

# The Bucksport Enterprise

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## RSU 25 reviews IT issues

BUCKSPORT — The person in charge of information technology (IT) for RSU 25 is briefing the School Board's finance committee on options for both short- and long-term strategies for managing the system's electronic data.

While some months ago the RSU narrowly avoided an attempt to plant ransomware in the school's computer in a bid to extract payments for unlocking the intruder's hold on the system, there have been no other threats, Supt. of Schools James Boothby said yesterday (12/4). However, with the increasing sophistication of the efforts to seize public and private computer servers, it seems wise to develop strategies as the local equipment and software are upgraded.

PLEASE SEE RSU, PAGE 8.



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**MEMBERS of the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and others gathered for a ceremonial**

**cutting of a ribbon stretching across Main Street on Saturday, marking the start of the holiday**

**season in downtown Bucksport. They didn't tarry for it was ... fr ... fr ... freezing!**

## Two who left their mark on their communities

### Ralph Jewett, educator

BUCKSPORT — Ralph Joseph Jewett, a man synonymous with education in Bucksport, passed away on Friday (11/29). He was 93.

Born here on Oct. 20, 1926, he was a product of the local schools, but happily returned to Maine as a corporal after serving in the Philippines with the U.S. Air Corps during World War II.

He emerged with a degree from the University of Maine in 1951, where he was known for his basketball skills.

He became a teacher, first in Stonington and then in Bucksport. He advanced to become principal of Bucksport High School, where he knew everyone including most, if not all, of the members of their families.

Bullying was not an option under Jewett's stewardship, but he commanded respect by giving respect to all he sought to nurture.

Married in 1949 to his sweetheart, the couple have lived together for 70 years.

He also leaves three children, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. He was, as his wife wrote this week "an example of a life well-lived."

*A full obituary is published on Page 5.*

### Lloyd O. Bridges, Verona steward

VERONA ISLAND — Lloyd O. Bridges lived much of his life keeping Verona Island a special place for those who reside there. Day in and day-out he loved the place and each of its more than 500 people, most of whom he knew by name.

Bridges passed away last Thursday (11/28).

Having served the island in just about every public capacity there is for some 45 years, Bridges served three decades as a selectmen, and generally ran unopposed; not because of his political skills but because people knew him as down-to-earth, let's look at the facts and make a sound decision sort of fellow.

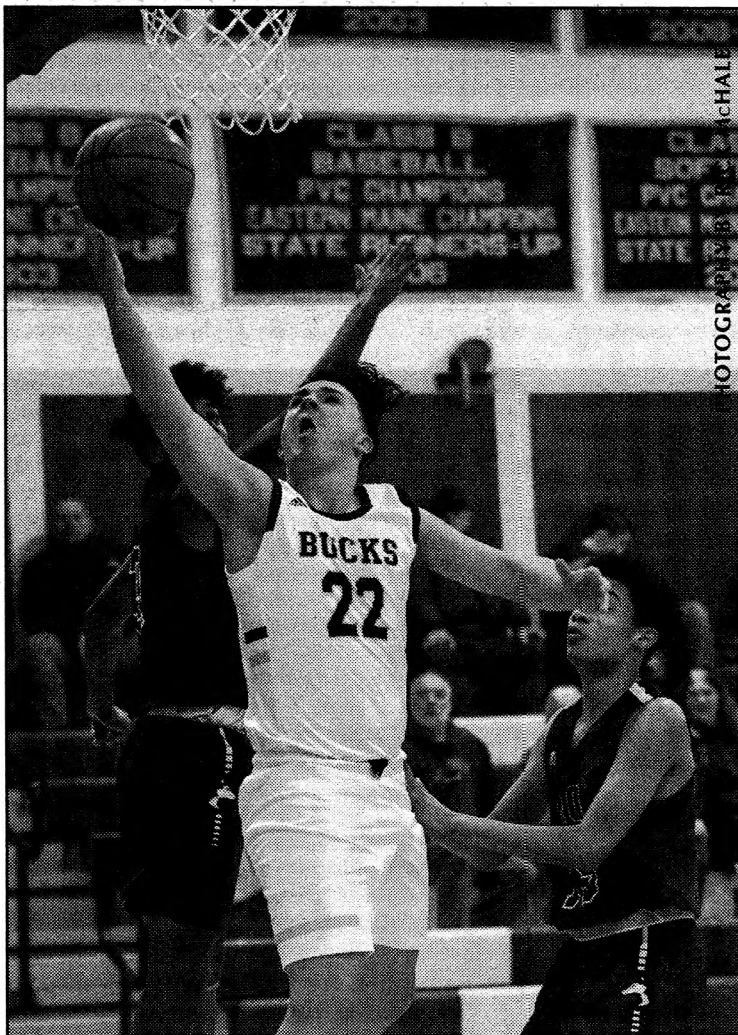
He oversaw the roads and other town infrastructure. Bridges knew every inch of them, too. If he hadn't personally inspected both the problem and the repair, the site probably was underwater.

