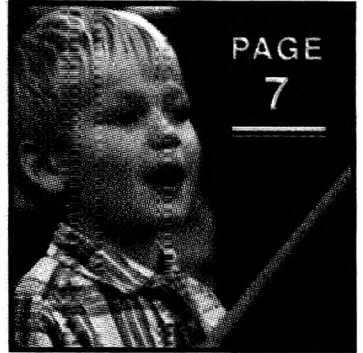


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Let there be lights!



THE TOWN'S holiday lights were illuminated last Friday (12/7).



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Development strategy takes center stage

BUCKSPORT — After some five years of talking, the Town Council now tonight will begin taking a look at a long-range series of projects, some of which could have significant impacts on portions of the community.

While pulling together suggestions from paid outside consultants and volunteer local groups, the four-page document sets priorities on what should be done, when to foster growth and the local economy.

Some of the ideas - like attracting more businesses - are old chestnuts, others have moved to the forefront more recently, such as encouraging the building of "work force

housing" on 33 acres now owned by American Iron & Metal (AIM) affiliate near Drakes Lane, and adding housing as part of the Park Street Extension on land controlled by the John Wardwell family. Placed in the "medium" priority category is promoting apartments and condominiums on and near Main Street while more housing for older people is in the "high" priority category.

The plan got its final endorsement from the five of the nine members of the Community and Economic Development Committee when that panel met on Tuesday.

PLEASE SEE PLAN, PAGE 9.

— Parade of Lights postponed —

BUCKSPORT — The great, spectacular, battery- and generator-powered municipal Parade of Lights down Main Street has been postponed until Monday at 6 p.m.

The reason: The organizers did not want to have the spectators or the floats and those who accompany them waterlogged by the predicted rains or blown about by the also predicted high winds.

The parade from the parking lot of the former mill on River Road to the Town Offices originally was scheduled for Saturday.

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

READY TO ROLL! — After \$7,300 in additional repairs, the Fire Department's Engine 1 now is back in service. The truck, which was subject to overheating, also had failed a crucial pump test twice, but after a third trial it now has been approved for use for another year. The department still is coping with a small leak in the radiator area of the vehicle.

NEW FIREFIGHTER — The fire-fighting staff is about to grow by one

full-time person. The applications for the opening are being reviewed.

RE-PAVED — The sidewalks and parking lots around the Public Safety Building on Franklin Street have been re-paved. The town hired Eaton Paving to do the job. The firm's crew will return in the spring to dig out and reconstruct the alley at the back of the building.

SHOOTING . . . PICTURES! — The Police Department has its body

cameras, gear that was approved months ago, but before putting them to use the department has to adopt a policy for using them, and that process is continuing for at least a couple of months.

CLOSED — The public restrooms near the Veterans' Memorial have been closed for the season because of damage done by vandals on Nov. 23. The vandals plugged the drains and left the water running in the sinks, and many

gallons of water poured onto the floor and out the doors.

ON THE ROAD — The storage trailer for use on the waterfront was hauled here from Manchester, ME on Nov. 18 by the town's road boss and the director of community and economic development.

The trailer will be stored and brought to the waterfront each summer.

ROLLING HONOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

BUCKSPORT — An 11-truck convoy - part of the national Wreaths Across America campaign to honor all veterans each Christmas - rolled through town on Sunday.

The tractor trailer drivers, accompanied by a motorcycle escort, eventually were to link up with many other truckloads packed with wreaths for placement on the graves at the nation-

al cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Only a few turned out for the winter-chill numbers had plunged, and none of the military, national or state flags were flying at the veterans' park as the convoy from Ellsworth headed in on U.S. Route 1 and then turned south over the bridge to Verona Island.

The Wreaths Across America organizers hadn't alerted the media, but local public safety personnel were on hand.

