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MMA readies local site

BUCKSPORT — After years of wrestling with complicated sites and confined by budget concerns, the Maine Maritime Academy apparently has found the perfect site for its newest offering.

The former education center at the paper mill on River Road has proven ideal, and the school now is on schedule to open its Center for Professional Mariner Development by November.

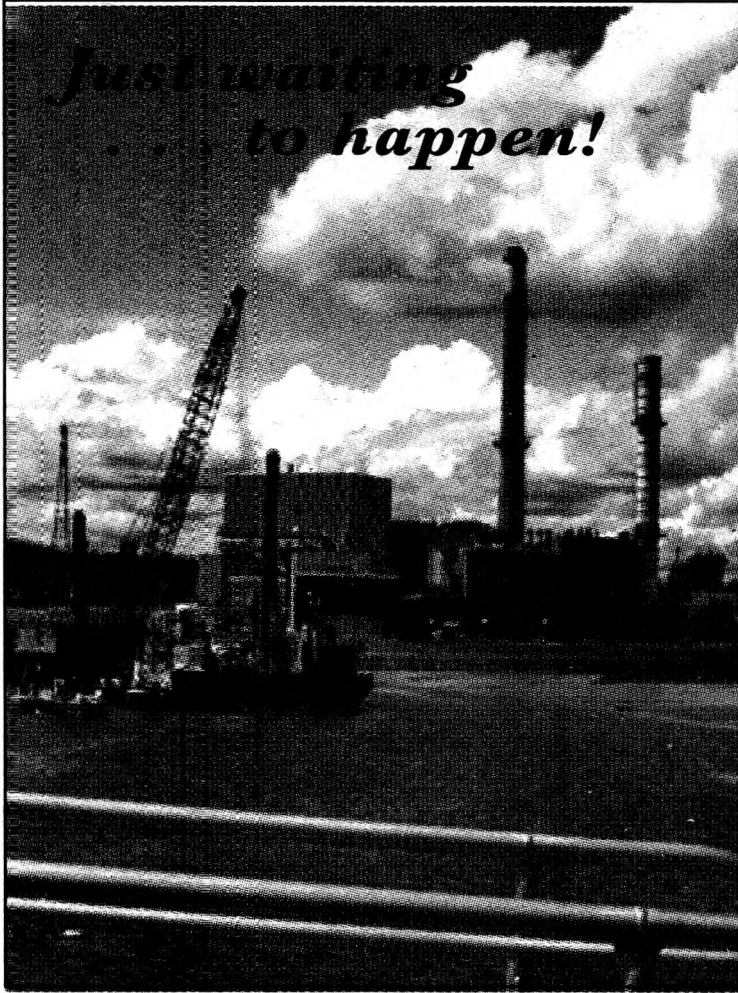
In addition to gaining a building in good structural shape for \$3.2 million, the related improvements should keep the overall project under \$5 million. That's well below the sums encountered when studying less-accessible, less-visible and more-difficult to develop properties.

Paul Mercer has been put in charge of making certain the mariners' school is ready.

A fire training site will be added once the initial programming begins.

Money earned at the center will be used to hold down tuitions on the Castine campus.

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THE TALLEST of the stacks at the former paper mill were to be taken down this month, but town officials now have been told the wrecking date for the more than 80-year-old landmark has been pushed into next month. Reportedly those involved with the task are antsy about saying too much about the exact time and date, for that would draw a large crowd and, perhaps, cause some public safety issues.

Town election heats up with council misstep

Ballot issues also may spur turnout

BUCKSPORT — In recent years the races among those seeking to join - or stay on - the Town Council generally have been low-key affairs.

There have been a few yard signs, a little posturing by some before filing their nomination

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papers while they determine who else might be running, and, occasionally, a few rounds of knocking on doors.

This year, not so much. Some of the candidates are becoming uncommonly riled over what they view as anything from an inept attempt to fill a vacancy on the council, to even suggesting some councilors may be interfering in what should be the voters' decisions.

Things began with the decision to take an early exit from the council by David Kee after serving less than a third of his three-year term.

That resulted in some sloppy maneuvering at the last council meeting, which resulted in James Morrison being named to the vacancy for 15 minutes!

Morrison, a candidate on the Nov. 5 ballot to fill the two years remaining in the term, was congratulated all-around, only to find a few minutes later the 3-1 vote backing him was not enough to earn the appointment. Because only four of the six remaining councilors were on hand, at least four votes were required.

That leaves the council having to decide what they are going to do about that vacancy now; vote again, and, perhaps, not for Morrison.

The councilors acted after Paul F. Rabs, a former councilor and at the time a candidate himself for a three-year seat, objected, both at the meeting and afterward in a heated conversation with Mayor Peter Stewart.

PLEASE SEE COUNCIL, PAGE 7.

Whole Oceans . . . Planning Board site review goes swimmingly

BUCKSPORT — The Planning Board this week endorsed the Whole Oceans' plans to build an indoor fish farm with the ease of a newly honed fillet knife slicing through a fresh Atlantic salmon.

The unanimous endorsement came after a 90-minute review of the 409-page application, with about half of that time spent listening to an engineer hired by the firm summarize the \$160 million project.

Before the meeting on Tuesday, Jacob Bartlett, the

chief executive of the company told reporters Whole Oceans also wants to open a slaughterhouse in the Buckstown industrial park once the fish growing enterprise is well underway.

That \$15 million to \$20 million operation would employ 40 to 50 workers, Bartlett said.

The board also gave the company five years, instead of the usual two years, to develop the first phases of the project.

Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic development director, said he was

unaware of the processing plant plans for the industrial park. He said nobody from Whole Oceans has shared the idea with him.

Rotella said Whole Oceans executives have not reserved any space in the park. All applications for the free industrial sites being offered by the town are channeled through Rotella.

While sitework, including an as-yet publicly unspecified amount of blasting, will begin shortly, and the buildings will be started in the spring.

PLEASE SEE WHOLE, PAGE 6.

Bucksport's financial support detailed

The town is offering a tax incremental financing (TIF) package to encourage Whole Oceans, one that will return \$9.5 million (70 percent) of the taxes Whole Oceans ordinarily would have to pay on such an investment over the next 20 years.

The state-endorsed mechanism is aimed at boosting employment and tax rolls over the long pull.

Whole Oceans plans to add 50 jobs initially, 50-or-more when it opens its fish

processing plant and, perhaps, 260 at both sites if it achieves the growth its planners expect.

Those jobs will pay from "six figures" to a little over the minimum wage, the firm's chief executive, Jacob Bartlett, said this week. There's also some more inducements, ranging from a cut of a projected \$17,000 in the land use permit fee that ordinarily would be charged to, perhaps, free land in the town's industrial park.

PLEASE SEE TIF, PAGE 8.

IN THE WORKS . . . Weekly tidbits gleaned from local area news

TO DO LIST — The number of municipal projects in progress continues to grow in Bucksport:

THE ROADS — The town manager is to tell the town councilors next Thursday

(9/12) what the town plans to do after a planned \$3 million worth of projects are done over the next three years. All of that work, paid for with a 10-year bond issue if the voters approve in November, has resulted in the council calling for far more details on what will be done where and when after the "catchup" road repair and reconstruction blitz is complete.

The town manager is working on pulling those details now for next week's meeting.

IN THE SWIM — The town is preparing to ask the voters in November if they will approve the financing of a municipal swimming pool to replace the now-closed and severely leaking one. The problem: They don't know how much the project will cost.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has been asked to survey the three engineering firms who want to do the paperwork and oversee the project. Each has bid from \$60,000 to \$71,000 for that work, and

Lessard believes the project could be only 10 to 15 percent of the entire cost. However, she hasn't overseen the building of a new pool, so she's awaiting the engineer's numbers.

Town councilors long have been aware the Town Charter is vague in its wording of what should be done when an opening occurs on that panel, but after the current flap over appointing an interim member (see article above), they're preparing to tighten up and clarify the wording.

(Voters have to approve changes in the Town Charter.)

FIRE CHIEF — Still nothing to report on the appointment of a permanent fire chief. The town manager this week received a report from the state fire chiefs' association, which earlier this summer was asked to review the structure of the local department.

Interviews were to be begin this week of the two candidates who applied for the now-vacant assessor's job.

