The town's assessor said it's clear that the \$360 million assessment the mill has had will be sharply lower when the new figures are set on April 1. The town's

code enforcement officer has gathered fresh first-hand information about the property that he's prepared to share with the town councilors if they ask.

- Town Manager Derik Goodine is staking a lot on the Legislature passing a special measure to help the town financially.



THE AREA outline in black was excavated during the first professional archaeological dig done in this country. A number of items, (some have been attributed to the Red Paint people) were found and removed.

— Digging it!

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Back in the 1890s, Dr. Charles Willoughby, a professor at Harvard University, was delighted to find what he had made the long trek to Downeast Maine to discover.

Some of the artifacts his group found in the Red Paint graves were put on display in cabinets in the Wilson Hall building at the then-seminary off Franklin Street. People came from afar to join the locals in examining the antiquities on display.

Later, some locals are said to have quietly raided the site, picking up various items as souvenirs. Some may not have been aware that the items dated from the Red Paint people, a 6,000- to 7,000-year-old prehistoric people associated with the Maritime Archaic.

Today, that site is at the rear of the Bucksport paper mill site, having been found when the builders of a road near the mill uncovered lots of artifacts.

It's unknown what, if anything, may be left buried. For when the mill was built and opened in 1931, few spent time worrying about preserving environments - or artifacts.

However, Willoughby thought differently as he led his team of researchers in 1891 and 1892, patiently, methodically digging up the area along the river, meticulously recording what was found.

They dug up tools and the remnants of the crushed

hemetite-and-oil mixture the natives used to simulate blood for burial with the dead in the hope they might help them in the "after life."

Emeric Spooner of Bucksport did the research that spawned a bill now in the Legislature aimed at getting the Maine Historic Preservation Commission involved in determining if a site upriver, at the North Bucksport-Orrington line, is the long-sought Fort Norumbega (See article on Page 1).

He also has done extensive research on the dig that was done on the property where the mill stands, awaiting the scrap metal salvagers.

Spooner is confident that, as has been the case with most successful professional digs, additional graves are likely to be located in proximity to the area excavated more than a century ago.

In this case, however, nothing is being done to pursue what still may be under the soils on the mill site, and more than one local official has suggested, as one of them put it privately, "it's best to let sleeping dogs lie."

Spooner offered to share his research with the engineering firm AIM has hired to work up demolition plans, "but she did not appear interested," he said.

The data also has been offered to people in two Maine tribes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine (UUC) congratulates the following successful applicants for the 2014 Pulliam Grants:

Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine
Ellsworth Free Medical Clinic
Hancock County Habitat for Humanity
Birdsacre (Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary)

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Saturday, March 21

FISH FRYIN' — The local council of the Knights of Columbus will fire the fryers for a fresh haddock dinner at 5 p.m. at the St. Vincent de Paul Church at Central and Franklin streets in Bucksport. The meal is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children.