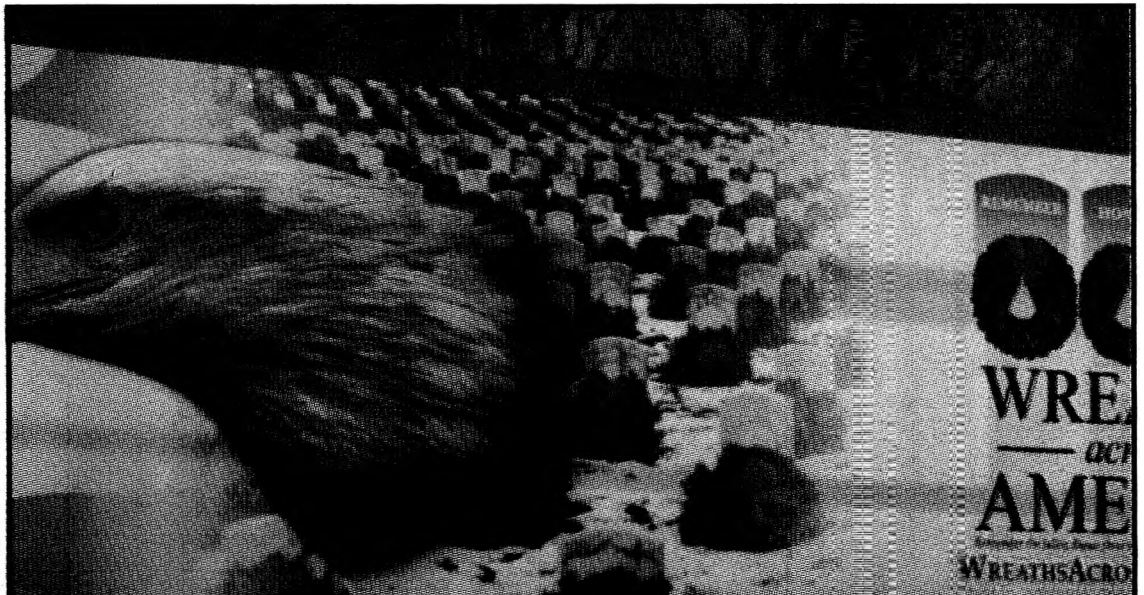


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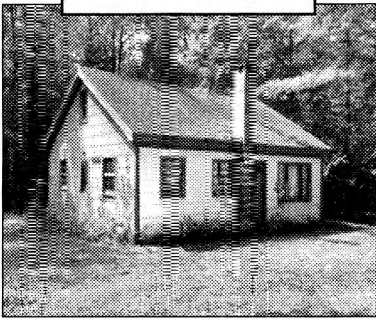


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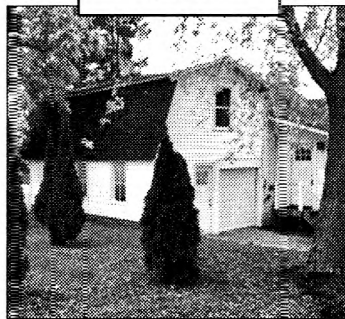
Lake Access



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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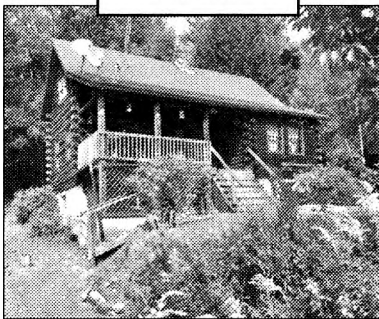
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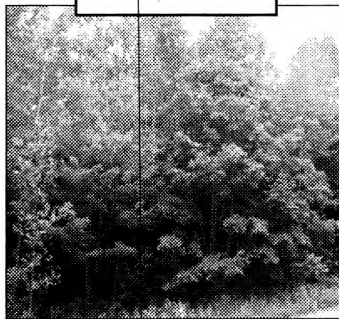
Private



Orland— Enjoy privacy and quiet in this log home on 1 acre. Rustic setting set off the main road. First floor bedroom, bath and laundry with 2 rooms upstairs to be set up as additional bedrooms. Enjoy your fieldstone fireplace and antique wood stove inside and sitting on the porch to watch the deer outside. Conveniently located near Ellsworth, Blue Hill & Bucksport and less than an hour to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor.