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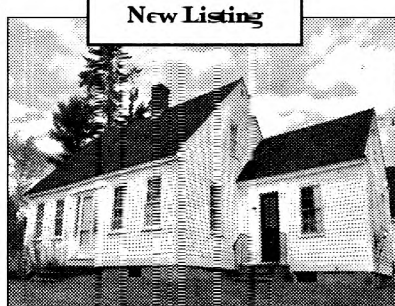
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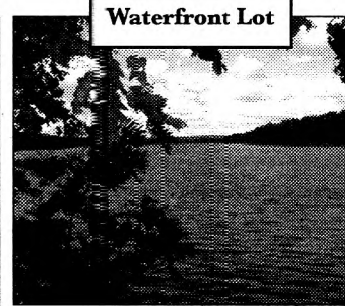
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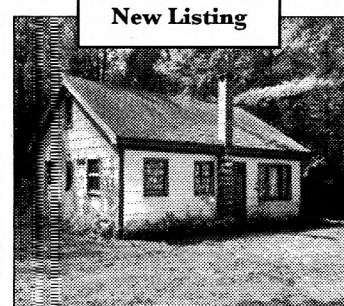
New Listing



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Waterfront Lot



New Listing

Stockton Springs—Historic charm with many updates in a great location! Much work has gone into this lovely home but some finishing is still needed. Home has new exterior clapboards and paint, a new kitchen with stainless appliances & quartz counter tops, updated plumbing, electric and new bathroom fixtures. Light fills the rooms including dining room, parlor or first floor bedroom, den/office and second parlor on the first floor and 2 bedrooms with lots of storage on the 2nd floor. Four season enjoyment with a large yard for a summer garden and a fireplace and wood stove for cozy times in the winter. Needs a furnace, upstairs flooring, sweater & appliances installed & painted exterior windows trim etc. A very special home when you are finished!!
Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$121,000

Bucksport—Placed in a desirable private setting, this 1.5AC 3BR/2BA modern cape hosts a variety of must have features, incl. a custom kitchen w/SS appliances, granite counters & custom cabinetry. HW flooring, 1st Fl. master BR & laundry, bright open layout, deck w/ covered front porch & more. A sizeable yard with apple trees & frontage on Stubbs Brook. Impressive 38'X36' 3 bay garage, insulated w/ storage & radiant in-floor heating. With its close proximity to Bangor, Brewer, Belfast & Ellsworth this peaceful home welcomes you!

Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 \$239,900

15 Franklin Street Bucksport

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Verona Island—Gorgeous waterfront building lot with 304' on the Penobscot River. 3.7 acres of wooded land & sweeping water view. Possible mooring &/or dock. Watch the eagles, seals, deer & lots more! Close to shopping and only 1/2 hour to Belfast, Bangor, Ellsworth. Broker owned.

Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$129,900

Orland—Enjoy summers or convert to year-round living with this 2BR/1BA cottage near Alamoosook Lake. Property features 0.61 acres with ample road frontage, well septic and plenty of yard space. Camp offers direct access to the lake with common beach lot & even boat access. Currently equipped for seasonal use with wood stove, electric heat, hot water & laundry!

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Mark Eastman, Wendy Carpenter, Daniel See, Kim Laplant, Emily Wascholl & Lorrinda Connolly



Bucksport—Great corner home with many updates. This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home sits on 11.5 acre lot with trails and great hunting. Recent improvements include Brazilian cherry flooring, landscaping in the master bedroom as well as a new 3rd bedroom. The roof was replaced in 2017 and a finished room in the basement was added in 2018 including a wood stove. Great deck for summer entertaining. Enjoy good nature right with a short commute to Bangor or minutes to Bucksport. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$209,900



Bucksport—"Chase Block Row House", this historic property was constructed in 1832 and is believed to be one of the oldest wooden row houses in Maine. Set 1 block from the waterfront with many recent improvements including a new gas furnace, water heater and check out the refinished "pumpkin" pine floors! Updated cosmetically throughout. Great location to walk the waterfront or the downtown. Enjoy 3 levels of living space in this 4 Bedroom 2 Bath home. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$136,000



Sedgwick—Room for the whole family! This 4 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath Farmhouse is set on a 6 acre lot with long road frontage. The home has been completely remodeled with a new roof, flooring, granite counter tops, as well as a new 4 Bedroom septic system to be installed prior to closing. The lot has long road frontage along Snow's Cove Road for future possibilities! Might be some gravel on the lot as well! Enjoy summer gatherings on the back deck!
Listing Agent: \$189,900



Ellsworth—Recreational land/lot. Home/steading. Paradise! This wooded, 60 acre lot includes a 2.5 acre cabin with a front porch overlooking a green sea porcupine! Property is centrally located just off Route 1 between Bucksport and Ellsworth. Set the 1/2 mile gravel road that's already in place leads to complete privacy. There is abundant wildlife and the current owners have had several successful deer hunts on the property. There is a bear pond and brook on the property. There is a private road and here is access to a network of ATV trails. The perfect spot for a second home or outdoor recreation!
Listing Agent: Kim Laplant \$79,900



Bucksport—Privacy! This 2 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Cape has been constructed with quality in mind. Amenities include a Water Baseboard heat, central air conditioning and a generator for the unexpected. Enjoy one floor living including first floor laundry. Spend summer afternoons on the patio or take a walk in the 9.7ac of land included. Need more space? The home was constructed with growth in mind, finish off the second floor adding two bedrooms and a bath. 4 Bedroom septic system is in place. Room for a growing family!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$259,900



Bucksport—Enjoy lovely summer evenings on the covered, wrap-around porch at this recently updated home on a very private, well-landscaped lot! This cottage-style home features 2.3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, an open-concept living area, newer heat pumps, and 2 adorable outbuildings! A generator and working snow truck are also included in the sale! Central to both Bangor and Bucksport, this lovely home offers the perfect mix of peace and quiet while still having easy access to any amenities you might need.
Listing Agent: Kim Laplant \$169,900



One sign spawns another

A new sign has replaced the one at the municipal sewage treatment plant. When the grass is mowed, the bottom sign touts the designation that the town is "certified business friendly" under a state program launched by the previous administration.

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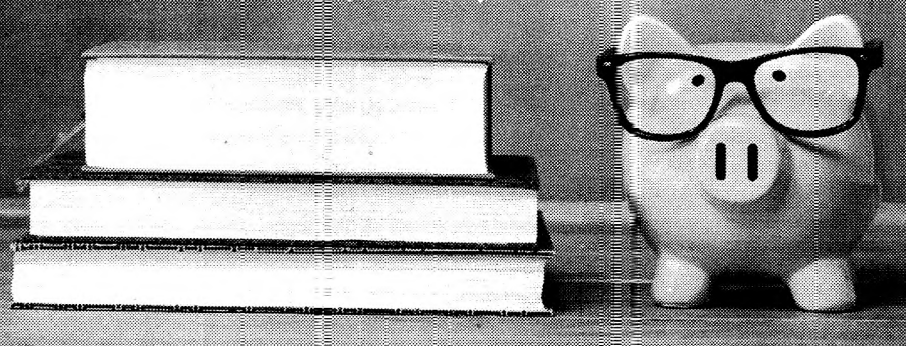
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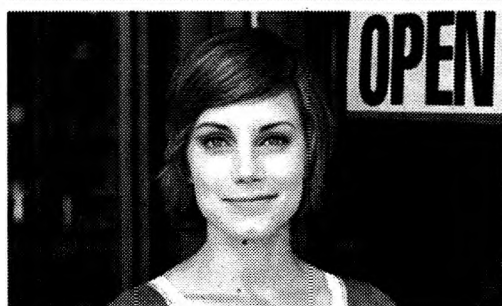
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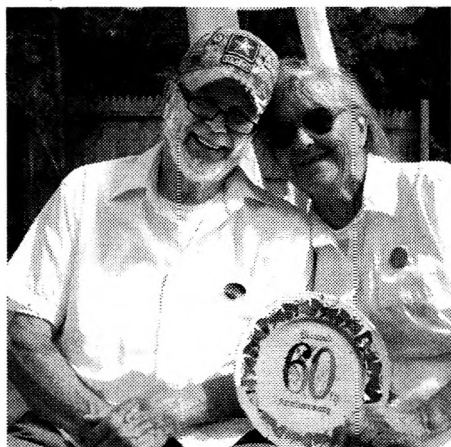
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Friends & Family

60 YEARS! — **Frank and Jackie Dunbar** of Bucksport celebrated their 60th anniversary on Saturday with a family get-together planned by daughters **Diana Roberts** and **Molly Dunbar** at Leaches Point.