Bridges also was a better than average cook at the annual island-wide picnic and helped stage scores of bingo games, all of them for good causes.

An active Mason he belonged to Felicity Lodge #19, A.F. & A.M., in Bucksport and the Anah Shrine in Bangor.

Bridges was born Nov. 4, 1930, the son of Flora (Cole) and Oscar Bridges Sr.

At his request, there will be no services.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MICHAEL CHALE

## Changing of the seasons!

**Ty Giberson drives to the hoop and scores two points for the Golden Bucks. Ty finished the contest on Monday with 22 points. MCI beat the Bucks 69-42 in the pre-season warm-up game.**

## Development strategy under review

BUCKSPORT — The Economic Development Committee is in the final throes of reviewing yet another development strategy for the town.

The group wants to finish its review of the draft of the plan on Monday, and then send it to the Town Council next

Thursday (12/12).

The document is intended to weave together goals from the other recent planning efforts for the town, including those by a New York State consulting firm and the local Heart & Soul volunteers.

The paper mill property has been divided among Whole

Oceans LLC for a salmon farm, the Maine Maritime Academy for a mariners' school and a new owner of the power plant.

However, efforts to breathe new retail and commercial life into downtown have faltered as several new ventures failed. Meanwhile, the industrial park has added new tenants.

## IN THE WORKS . . . Weekly tidbits gleaned from the news

**READY TO PLAY!** — The \$300,000 replacement of the gym floor at the Bucksport Middle School is nearly complete, and will be opened for play on

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Monday. The bleachers are being installed today (12/4). *(P.S. There's even a video of the new gleaming surface!)*

**JUST IN TIME** — The Town of Bucksport got caught in the regional shortage of cut Christmas trees for use along Main Street this holiday season. However, Santa intervened and town officials are assuring folks the trees will be up and ready for lighting tomorrow night - Friday, Dec. 6 - at 5 p.m.

*There'll be a brief gathering for the lighting of the town tree next to the Town Offices building at 50 Main Street at 5. The event has been known to be held even when the temperature was below freezing and fresh snow was falling.*

**LIGHTS OUT . . . STILL** — Despite repeated complaints about the late-night darkness on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge, the span mainly has been in the dark since early September. The state Department of Public Works is

responsible for the bridge.

**THE CABLE IS COMING** — Cable TV and internet service will be available by Feb. 23 to 29 cable-less households in the Bucksports/Millvale area. Richard Rotella, the town's community development director, said the long wait is nearly over.

*The months of talks to bring more broadband service to much of the town still are continuing.*

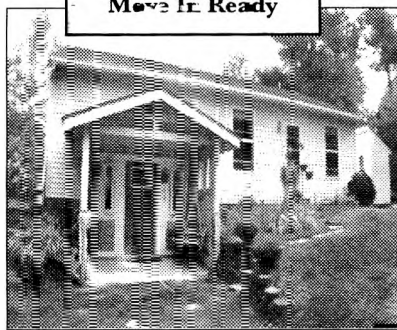


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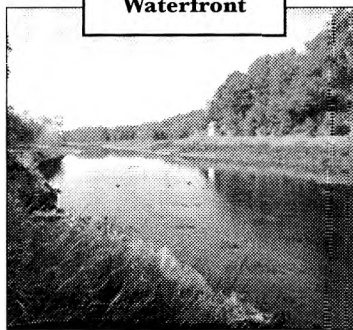


### Move In Ready



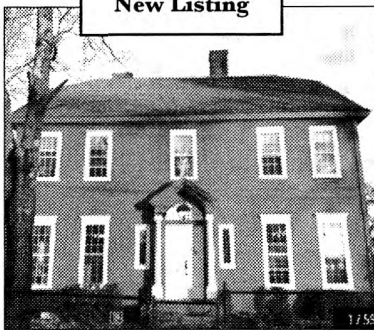
**Stockton Springs**—This property will not last! Remodeled 2 bedroom/2 bath home would be perfect as a starter home, for those downsizing or for student housing (MMA's new Bucksport campus). This home is move-in ready and has everything you need: mudroom, laundry room, separate living room, open kitchen and dining area, enclosed porch/sunroom, and a new 8'x6' storage shed for outdoor tools. Plus plenty of crawlspace storage. Home has entry from both levels. Recent upgrades include R-60 attic insulation, new Bosch gas boiler & heat pump, new roof, and expansion of house's square footage by 50% to include living area on lower level.  
**Call Michelle Rhodes 702-9276 \$130,000**

### Waterfront



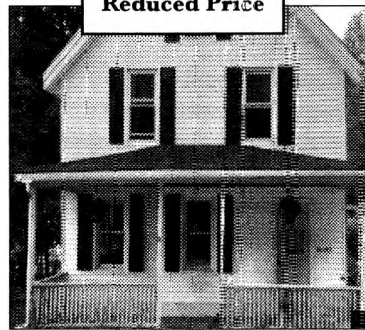
**Orland**—Nicely located land with 2.5 acres, and 400 feet of waterfront on Narramissic River. Heavily wooded, great chance to build your dream home with possible views of the river.  
**Call Damon Holmes 460-1600 \$20,000**