— THE DUNBARS

Vows were renewed with son-in-law **Kyle Roberts** officiating. All were dressed in 1950's theme attire.

On Sunday, the **River of Hope Church** on Main Street also honored the couple with a surprise party.

HONORING — The **Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition**, which was established in 1995, honored founding member, **Betty Gray, RN**, with an award created in her name.

The Betty Gray Communitarian Spirit Award recognizes her life-long commitment to educate all around her of the importance of individual wellness and community health.

As a school nurse, town health officer, and community volunteer Gray inspired many others to keep this spirit flowing throughout the communities in this area.

On Aug. 27, the coalition board

named **Dr. Thomas J. Gaffney** as the first recipient of the award. They did so upon the occasion of his retirement from the board.

Gaffney, now also has retired from his counselling practice in Bucksport, a career that spanned 36 years.

Gaffney was a member of the coalition board for over two decades while providing leadership and guidance over numerous programs.

CLASS OF '60 — The **Bucksport High School Class of 1960** is preparing for its 60th reunion.

Anyone interested in being part of the event can join a group meeting on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Bucksport United Methodist Church at 3 River Road.

The class contacts are Carol at 469-3808 and Joanne at 469-3802.

DUCK COVE GROUP — The **Duck Cove** group of the **Maine Extension Homemakers Council** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the home of Pam Dupont on the Town

Farm Road.

This will be the group's annual planning meeting.

A potluck luncheon will be held after the meeting.

GATEWAY TO SCOUTING — **Penobscot Narrows Pack 102** is holding its annual "Scout Me In" night at the Miles Lane School on Wednesday.

If you want to find out more about Scouting you can learn all about the organization and its many activities from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Miles Lane School.

Young ladies and lads from those of kindergarten age through the third grade are invited to join in the information session.

NEW NAME — The Rite-Aid Pharmacy at 220 U.S. Route 1 is about to undergo a name change now that the **Walgreen's** drug store chain has acquired the Rite-Aid stores.

THERE'S MORE FRIENDS & FAMILY
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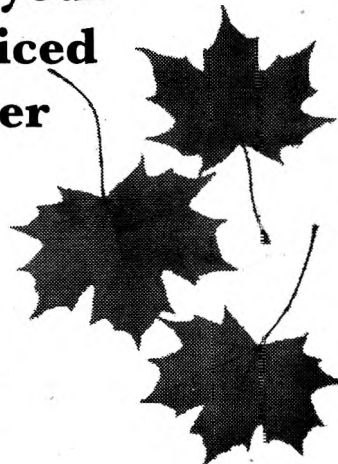
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Oops! Now, what?

The Town Council did not know what it was stepping into until after they had acted quickly without doing their homework and then adjourned. Indeed, they didn't find their 3-1 vote to appoint James Morrison to the seat vacated recently by David Kee was null and void until after the final gavel was tapped.

EDITORIAL The Town Charter required at least four positive votes, and two of the councilors - Robert G. Carmichael Jr. and Paul Gauvin - were absent that night.

Morrison had long since been congratulated upon supposedly being added to the council until at least the Nov. 3 election, when he then plans to seek election to the two additional years remaining on Kee's term.

There was much talk about appearances and whether the council should stray from a relatively recent pattern of avoiding active candidates when making interim appointments to their ranks.

However, in the end, the 3-1 vote was taken without even acknowledging that the appointment was not posted on the agenda for that session. (While councilors are free to take up matters not on the agenda because of special circumstances, the four members present didn't even take the usual vote to follow that procedure; they simply went ahead with appointing Morrison).

Now, Morrison's temporary appointment needs four positive votes, perhaps as soon as next Thursday's (9/12) meeting, and that hinges on the votes of the two absent councilors Carmichael and Gauvin.

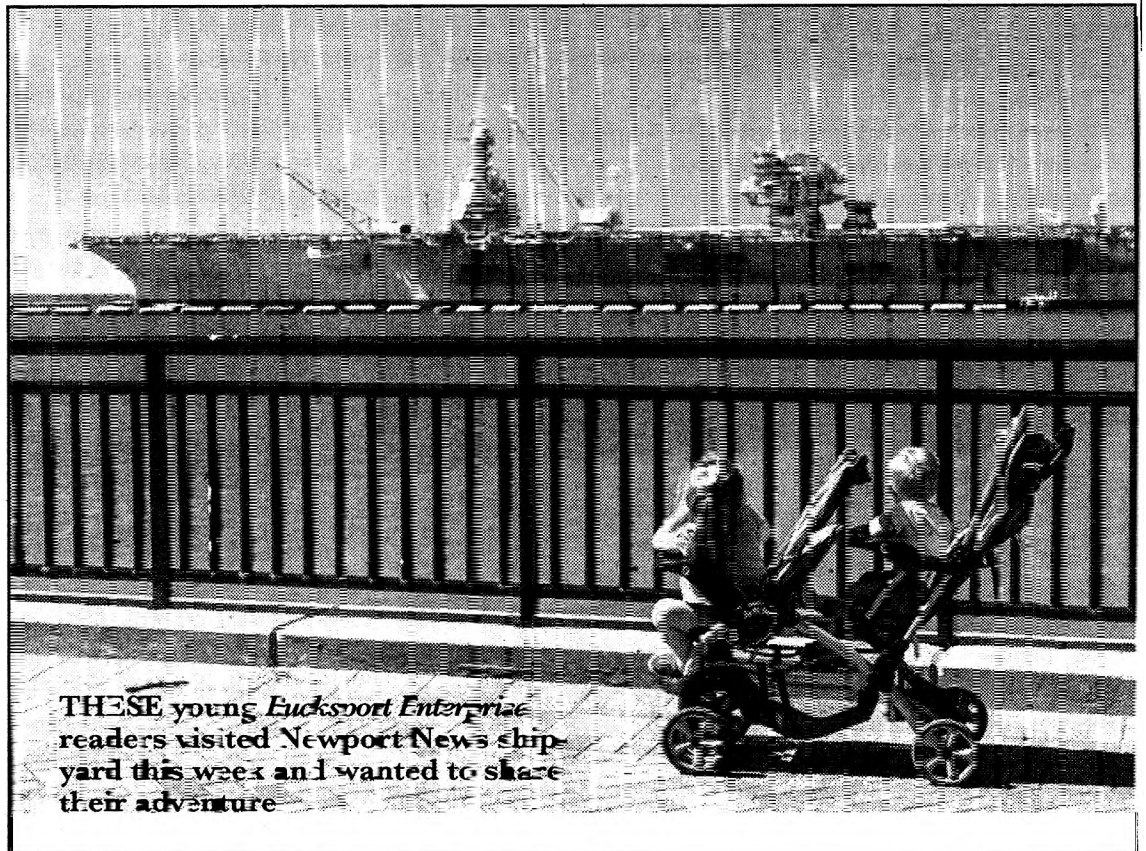
However, whether the winner of the two-year term on the November ballot will be seated immediately or in January also is unsettled. The councilors who emerge from the pack to earn the two three-year seats must wait until the new year to be sworn in.

One of the three seeking the two-year term, Joseph A. Davanzo, has described the council's entry into the foray as, "self-serving and perverse." (*His full comments are in a "letter to the editor" on this page.*)

Further complicating the situation is Councilor Carmichael last week, after months of saying he wouldn't seek another term, reversed himself and took out papers to oppose Morrison in November.

Some now believe the council will nominate a non-candidate in November, give that person four to six votes, and move on.

Stay tuned, for this soap opera's not over.



THESE young Bucksport Enterprise readers visited Newport News shipyard this week and I wanted to share their adventure

The Enterprise honors the Enterprise!

The USS Enterprise (CVN-65) lies slowly rusting at the dock in Newport News, VA, just waiting for the day the salvagers come to turn the mighty warship into chunks of junk metal.

The Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, she was the eighth US ship to bear the name, *Enterprise*, and was commissioned in 1961.

The *Enterprise* was last used for her intended purpose in 2012, and was decommissioned on Feb. 3, 2017.

The ship was dispatched during the Cuban missile crisis, and also was used as a show of force during Korean tensions. She served off Vietnam, including during the evacuation of Saigon.

The *Enterprise* also relieved, and aided other carriers during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Now, the once-proud vessel sits in the

Huntington Ingalls Newport News shipyard, rusting away, while the Navy decides by late-2022, on how and where to dispose of it.

Meanwhile, construction has started on CVN-80, a Ford-class carrier that will be the ninth ship to bear the name *Enterprise*. The new carrier is not expected to enter service until sometime around 2027. For continuity, "pomp and publicity", a section of steel was taken from CVN-65 and melted down to make a keel plate for CVN-80.

The *Enterprise* -actually a stunt double" for her, made a cameo appearance in the 1986 block buster *Star Trek 4: The Voyage Home*. The ship Hollywood used actually was the *USS Ranger*. (That factoid might prove useful if you ever get to appear on *Jeopardy!*).

LETTER . . . to the editor

'Self-serving'

To the Editor,

Do we have a self-serving Town Council or a voice of the people?

In my opinion, I find that the action taken by certain members of the Town Council, to appoint a person, who is currently running for a seat on the council, as a temporary fill for a vacant Council seat, as a self-serving and perverse action.

It is an action that can only be perceived as meant to undermine the town's elections in November.

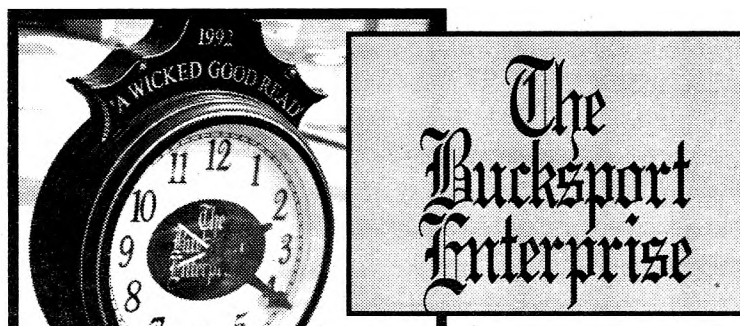
This action is in violation of the town's charter, and is the fourth attempt by the council to act in direct opposition to the charter in recent memory.

It is an action that can be meant to express an opinion by certain members of the council that the taxpaying residents of Bucksport are neither intelligent or educated enough to be able to decide for themselves whom they wish to represent their concerns and needs.

The Town Charter was established to set standards and moral obligations for councilors who wish to serve the people of Bucksport. I simply ask whose interest are these councilors serving: their own special interest or that of the townspeople of Bucksport.

In all fairness, my name is Joseph A. Davanzo, and I am running for a seat on the council.

Joseph A. Davanzo
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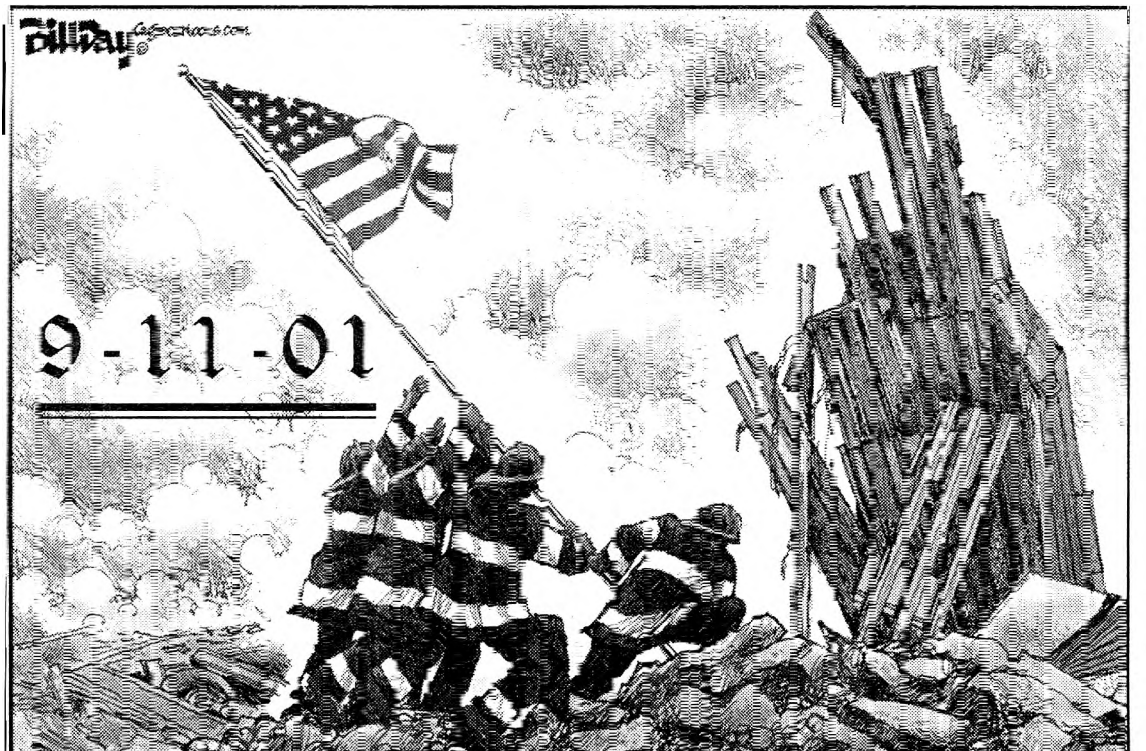
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OBITUARIES

Peter D. Mayo

BUCKSPORT — Peter D. Mayo, 71, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Aug. 27, 2019.

Peter was born in Castine the son of Annie Louise (Pellum) and Walter Mayo.

In 1966, Peter graduated from Bucksport High School. After high school Peter enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1967 to 1971 during the Vietnam era.

He was a retired member of Union Local 1253 of the IBEW.

Peter enjoyed mackerel fishing with his "best bud" father-in-law Fred Atwood, brother-in-law Jay Philpott, and good friend Walter Browning.

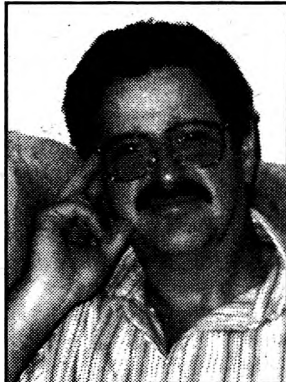
Peter also had a passion for his vegetable garden, and sharing his harvest with family and friends. He enjoyed working on his property and keeping it well-kept as well as working in his woodshop.

Peter is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Gloria (Atwood) Mayo; daughter Carrie Buechler and husband Stephen of Westland, MI, son Brian Mayo and wife Megan of Chaska, MN, three grandchildren, Madalynn, Keanen and Kira Mayo, whom he adored; Stepmother Luverne Mayo of Ft. Myers Florida, two sisters Bonnie Ross and Roxanne Kopke both of Ellsworth. Father-in-law Fred Atwood and wife Betsy, sister-in-law June Philpott and husband Jay, brothers-in-law Allen Atwood and wife Kathy, and Mark Atwood and wife Kiki, along with several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents.

At Peter's request there will be no services. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremations Services in Bucksport.

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BUCKSPORT — Arthur E. "Artie" Maguire Jr., 45, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.

He was born the son of Arthur E. and Angelia R. (Stephenson) Maguire Sr. on March 29, 1974.

He is survived by his parents, Mickey and Angie Maguire of Prospect, two sons Tyler Maguire and Stephen; two brothers; Andrew Maguire and Anthony Maguire and his wife Ashley; a



Arthur E. Maguire

niece Alyssa; and a nephew Ayden; and a very special uncle Paul Maguire, Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm Street in Bucksport.

Burial will follow at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Prospect.

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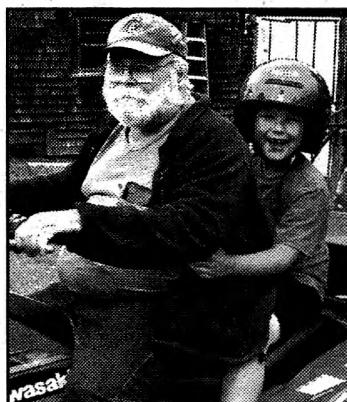
Everett L. Saunders, 1956 - 2019

ORLAND — Everett L. Saunders, 63, died unexpectedly at his home on Sept. 2, 2019.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1956 in Orland, the son of Merle and Inez (Gowen) Saunders.