### New Listing



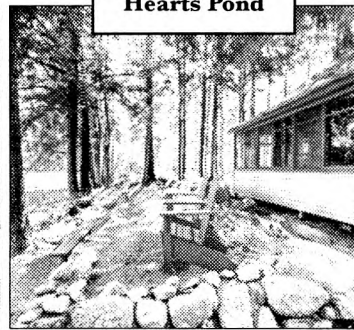
**Bucksport**—Stately 1843 Colonial Revival home rich in local history and known as the Barnard House. This historic home has a magnificent foyer with fireplace, formal dining room, living room, library, 6 large bedrooms, and 3 full baths. Other special architectural features include: front columns, a sweeping staircase, bow window, Minton tiles, 6 fireplaces (not currently in use), bedroom window seat, skylight, hardwood floors & butler's pantry. Large open kitchen has pantry, new cabinets & Silestone countertop. Beautiful single family home or excellent setting for a B&B w/ separate owner's living quarters. Exterior painted in 2019 w/ many replacement clapboards.  
**Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$450,000**

### Reduced Price



**Bucksport**—Pretty 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with updated kitchen and new roof and fenced yard added in 2014. Home is situated on fillage lot within walking distance of town amenities, including the mile-long walkway on the narrows of the Penobscot River. Historic Fort Knox and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Observatory are right across the river.  
**Call Michelle Rhodes 702-9275 \$99,000**

### Hearts Pond



**Orland**—Find yourself on charming Hearts Pond with clear spring fed water. This turnkey 3BR/1BA cottage sits nestled in a private cove on a .59 acre lot w/120' of lake frontage. Updated in 2017, this established lake getaway offers excellent rental history & modern amenities such as a full bath, well equipped kitchen, stone fireplace, screened in porch & room to sleep 8+. Property features its own personal boat launch, beach area w/firepit, dock & winding stream. Centrally located, close to amenities & area attractions, truly a must see property!  
**Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 \$234,900**



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### NEW LISTING



**Orland**—Great building lot! This .66 acre lot is conveniently located between Bangor and Ellsworth. Improvements include an established driveway and a slab for a 2-car garage. Open to selling old southern exposure and scenic view of Bangor Lake. Lots of recreational opportunities including Crestline Conservancy on Trust, state owned land to the south, and an organic farm right up the road. Easy commute to Bangor, Ellsworth, Bucksport or Blue Hill. 15 minutes to building plans!  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$59,000**

### PENDING



**Verona Island**—Interesting find! This 13ac parcel has approximately 1000' of frontage on spring fed Hancock Pond. Bring your development plans or enjoy the privacy of this large waterfront lot. No long camp road or costly infrastructure costs here. Located a short ride from the village of Bucksport. Come take a look!  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$149,000**

### SOLD!



**Northport**—Lovely 4/5 bedroom, 2 full bath family, cape-style home on a dead end road is very private. The property is surrounded by blueberry fields with breathtaking views just around the corner. Seasonal views of mountains and Belfast waterfront from the back deck. From the master bedroom you can see the lights of the Belfast waterfront. 8.2 nicely landscaped acres. Located minutes from Belfast and Waldo County Hospital. Also just a short 20 minute drive to Camden. Great location.  
**Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$233,000**

### PRICE REDUCED!



**Bucksport**—Affordable! This 2 1/2 Bedroom 1 Bath Colonial is set on a manageable lot with lots of sunshine. Recent improvements include a new roof, heating system, water, electric and well. Centrally located. The house has been updated and the home is a real find! 15 minutes to the village of Blue Hill. 15 minutes to Bangor.  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$95,000**



**Bucksport**—Great Contemporary home with many updates. This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home sits on a sun filled lot. Recent improvements include Brazilian cherry flooring, hardwood 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 natural light with a short commute to Bangor or minutes to Bucksport. Come take a look!  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$185,000**



**Orland**—Many improvements make this house very affordable and attractive. The pellet stove means low heating costs as well. Two Bedroom, one bath. This property is very private. Enjoy the quiet living.  
**Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$72,000**

## Things to do, places to go

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
**LIGHTS, CAMERAS! CAROLS?** —The annual lighting of the town's Christmas tree and downtown lights will be held at 5 p.m. outside the Town Offices building.

**Saturday, Dec. 7**  
**CRAFT FAIR** — The Bucksport division of the YMCA is sponsoring a craft fair at the Jewett School Community Center at 36 Bridge Street from 8 to 3.

**BOOK SALE**— The Blue Hill Public Library will hold a book sale from 9am to 2pm just before the library's annual community-wide Christmas party.

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
**IN CONCERT** — The Midday Concert at 1 p.m. will feature Mes Amis, a gypsy jazz quartet playing at the Community

Music Institute in Ellsworth. It's free. 664-9258 or visit [ellsworthcommunitymusic.org](http://ellsworthcommunitymusic.org).

**Thursday, Dec. 14**  
The winter parade of lights will be held Dec. 14, starting at 5. The event will begin at the parking lot of the former mill and go down Main Street.