Everett worked for Robert Wardwell as a mechanic and truck driver until his retirement in 2012. Prior to that, he worked at the Bucksport mill for 21 years. He was a member of the Bucksport Rod & Gun Club, and for many years a member of the Orland Fire Department. He was a ham radio operator for many years, and enjoyed many lasting friendships in that community. Everett loved spending time with his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

He is survived by his loving wife and best



Everett L. Saunders

friend, Jacqueline Saunders; his sons, Chad and Travis and partner Jessica Bowley; stepchildren; Sharon Clifford and partner Andrew Johnson, Emily Wascholl and husband Chad, James Gray and Rebecca Gray. He also leaves his very special grandsons Hunter and Gunnar Saunders and "Lil" Chad Wascholl and his eagerly awaited brother in December; his brothers, Kenneth and wife Annette, Michael and wife Carol, and Jeffrey and partner Diane Brann. Everett's very special friends Ed Cole and Isaac Dorr and a special brother-in-law

Kenneth Parker who all did their very best to keep Everett out of trouble.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday Sept. 9, 2019 at the Bucksport United Methodist Church at 3 River Road in Bucksport.

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— In the works

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CODE OFFICER — Luke Chiavelli took office this month, succeeding Jeffrey Hammond, who retired. The new officer will work for Bucksport full-time, but will continue serving Orland and Verona Island in his off-hours.

If Bucksport moves to longer office hours Monday through Thursday, Chiavelli said he might begin office hours in Orland on Fridays. In the meantime, he permanently has severed his ties with the other communities in which he offered part-time building inspector services.

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS?

— Whether the Town Offices will be closed on Fridays to allow slightly extended hours Monday through Thursday, as proposed by the town manager, remains an unanswered question.

The results of a town-wide questionnaire on the subject still are being tallied, and the town councilors have not spoken on the idea.

STILL THERE — Several months ago Mayor Peter Stewart asked that an unsightly pile of dirt on the edge of a town-owned lot on Main Street be removed. The dirt's still there.

Celebration of Life Dorothy Wardwell

Castine — Dorothy Wardwell passed away Aug. 16, 2019 at a local hospital at the age of 88 years. There will be a celebration of her life on Sept. 14, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Emerson Hall in Castine.

Donations in Dorothy's memory have been set up for the children of the Adams School Activities Fund. You can send checks made payable to the Adams School with Dorothy Wardwell in the memo line.

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— Whole Oceans

The decision allows the building of roughly two acres of buildings on the northern end of the paper mill property on River Road.

About 35 of the firm's 83 acres will be developed as part of the initial project.

The structures will range from 25 to 55 feet in height, well below the 100 feet allowed on the industrial property.

Besides construction of the building, this phase of the project would include the installation of the building's underground utilities, and aquaculture and water treatment systems, along with improvements to its north and south roads. Including the building's square footage, this phase will redevelop a total of 340,000 square feet of the mill site, according to the application.

The first portion of the salmon farm will take a year to build, while the fish eggs take four years to mature to salable size.

The project is being done in phases and could take a decade to complete to the full capacity of producing 22 million pounds of salmon annually. That's the initial goal for the first phases of produc-

tion.

While there is no firm date for full completion of the fish factory, it could be six or seven years before all of the buildings are in place, according to one estimate issued this week.

The final phases, if they are successful they would add eight acres under roof.

The project will require some significant excavation of the site to provide sufficient foundations to support the huge tanks in which the salmon are raised.

Whole Oceans plans to use a small on-shore salmon producer in British Columbia in Canada to train its first few workers to operate the plant here.

That small plant, developed on land owned by indigenous people with money from a charitable corporation and the Canadian government, has not been consistently profitable.

Whole Oceans's parent company, Emergent Holdings apparently is continuing to try to gain majority ownership of the operation, Kutera, despite having narrowly lost its first bid to do so.

Bartlett, the top man at both Emergent and Whole Oceans, on

Tuesday declined to discuss the status of those negotiations.

Emergent, an Auburn, IN-based private holding firm specializing in agricultural processes, was formed a little more than three years ago.

Bartlett said a single investor backed the firm initially, and \$35 million was raised.

Since then, it has gone on to recruit about five people to staff Whole Oceans at its Portland headquarters, while making investments in other agricultural businesses.

The salmon factory is projected to release 18.6 gallons of treated water into the Penobscot each day, well below the amount the paper mill released, according to the consulting engineers.

The operation will pull about 4 million gallons of water daily from the Silver Lake watershed, well below the 18 million gallons a day the mill used, the engineers reported.

There was no call for a site visit, which also speeded the approval process,

allowing the company, in essence, a one-stop effort to gain the needed sitework approvals.

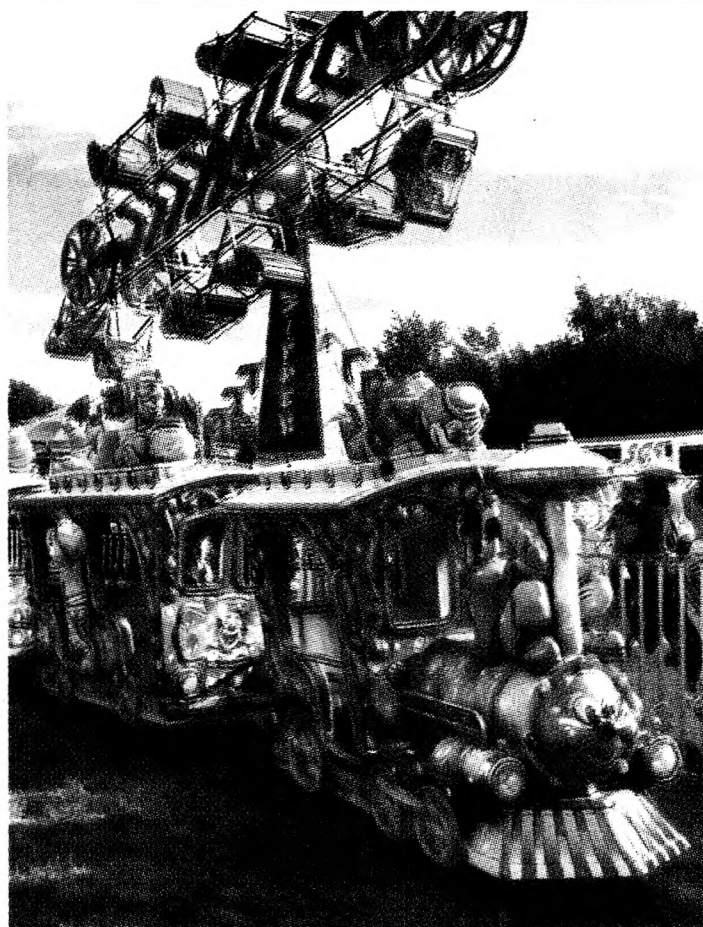
The visit was unnecessary as most of the panel had either worked at the former mill or had visited the mill regularly as they already were familiar with the property.

One member even detailed the path of a 10-inch, circuitous water main that already lies buried under the property. Some or all of that line may have to become part of the Whole Oceans' fire protection plan.

Tuesday's public hearing drew only four spectators to join the company and town officials and representatives of the media. However, the session also was cablecast live on the community-TV channel.

In the audience were Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and Rotella, the economic development director.

Luke Chiavelli, the town's new code enforcement officer, provided staff support to the Planning Board, his first outing in that role.



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one last time, before winter forces us all inside.

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Council races

That was not the end of it . . . Rab, who already had submitted his nomination papers and been qualified to be listed on the ballot, may - or may not - withdraw. He has until the end of the business day tomorrow (9/6) to decide.

Rab went through a few weeks of controversy when he was on the council, having agreed to serve as an on-call ambulance driver with the Fire Department. When that hiring was challenged, several weeks of conflicting opinions were raised and debate ensued. In the end, the council decided Rab could not be in conflict by serving as an ambulance driver from time-to-time, especially when a pool of drivers is needed to serve the community.

Rab last month did not see it that way, and said, he thought the some members of the council had "thrown me under the bus - twice."

That, too, was not the end of it for Morrison, sincerely had been led to believe he'd now serve on the council. Only after the meeting was he told the 3-1 vote made that appointment invalid.

Things got heated again when Councilor Robert G. Carmichael Jr. on Aug. 23 took out nomination papers for the two-year seat, the one Morrison is seeking in November. Carmichael did so after months of telling people and the press that he had no plans to stay on the council.

At mid-week Carmichael had circulated his papers for signatures, but had not turned them in.

Two-year slot (1)

As a result, the two-year seat will go to the winner of a four-way contest. The candidates:

- **James R. Morrison** of 4 Morrison Road, a farmer and perennial candidate for the council, who lost his bid to do so in the last election by just a few votes.