**THE MESSIAH** — This year's performance of Handel's *Messiah* by the Blue Hill Bach group at 7 p.m. will include solo performances by Isaac and Katelyn Bray of Bucksport. The Blue Hill Bach chorus, orchestra, and soloists will be conducted by Daniel Pyle. The performance will be at the First Congregational Church, 22 Tenney Hill, Blue Hill. Tickets at [www.bluehillbach.org](http://www.bluehillbach.org) or call 613-5454.



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Joe Wardwell attended George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, earned his Paramedic certificate at Northeastern University in Burlington, MA and his associate degrees in Fire Science from EMCC and in Legal Technologies from UMO. He has been a firefighter/Paramedic for the City of Bangor for 24 years and has dedicated 29 years of service to Peninsula Ambulance here in Blue Hill. Joe currently lives in Bucksport with his wife Cecilia, and has 2 grown children and 2 grandsons that he adores.  
Joe is looking forward to sharing his passion for our beautiful area with both buyers and sellers.  
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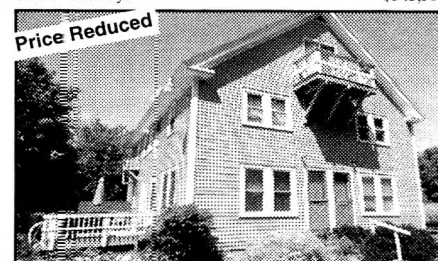
**Bucksport**—Ranch situated on a private 2.7 acre corner lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, new kitchen to include granite countertops, all new floors throughout. New metal roof and new furnace. Call to see today!  
**\$139,900**



**Orland**—Contemporary with 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan, great for entertaining. 28x29 huge family room with wood stove. Sliding door to 3 season glassed-in sun room. Foyer is 48x26 heated indoor, inground pool, hot tub & full bath. For added fun! Beautifully landscaped yard, 2 car attached garage. Take note workshop 24x18 has an electric sub panel. Call to see today.  
**\$235,000**



**Holderness**—Spectacular views at this 4 bedroom colonial situated on 5.03 country acres. Spacious and fully appointed kitchen with open floor plan to dining room and living room. Wander out on your back deck to enjoy the wildlife, garden and the views. Full walk-out basement ready for you to finish! 2-car attached garage. Call to see today!  
**\$345,500**



**Orrington**—Great investment property with three units, 1-1 bedroom, -2 bedroom and 1-3 bedroom unit. Nice back yard to enjoy for all events. Plenty of parking. New siding and new roof in 2017. Great income potential or use one unit as owner occupy. Great rental history! Call to see today!  
**\$159,900**

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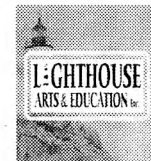
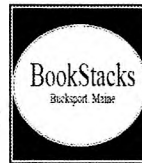


## Bucksport Holiday Shopping Days



Dec. 12, 13 & 14

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\*Gifts purchased from participating stores can be wrapped for no cost at Lighthouse Arts & Education, with special thanks to Huckleberries for donating additional wrapping supplies



## Friends & Family

**PLAN AHEAD!** — It's not too early to think about **The Great Holiday Parade!** With the entries — and enthusiasm — for the annual illuminated march down Bucksport's Main Street, the big show will begin to roll at 5 p.m. from the parking lot of the former mill on River Road.

There are prizes for the winning floats.

**PASSED THE COURSE** — **Gerald F. Lowe** and **Christopher D. Woodman** were among Maine's 62 newest police officers after graduating from the state Criminal Justice Academy last Thursday (11/28).

The new officers completed eighteen weeks of study and training. Among the topics studied were crime scene processing, first aid, traffic and criminal law, domestic violence and sexual assault.

On hand were a contingent of their fellow officers — Public Safety Director **Sean Geagan**, Deputy Chief **David Winchester**, Officers **Eric Marcel** and **Steve Bishop**, retired Officer **Jay Durost**, dispatcher **Aimee Reynold**, firefighter **Gene Bass**, and Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard**.

AT THE ACADEMY in Vassalboro



**RE-ACCREDITED** — The **Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust** has been re-accredited-- one of 23 out of the entire 80 trusts in Maine.

The application was made last winter and it got the final confirmation earlier this month.

The rigorous process assures the Bucksport-based, not-for-profit operates with the highest standards when it comes to managing its finances, land acquisition and property stewardship.

**LIGHTING UP ORLAND** — This year, the hundreds of flickering luminaries will be in place throughout **Orland Village** and its environs on the evening of Dec. 14.

As always, the process relies on lots of volunteers, and the more volunteers, the faster the process goes of transforming Orland into a glowing enchanted mid-winter wonderland. Everyone is invited to join the party at mid-afternoon at the firehouse.

If the weather doesn't cooperate, the elves plan to have another go at it on Dec. 21.

**IN SEARSPORT** — The **Penobscot Maritime Museum** campus here will be all lit up for the holidays from 4 to 8 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Each doorway will be decorated.

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- \* Check heat tapes under mobile homes & be sure they are working
- \* Check for drafts in basements that may be near any water pipes
- \* Make sure that you check heat vent exhausts when it snows so they are not blocked causing your heat to go out or CO2 issues
- \* Make sure you have banked your home if necessary
- \* Make sure trailer skirting is securely fastened to avoid drafts and freeze ups

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## Speeding the responders

The towns of Orland and Verona Island long have relied on the Hancock County sheriff's office, while Prospect has done the same with the Waldo County sheriff's office. Backing up both have been the state police.

Now the state troopers' already thin presence could become even thinner.

As a result, the number of officers on patrol in the towns without local police agencies are more and more dependent on the sheriff's deputies. That's fine, except those deputies cover a vast amount of geography and, depending on the day of the week and the time of day, law enforcement response times can be dicey.

The Hancock County sheriff is adding a deputy, a nod to the growing problem.

Bucksport police long have responded when asked to do so, but the town receives nothing for these occasional forays into nearby communities. This is fine, but wouldn't it be possible to market some protective services to Orland and Verona without jeopardizing Bucksport's coverage. Occasional patrols in either Orland or Bucksport still would be a radio call and a few miles from most of Bucksport.

Bucksport's new public safety director should consider marketing police services, just as his fire department markets its ambulance and fire services. The town is paying some \$200,000 in salaries and benefits to its two top officers and hiring a third manager. In a town of 5,000 and about 100 police calls a week, an average of 14 a day, there's a chance to recoup some of the overhead. Providing faster and better services for the town's neighbors is a plus, too.

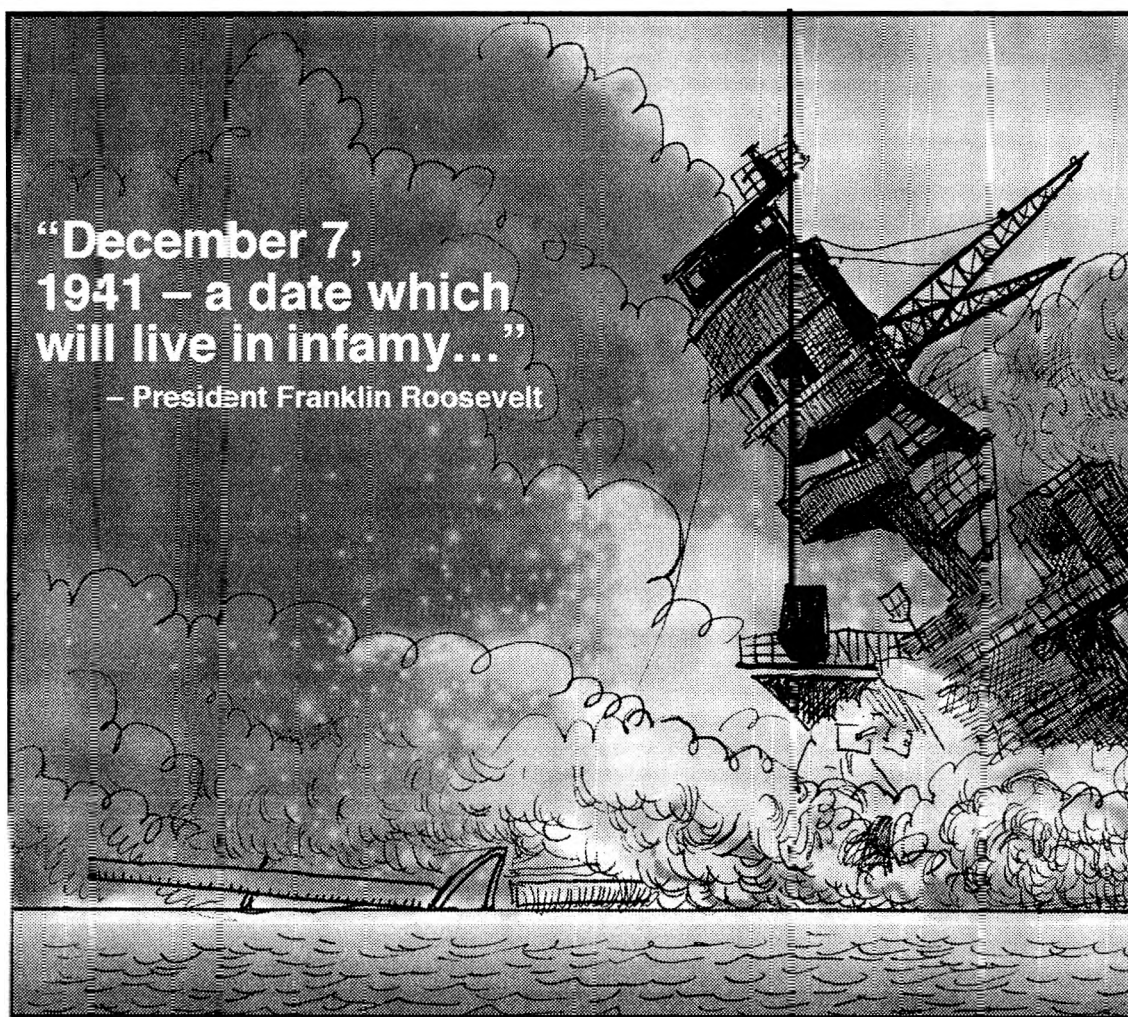
## Lives well-lived

Some view obituary pages as places of sadness and silent-but-steady reminders of the transitory nature of life. Sometimes they are.