- **Joseph A. Davanzo** of 7 Spring Street, a retired postal worker and long-time union official who has become active in several groups since retiring here.

And, if they return their nomination papers with the appropriate by the end of the Town Office work day tomorrow (9/6):

- **Joseph N.L. York** of 262 Jacob Buck Pond Road, a former town councilor who has worked in the building trades.

Soon, it'll be up to voters

Three referenda issues loom

BUCKSPORT — While Bucksport voters cast their votes for the three Town Council seats on Nov. 5, there are other major reasons why the local turnout may be higher than normal for an off-year election.

- Voters are being asked to approve borrowing \$3 million for ten years to underwrite the next three years of major local improvements. The work is considered necessary to catch up with several years of lagging efforts to keep up and reconstruct some 50 miles of local roads.

Some of the interest on the proposed bonds would be offset by the interest the town is earning on its some \$6 million in unallocated reserves and other accounts with the Camden National Bank.

- The same voters will be asked to approve the financing needed to replace the existing municipal swimming pool off Broadway.

The pool, which has been leaking and repaired frequently for years now, is leaking so badly it had to be closed this summer.

While town officials do not have a firm estimate on how much the town will need, they have asked the town manager to talk to the three engineering firms

- **Robert G. Carmichael Jr.**, of 24 Forsythe Avenue, a current councilor whose three-year term expired this year. Formerly a top official in the Maine National Guard, Carmichael works for a Hampden-based credit union. He previously indicated he was leaving the council as part of a long-term plan to retire in Florida.

Three-year seats (2)

There are five people vying for the two available three-year chairs on the Town Council, although at mid-week only three of them had returned the required paperwork to be listed on the ballot:

- **Rachel R. Paulauskas** of 12 Mechanic Street, a homemaker involved in a variety of community groups. She's making her first run for political office.

- **Matthew A. Paulauskas** of 12 Mechanic Street, a Bucksport High School graduate who returned to Bucksport with his family after a stint in the U.S. Air Force. He, too, is making his first run for local office.

- **Kathy L. Downes** of 514 Silver Lake Road, who retired this year after more than 26 years as the town clerk. She briefly served twice as interim co-manager of the town when the Town Council twice had to recruit a new manager.

Two others have taken out papers for the three-year term but at mid-week had not returned them:

- **Edward A. Rankin Jr.** of 150 State Route 46, a political newcomer in Bucksport but a long-time resident of the area.

- **Nancy E. Minott** of 84 Elm Street, the former director of the Heart & Soul volunteer program locally, and active in a number of environmental and other causes.

RSU School Board (1)

At mid-week the only candidate to take out papers for the sole vacancy on the RSU School Board is **Peter W. Clair**, the incumbent. A resident of 18 Mast Hill Road, Clair is seeking a three-year term on the eight-member, four-town panel. At mid-week he had not returned the required paperwork; he has until the end of the business day tomorrow (9/6) to do so.

competing to prepare the paperwork to put the project out to bid.


The work would be done by the start of the 2020 swimming season if the voters approve the expense, town officials say.

The councilors only can spend up to \$250,000 on a single project without going to the voters first, although they have split up projects into phases to stay under that cap.

- There also is a series of technical changes in the Town Charter, changes which have been discussed on and off for months, but also require the passage of a town-wide referendum before they can be enacted.

The town manager is about to propose some new wording for the sections of the charter which govern the filling of vacancies. This is part of an effort to avoid the current controversy swirling around the appointment of someone to fill the remainder of one council term until the election in November.

All of this could lead to a more concerted effort to both turn out the vote and to get voters better educated on the issues before they enter the polling booths.

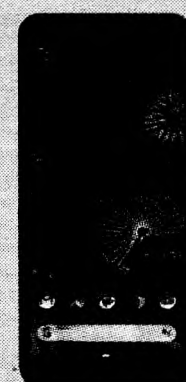



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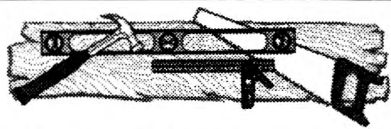
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RIVERVIEW CEMETERY PUBLIC MEETING

There will be a meeting in the Crooker Family Community Room at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12 at the Arey Community Center, 1160 River Road in Bucksport to welcome new volunteers and set a course for the future of the cemetery. All lot holders and concerned residents are urged to attend.

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TIF incentive

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The TIF financing option is available for projects that involve investments of \$150 million to \$250 million, and are especially common in Maine communities experiencing severe economic distress. State and local officials often want to use the financial incentive package to lure projects to areas where they might not otherwise go.

While completely legal and frequently used, some critics complain they offer financial breaks to one group while not to other businesses or property owners who pay their full taxes without expectation of getting any of that money back.

One of those critics, Orlando E. Dulugo, a retired law professor, claims, "Under the euphemism of 'sheltering', TIF allows Bucksport and Whole Oceans to literally pick the pockets of all non-TIF {granting} towns."

A TIF allows a town like Bucksport to pay a smaller Hancock County tax because the town collects less money than it could in taxes, requiring the other communities in the county to pick up the slack.

Still, Bucksport long has used TIF packages to finance projects that benefitted the owners of the paper mill, the owners of the building that houses the Family Dollar store and even the owners of a restaurant that now has been re-sold to someone who had to pay the full tax from the date of purchase.

On paper, TIF allows a community to appear

poorer than it actually is, resulting in more state aid and lower county taxes.

It also has provided revenue for a number of years to underwrite most of the expense of the town's economic development efforts including the economic development director's office.

Delogu, the TIF critic, claims, "we should recognize that the corporations going after TIFs in Maine are, by and large, well-heeled, powerful economic entities. . . . Whole Oceans fits this model. It is part of a global salmon aquaculture enterprise, Emergent Holdings.

"Their own on-line materials indicate they are planning to spend \$190 million to \$250 million in developing the Bucksport facility. They have pre-sold one hundred percent of total production for the first ten years of operation.

"They clearly have access to the capital they need; they do not need a \$9.5 million tax subsidy from the Town of Bucksport - a subsidy that the town can ill afford in the efforts to recover from the Verso mill closure."

NOTE: A spokesman for Whole Oceans suggested Tuesday that Jacob Bartlett, the chief executive of both Whole Oceans and its parent, Emergent Holdings, might not be familiar with the TIF financing being arranged here. She said she would arrange an interview with someone who was, but that interview and information were not available as the newspaper reached press-time.

— 2020 swim season looms —

Getting Bucksport back in the pool!

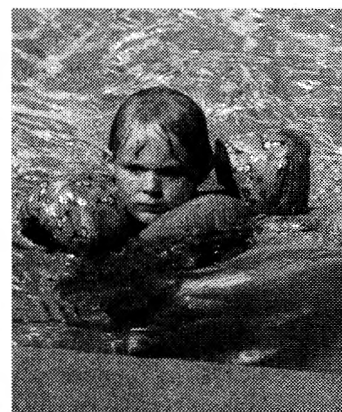
BUCKSPORT — The town is seeking to, in effect, replicate the current municipal pool on Broadway - with a few extra bells and whistles.

The bids requested for engineering and construction oversight brought three responses, each of which now is being evaluated. The offers range from \$80,000 to \$71,000, a fraction of the total cost of the pool.

In fact, the estimated cost of the pool has not been tallied yet, but according to town officials it could be in the range of \$750,000 to \$1 million.

That's why the town's voters will be asked to approve the project by passing a financing referendum on Nov. 5. (The council can only spend \$250,000 on a single project without first getting the backing of the electorate.

However, it remains unclear what sort of amount the town will take to the voters, although they are trying to get an engineering consulting firm's best



ENTERPRISE FILE PHOTO

One thing is clear: Time is running out on nailing down the details for replacing the pool, for town officials say they want the new pool ready by the swim season next year. Any delay could result in postponing the reopening of the pool for a second year, putting off the traditional Bucksport gathering spot until 2021.

Any effort to cover or enclose the proposed pool appears to have been squelched, based on what the councilors suspect the cost would be, and Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has repeatedly cited the expenses incurred in operating the Hampden pool when she was the town manager in that community.

Previous repairs were attempted regularly in an effort to plug the leaks, but it now appears that much of the underground plumbing will have to be excavated and, perhaps, replaced as part of the pool replacement.

"guesstimate." A lot could depend on the material used, asphalt, concrete or Gunite.

And while the council balked at a proposed elaborate water feature like sprays and geysers and the like when the YMCA-run recreation program requested it a year ago, the new pool could have at least a few of those features.