Lives ended abruptly before an individual has had a proper chance to fully explore their potential. Lives, wracked by days, month and even years of pain and challenges that only someone who has been there can fully understand.

Still, this week we are reminded in the passing of three persons who each did so much to nurture their families and their communities. One was 88, another 93 and another 99. The number of years is not as important as what each did so willingly for others. Each had strong positive beliefs, and by example encouraged others to be better for having met them.

One of the recent widows summed it up succinctly, observing her husband's passing, was "an example of a life well-lived." Such a life encourages the replacement of mourning with celebration.



"December 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy..."

— President Franklin Roosevelt

— From away —

## What's a "Mainer" anyway?

ALAN F. SPEARS

I write this column under the headline of "From away" because that's traditionally what non-"Mainers" are called by some locals. I believe that there is a continuum between the From Aways and the actual Mainers. Of course, I may be saying this just to create a place to identify myself, since I think I am somewhere in between the two.

I was sitting on the dock in Port Clyde eating a sandwich I'd bought at the General Store and noticed five people walking by. "Those folks are probably New Yorkers," I told my friend Steve. "How can you tell?" he asked. "Well," I said, "the women are wearing white slacks, pink or light blue shoes, pastel tops and carrying expensive purses, and the men look like lawyers who wish they were retired but aren't."

Sure enough, they came back by in a few minutes and you could hear the New York accent. I suppose they could have been from Boston or Baltimore or Washington, but you get my drift — they didn't look like locals.

Pretty soon, another group came by, but they had arrived at the dock in a dinghy — cutoff's, sneakers, wide brimmed hats. Nice tans, heavy duty bags for carrying stuff, and a golden retriever.

"Island folks," I said. Sure enough, they went into the store, filled up the bags, got back in the dinghy, started up the 9.9 HP motor, and headed across the harbor to Hupper Island. There's a fair number of summer homes on that island — Chief Justice Roberts has a place there, but the locals won't tell you which one it is out of respect for the privacy of his family.

Lots of those homes have been in the families for decades. I think those folks are "in-betweeners" on the Aways Mainers continuum.

A lobster boat came into the municipal dock next door. The captain was a young man, probably in his thirties, and his stern man that day was his boy, maybe 13 or 14 or so, assisted by their big Lab. I heard the boy call him "Sam", and he followed both man and boy back and forth to their pick-up truck in the parking lot two or three times. The boy's mom arrived in an SUV and brought them both lunch, and they got back aboard the boat and headed out to finish up their line of traps for the day. Those were locals.

I met a fella nearby to the campground where we have gone for the past ten years which is over in Cushing. He harvests, cures and sells firewood and told me that his grandpa had bought 600 acres of woodland decades ago and made it into the family business. He told me that he had first

"gone into the woods" when he was twelve. While we talked he was operating a backhoe, unloading wood out of a truck and onto a conveyor belt — noisy, dusty, no safety gates or fences. OSHA would hate it.

He told me to load up the back of my SUV with whatever I wanted from the cured pile and leave what I thought was right under a log. I loaded her up and left him a twenty dollar bill. He told me to come back any time, even if he wasn't there, and take what I needed. I really liked being trusted like that, and I never took too much or left less than a twenty.

Five years ago, I met a man and his mother living way out on Route 2 about 25 miles northwest of Searsport. He's a paraplegic, and he makes his living making bird houses out of wood from his own land. In the winter, he works in a shed making furniture — I've got two end tables he made that have that deep wonderful finish that only a true woodworker can create, and one of his bird houses hangs on my back porch. He gets around on the property on an ATV with some special equipment rigged up so he can drive it.

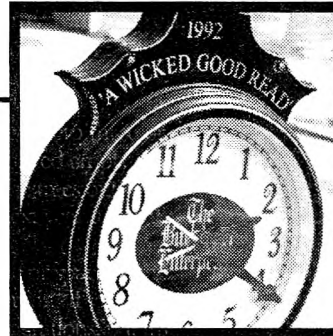
My wife and I have been back to see them three or four times, but the last time the house looked empty and there were no bird houses hung up in the trees out front. I'm going to swing by one more time next year to see if they are all right.

There is nowhere near enough time or space in this article to really describe what a "Mainer" is. It's more than having lived there for life or for generations, but it's built on the connections that come from living that life. I remember talking with a waitress late one night when we were the only customers left. She got to talking about her dad who was a lobsterman who had gone to the hospital after a heart attack and had been unable to fish for a couple of weeks. She told us that her brother, who was 15, was running the boat and pulling traps every day. No stern man, no other help — just him, and only 15. "How can he do that", I asked? "It's what he has to do," she said.

I don't exaggerate when I say that I honor the kind of courage and determination these folks represent. There are folks like that here in Illinois, too — most of them are farmers. Honor and honesty are fading fast in our world — real Mainers live it, and we need that.

*The writer, a long-time subscriber to The Bucksport Enterprise, keeps an eye on all things Maine from his home in Batavia, IL.*





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## OBITUARIES

### Mina F. Archer, 1920 - 2019

ORLAND — Mina F. Archer, 99, went to be with her Lord on Friday Nov. 29, 2019, with her loving family by her side.

She was born on Aug. 19, 1920, the daughter of Augustus W. and Clara (Phillips) York in West Penobscot.

Mina attended the Penobscot school system, including the one-room eight-grade school.

She did many kinds of work including many years at the Treworgy Store in Bucksport. She was a member and great worker in the South Orland Church of God. Later moving to Bucksport, she worked and played organ at the Bucksport Church of God.

Mina lived a loving and happy life.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by her brother Kenneth and his wife Hilda York; her first husband, Thomas Webster; their two infant children; Marilyn Marie and Larry

Thomas Webster, her second husband, Rev. Roland Faunce, and many cousins.

Mina was still Very close to the Faunce Family.

Mina is survived by her husband Rev. Russell Archer, they married pm June of 2016 and have had a very special life together.

Now the curtain has fallen, and Mina is home over there with her Lord.

"These last years with Russell have been heaven-sent," said Mina "I believe, and I shall see him over there, and my families here will all be one."

Family and friends will gather for a visitation from noon to the time of the service at 1 pm, with Pastor Mike Archer, on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm Street in Bucksport.

Interment will be in the spring.

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Mina F. Archer

### Ralph Joseph Jewett, 1926 - 2019

BUCKSPORT — Ralph Joseph Jewett passed away on Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, surrounded by his family, in the town he loved. For 93 years, he served as a towering figure of honesty, selflessness, and dedication to all who knew him, leaving a remarkable legacy.

Born in Bucksport on Oct. 20, 1926, to George Herbert Jewett and Hazel Averill Jewett, he grew up with his brothers, George H. Jewett and Lloyd J. Jewett and his sisters, Elois Jewett MacCollum and Nancy Jewett Lord. Along with his siblings, he was raised by his stepmother, Frances Maxfield Jewett.

He proudly attended Bucksport schools and the University of Massachusetts prior to enlisting in the U.S. Air Force Corps at the age of 17, going on to serve as a corporal in the Philippines.

In 1949, he married the love of his life, Marilyn Marks, and they were nearly inseparable for the next 70 years. After graduating from the University of Maine in 1951, where

he was known on the basketball court as "Mighty Mouse," he began his career as an educator, first in Stonington, then Bucksport. He ended his tenure as principal of Bucksport High School, where his students appreciated his dedication to learning, fairness and his insistence on treating all equally.

Along with Marilyn, he dedicated his life to his three children, Jeanne Jewett Russell, Jon R. Jewett, and Lisa Jewett Brott and their respective spouses, Ronald Russell and Avery Brott. He was adored by his beloved grandchildren, Todd Russell, Carrie Russell Marcus, Samuel Russell, Abigail Russell Goldsworthy and Emerson Brott; and his seven great-grandchildren, who were lucky enough to have him in their lives. In his passing, he is an example of a life well lived.

If you want to include a favorite story or anecdote of Ralph in a family scrapbook, please send them to arussell2@gmail.com. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Buck Memorial Library or the Elm Street Congregational Church.



Ralph Joseph Jewett



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We could not make you stay.

Until your last breath,

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hardworking hands to rest;

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He only takes the best

I look within my children and see bits of you

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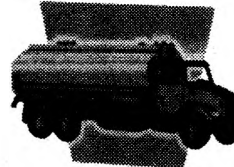
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They arrested Jason Gross, 33, of Bucksport for allegedly possessing illegal drugs. He posted bail and was released.

The police also arrested Tara Ann Thurlow, 40, of Bucksport for allegedly violating the terms of her probation in an earlier case. She later also was

charged for reportedly tampering with evidence.

Thurlow may face an additional charge, a police spokesman said. She was taken to the county jail.

## Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — These Bucksport-area residents or incidents resulted in bookings at the Hancock County jail.

- Shane Webber, 37, of Greenfield was arrested in Orland shortly before 3:30 a.m. as the result of a sheriff's deputy investigating a report of an allegedly intoxicated motorist on Nov. 16. He was arrested because of a court warrant.

- William Christopher Cunningham, 32, of 30 New Road, Penobscot on Monday was sentenced to ten days in jail for theft by unauthorized taking or transfer.

## Other arrests

BUCKSPORT — Local police also reported these arrests in unrelated cases:

- Shawn Marshall, 33, of Penobscot was arrested on the Mast Hill Road for allegedly driving while under the influence. He was stopped about noon on Nov. 27.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Police issued these summonses recently:

- Joshua Reed, 26, of Bucksport for allegedly littering on the River Road shortly before midnight last Saturday.