Others want an area for parents and grandparents to enjoy while monitoring their children or grandchildren.

— Friends & Family

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The conversion will occur locally either this month or next month.

NEW NAME — The **Mountain View variety store** in East Orland has closed, although the business had remained profitable right up to the closing, according to the owner.

The building on U.S. Route 1 is being converted into storage units, and one of those already has been reserved.

The business now will be known as **Orland Self-Storage**.

LIFE SAVERS — A swimmer took an especially bad plunge while at Craigs Pond on Aug. 20. Fortunately, two YMCA employees - **Maks Grover** and **Nathan Paulauskas** - knew what to do, and they did it:

The two stabilized the victim, who was not entirely responsive while help was summoned. The victim of what apparently was a dive gone wrong was further stabilized at the scene and then taken to a hospital.

Their actions recently were praised at the Town Council meeting by Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

CRAFTERS & VENDORS! — The **Bucksport United Methodist Church** is hosting a craft and vendor sale at the church at 3 River Road in Bucksport on Saturday, Nov. 16.

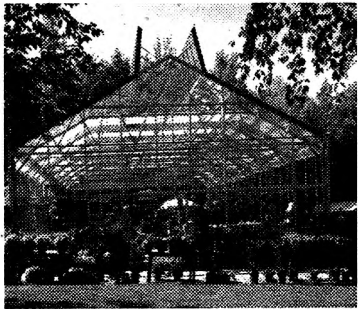
The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Set up will begin at 7 a.m. The fee for a table is \$25, and electricity may be available by prior arrangement. To reserve your table or for more information, contact Ellen at the church office at 469-3622.

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Calendar

COMING UP — Here's the calendar at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway:

Mondays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Knitting and crocheting.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders exercise.
- 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Poker, hand and foot cards.

Tuesdays

- 5:45 to 8pm - Bingo
- 8 a.m. to 3p.m. - Day Quilters (1st Tuesday of month.)

Wednesdays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Scrabble.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders exercise
- 12:30 to 4 p.m. - Bridge.
- 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Poker and Scat/31 cards
- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.

Fridays

Lunch menus

BUCKSPORT — Here are the luncheon menus at the Bucksport Senior Center:

• **Friday, Sept. 6** — Roast chicken with gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce and a coo,kie.

• **Monday, Sept. 9** — Baked haddock, wild rice, cornbread, peas, raspberry cookie.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 11** — Shepherd's pie, with corn, and peas, carrots, gravy, sliced cukes and tomatoes, and a whoopie pie.

• **Friday, Sept. 13** — Stuffed shells w/meat sauce, roll, garden salad, chocolate chip pumpkin cookie.

• **Monday, Sept. 16** — Pot roast, green beans, sweet potato and birthday cake.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 18** — Chicken alfredo, caesar salad, garlic bread and chocolate tarts.

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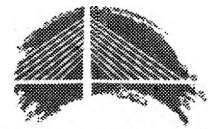
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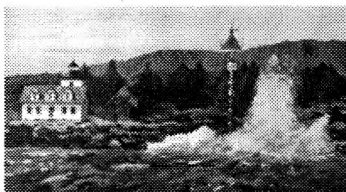
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Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — These people were booked at the Hancock County jail:

• Charles Reed Matthew, 35, of 136 West Side Drive on Verona Island was booked shortly after noon on 9/03 for allegedly violating the terms of his probation in an earlier case. He was arrested in Ellsworth.

Accident — Orland

ORLAND — A Hancock County sheriff's deputy reported that at about 6 p.m. on Saturday James Ford, 80, was driving on the Front Ridge Road when Christine Fairweather, 26, reportedly crossed over the center line and struck Ford's car, sending it into a ditch.

There were no injuries. Both vehicles were able to be driven.

Summonses:

These court summons were issued here recently:

• Phillip Norris, 27, of Bucksport allegedly took some items from the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1 late Friday (8/30) afternoon. The items were recovered.

• Richard Priest, 20, of Bucksport was cited for driving with a suspended vehicle registration. He was stopped on Main Street about 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

• Corey Roi, 40, of Bucksport was held for driving after a license suspension or revocation after he was stopped on Central Street about 10 a.m. on Friday (8/30).

• David Wagner, 28, of Ellsworth was issued a ticket for failing to have proof of liability insurance on his vehicle after being stopped on Main Street shortly before midnight on Friday (8.30).

• Samuel Holyoke, 16, of Holden was cited for reportedly texting while driving. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 3:15 on Aug. 25.

Accident —Bucksport

BUCKSPORT—There

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were injuries when two vehicles collided just before 5 p.m. on Saturday on the River Road.

The drivers were listed as Christopher Riguero, 20, of Summerfield, FL and Ethelene Kurrklefield, 74, of Orrington.

The vehicles were headed in opposite directions, and the impact sent one vehicle well off the road into a field.

Both vehicles were damaged beyond repair.

In another accident, vehicles being driven by Catherine Mahoney, 20, of Plymouth and Paula Smith, 66, of Bucksport collided in the U.S. Route 1 lot at Hannaford Bros.

Open probe

BUCKSPORT — The police were told of an alleged criminal threatening incident on Aug. 29, but the person reporting it has not remained in touch with the department.

The case will remain open until that contact is made.

Warrant arrest

BUCKSPORT — Dustin Herbest, 36, of Bucksport went to the Public Safety Building late Friday afternoon, knowing he was wanted in a warrant.

The warrant claimed Herbest had engaged in fishing for elver without a license.

Cats & dogs

BUCKSPORT—A boy was bitten by a dog about 7:30 a.m., and required medical attention.

In other animal news, there are several cats and dogs ready for adoption at the municipal shelter. Call 469-7951 for details.

Photos are available online on the Bucksport Animal

Shelter Facebook page.

Meanwhile, the police were called Sunday to look into why a woodchuck wasn't leaving a yard despite various attempts to scare the animal elsewhere.

And officer Matt Schmidt went to the aid of a snapping turtle who seemed to be having trouble crossing a road. He apparently did so after a very slow-speed chase.

Thefts

BUCKSPORT —

A couple of thefts of medications from homes on or near the Bucks Mills Road were reported last week, but police do not believe the incidents are related.

Another incident reported on Aug. 26 may have involved some sort of a fraud, and it remains under investigation.

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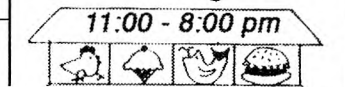
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The change was confiscated, and the woman was told to seek her fortune elsewhere.

— BEAN SUPPERS —

Saturday, September 7

• **ORLAND** — The Orland United Methodist Church will have a baked bean and casserole supper from 5 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$8 for those 12 to adult, \$4 for youngsters 5 through 12 years of age and free for children under 5. The church is on Narramissic Drive in Orland Village. *Cindy Kimball at 902-2250 or Len Haseltine at 702-1255.*

• **ORRINGTON** — The East Orrington Congregational Church public supper scheduled for this date **has been cancelled.**

Saturday, September 14

• **BENEFIT SUPPER** — A benefit baked bean supper to raise money for Dale Babson and Denise Keene will be held in the Bucksport High School cafeteria on September, 14, 2019, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will include baked beans, chop suey, cole slaw, potato salad and biscuits. Beverage and desserts also are being served. Anyone wanting to help may contact Marlene Smith at 469-7992 or Carolyn Bennett at 217-4189.

YARD SALES

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

EASTMAN'S GARAGE — Huge garage sale: State Route 46, 9 a.m. until closing. Rain or shine. Household items, new reusable bags, new lamps, small appliances, new picture frames, large camp rugs, plant stands, furniture, Beanie babies, Avon items, bedding (sheets, blankets, bedspreads), tools, crafts, Christmas decorations, photo albums, clothes, large trampoline.

BUCKSPORT — 165 Central Street. 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baby items (crib), wicker furniture, holiday decorations Household items. Large Christmas wreath, humidifier, etc.

ORLAND — Second moving barn Sale! 725 Castine Road, 9 a.m. to 2 pm. Many household items, occasional table.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

REALLY BIG! — A giant community yard sale is being held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Edward K. Arey Community Building at 1160 River Road in North Bucksport. All items are priced to sell: tools, jewelry, toys, small kitchen appliances, furniture, lamps, home decor, cookware, dishes, books, jigsaw puzzles. The proceeds will benefit the North Bucksport United Methodist Church and the Bucksport Historical Society.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ORLAND — 31 Georges Road. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rain or shine. Garage sale. Dining table with four chairs, plus lots of miscellaneous.