- Tyler Gilbert, 25, of Glenburn for criminal driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on the River Road shortly after midnight on Sunday.

- Erin Abele, 39, of Brewer was cited after being stopped on the River Road about 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 27 for driving after a license suspension or revocation.

- William Pressey, 66, of Bucksport was cited for a registration violation after being stopped on State Route 46 about 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

- Mary Gartley, 34, of Bucksport for reportedly reading while driving on the River Road shortly after noon on Sunday.

- Stephen Klenowski, 28, of Bucksport for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation.

## Accidents

BUCKSPORT — In an incident entered in the police log as "road

Compiled from official reports and interviews with police and fire personnel.



rage," both drivers were summoned after an officer responded to the River Road, near the Seaboard Federal Credit Union entrance.

- Kyle Roberts of Orland was issued a summons for reportedly driving so as to endanger.

- David Joyce, 45, of Deer Island was cited for reportedly failing to stay with his travel lane.

The incident was reported about 8 a.m. on Saturday.

## Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT — The local deer herd was thinned as a result of several roadway encounters recently.

- Marie Bernard, 62, of Bucksport reported she struck a deer while driving on the River Road on Nov. 26. The deer had to be put down because of its injuries.

ORLAND — An Orland man driving east on Acadia Highway here, sought to avoid a deer about 2:30 a.m. on Nov. 21 but hit it anyway. The damage to James Gilway's car was sufficient to require filing a full accident report. The auto was driven from the scene.

## Accidents - Orland

ORLAND — About 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 22, Kevin Parkhurst was driving his 2005 SUV east on Acadia Highway here, when he lost control of the vehicle and it rolled over in Orland. The surface of the road was icy, and the rollover resulted in significant damage.

Parkhurst was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries. His vehicle was towed.

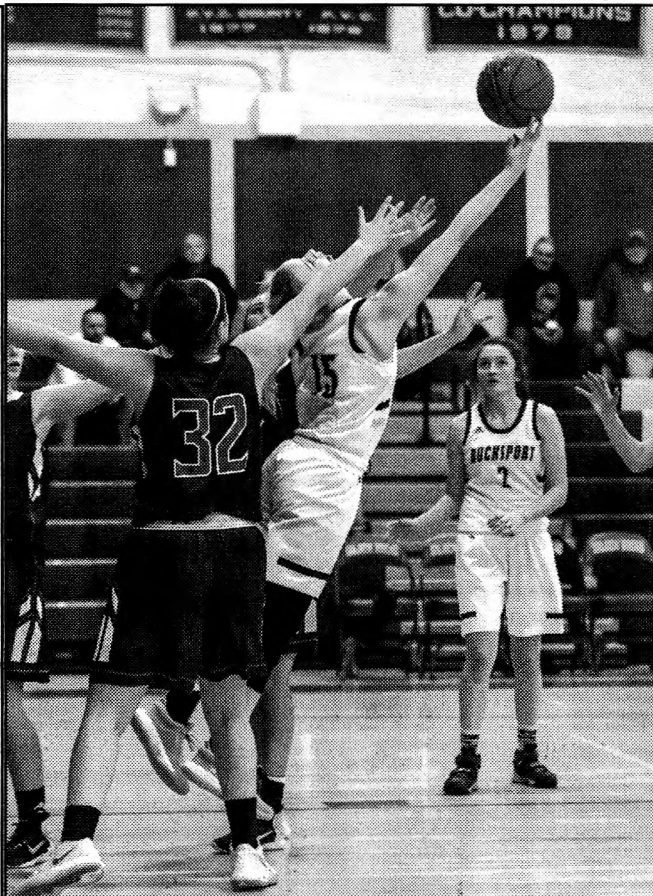
## Airborne

Jade Leeman, a freshman, does a backward shot for two points for the Lady Bucks on Monday.

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BUCKSPORT — Here are the luncheon menus at the Bucksport Senior Center: Staff has day off for

- **Friday, Dec. 6** — Baked stuffed haddock, rice pilaf, snap peas and a cookie.
- **Monday, Dec. 9** — French toast, sausage and home fries, muffin and fruit cup.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11** — Chicken pot pie, stuffing, cranberry sauce and cake..
- **Friday, Dec. 13** — Meatloaf, baked potato, broccoli and ice cream.
- **Monday, Dec. 16** — Haddock casserole, long grain rice, corn and fruit crisp.
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Last night James Morrill, the IT director for the schools and the town, briefed the finance committee members on how the current data processing system works, and on what might be done both in the short and long run to improve the security of the entire system.

Boothby does not want to ask for a significant investment in new IT hardware and software upgrades until they are viewed as part of a comprehensive package that will serve the school system for the long pull. In computer circles, long term can be anywhere from five to ten years.

The superintendent also wants to know that the system administrators locally have access to back-up files at all times, a system that would allow for access within minutes or hours, and not days if something went wrong.

This research also could result in some solutions that may be helpful to the town, which has its own computer servers, he said.