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Written public comments may be sent to Jonathan Rice at the Bureau of Air Quality, State House Station #17, Augusta, Maine 04333.

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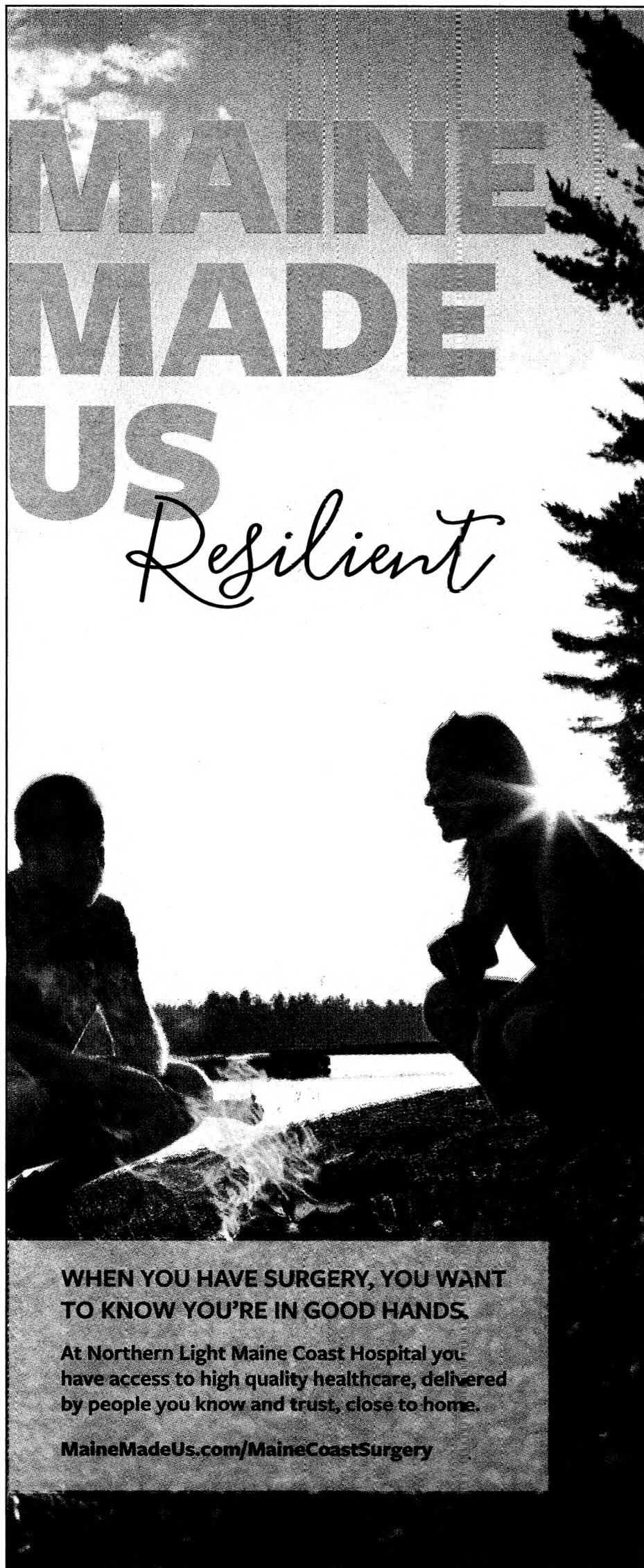
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EVENTS

Thursday, September 5

POET LAUREATE — Poet Thomas R. Moore will read from his fourth and newest book of poetry, *Red Stone Fragments*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 7 p.m. 374-5515.

Friday, September 6

ANTIQUES, ART & MORE — As part of the Blue Hill Public Library's participation in the town's "First Friday" events. The building will remain open this summer; it will stay open until 7 p.m. and offer free tours of the library's art and antiques. There's a different focus each month. All library services will be available during the extra hours. 374-5515.

Saturday, September 7

FIX IT! — The Blue Hill Public Library is resuming its first-Saturday-of-the-month "Fix-it Clinics" from 2 to 4 p.m. ICoaches will help visitors troubleshoot a variety of items, such as appliances, bicycles, jewelry, clothing, toys, electronics and, well, whatever. Participants are expected to actively participate in the disassembly, troubleshooting and repair of their items. Repair is not assured: for some items may cost more than a replacement. 374-5515 or hannah.cyrus@bhpl.net.

Monday, September 9

NEW LIFE ON OLD FARM — Alex Liebster, a hemp farmer and the new owner of the former Hamm Farm (now Prospect Farms), will speak at the Prospect Historical Society meeting. The public session will be at the Prospect Community Center at 959 Bangor Road (Route 10A), and will begin at 7 p.m.

For much of the 20th century the Hamm property in Prospect was home to a large prosperous dairy farm. Ten years ago, the farm was sold and became a sanctuary for retired racehorses. During that time the barns and outbuildings underwent significant deterioration and storm damage. Last year, Liebster purchased the farm rejuvenating it. Liebster will talk about the many uses of hemp, and answer questions. 567-3170.

Tuesday, September 10

SELF-HELPERS? — The public is invited to explore popular self-help books with a group called, "Shelf-Care" at the Blue Hill Library on the second Tuesday of each month. The free group is resuming after a summer break, at 5:30 p.m.. 374-5515.

Saturday, October 5

GARDENERS' SALE — The Bucksport Garden Club's annual fall plant and bake sale will run from 9 until noon at 74 Main Street, across from the Community Pharmacy. The club will offer perennials, plants, bulbs, pies, baked goods, crafts, books, and a raffle.

MUSIC

Sunday, September 5

RAGTIME — The First Congregational Church of Searsport will welcome Sean Fleming and the Dam Rag Scottas at 3 p.m. The group will play many toe-tapping favorites, including the works of Scott Joplin, Comfrey, Scott and Jelly

Roll Morton. Admission is by donation, and all of the proceeds will go toward church programs. The doors will be open at 2:30 for what in the past has been sellout performances. 548-0327, or Carolyn Maunz, at clmaunz@icloud.com.

Sunday, September 22

CONCERT — The First United Methodist Church of Orrington at 14 Center Drive will host a concert by Dan Schall. The music will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ART & ARTISTS

Friday, September 6

DYNAMIC DUO — Sedgwick husband and wife artists, David Simonds and Cynthia Bourque Simonds, will have a joint show at the Blue Hill Public Library during September. The show is called Visions & Vessels, and will feature photography by David and woven baskets by Cynthia. The public is invited to a reception on Friday, Sept 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. 374-5515.

September 9 — October 4

ART SHOW — The Ellsworth Public Library and artist Jenne Heavrin invite the public to the September Art show in the Riverview Room. The exhibit will feature portrait photography from the 1970s and 80s. Heavrin began her study of art and photography in the 1970s, leading her on a road to the discovery of her personal style in portrait photography. She has studied at the Louisville School of Art, University of Louisville in Fine Art Photography, and Maine Media Workshops in Rockport.

GO OUTSIDE

AT THE WILDLANDS — The Small Adventure natural history series continues in the Wildlands off U.S. Route 1 in East Orland with another leisurely walking tour. The group generally walks for about two hours, stopping frequently for discussion. This week's focus will be on goldenrod and asters. The two-hour walk begins at 10 a.m. at the U.S. Route 1 south gate, and is for all ages. The walk will be held rain or shine, and will be led by Jennifer Riefler, the Wildlands naturalist and historian, and Karen Johnson, a Maine master naturalist. 31 Jennifer at 469-2045 or 356-7084.

Sunday, October 13

ON YOUR MARK! — The Wildlands Adventure Challenge will consist of an eight-hour race-adventure by foot, bicycle and kayak through the diverse terrain in the Wildlands conservation area in East Orland. The beginners' race - a fun, gentle introduction to the sport - will be one to three hours of hiking and paddling in provided boats. The proceeds will benefit the Great Pond Mountain, which owns and manages the site. The course has been designed by Strong Machine Adventure Racing, a nationally ranked adventure race team based in Portland, and the organizers of the Maine Summer Adventure Race. Contact the trust's office in Bucksport at 469-6929 or greatpondtrust.org for details or to register.

GATES OPEN — The north and south gates to the Wildlands conservation area in East Orland now are open to vehicles on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 27. They will be open from 8 a.m. until sunset.