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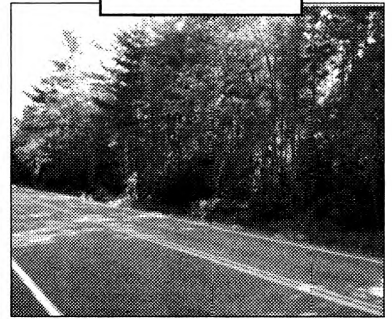
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Building Lot



Penobscot— This 5 acre wooded building lot is surveyed, soil tested and ready for your building plans. Bounded by frontage on McCaslin Stream. Conveniently located with easy access to area, fresh and salt water and surrounding towns of Blue Hill, Ellsworth, Orland and Bucksport. Only an hour to Acadia National Park.

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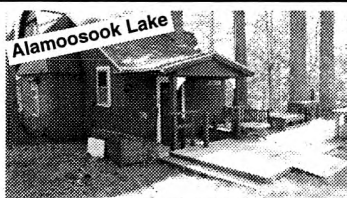
Bucksport— Great Contemporary home with many updates. This 3 bedroom 2 Bath home sits on a sun filled 2ac lot. Recent improvements include Brazilian cherry flooring, hardwood in the master bedroom as well as a new 3rd bedroom. The roof was replaced in 2017 and a finished room in the basement was added 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



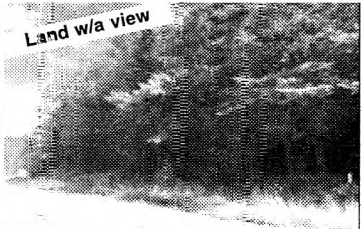
Orland— Great building lot! This 5.6 acre lot is conveniently located between Bangor and Ellsworth. Improvements include an established driveway and a slab for a 2car garage. Nice open lot with good southern exposure and seasonal views of Branch Lake. Lots of recreational opportunities including Great Pond Conservation Trust, state owned land on Branch Lake with a beach and an organic farm right up the road. Easy commute to Bangor, Ellsworth, Bucksport or Blue Hill. Bring your building plans!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$59,000



Orland— Shady Nook! This classic Maine cottage sits less than 30' from the shore of Alamoosook Lake. The main camp has 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room as well as a living room and screen porch. The Barn is a 2 to 3 bedroom apartment with kitchen and bath. Great Air B and B potential. Modern amenities include a comfort station with a full bath, a 2 car garage with a sleeping loft. Plenty of space for a garden, chickens or the grandchildren! Make memories by the lake today!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$244,000



Prospect— Beautiful 12 acre wooded property with frontage on the North Searport Road and the Wagner road. There is a 3BR septic in place waiting for your forever home!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$39,900



Sedgwick— 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 heater and well. Additionally, the wiring has been updated and the home insulated. Less than 15 minutes to the village of Blue Hill. Come take a look!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$95,000



Ellsworth— Build a room (with a view)! This 5 acre lot is located in an area with lots of recreational opportunities. From fishing the nearby streams with native brook trout, hiking in the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust or exploring Branch Lake. This area has a lot to offer. Did I mention the Happytown Farm (organic) located down the road? A great area that is convenient to Bangor, Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport. Lovely views of the lake. Calling those who love the sunrise!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$34,900

PERMITS ISSUED

BUCKSPORT — Luke Chiavelli, the town's code enforcement officer, issued only four permits last month:

The most extensive was the land use and building permit needed for the Whole Oceans LLC development of an on-shore Atlantic salmon operation off River Road on the former paper mill site.

That permit was issued on Nov. 25.

Other permits issued last month included:

• 32 Royal Ridge Lane — Russell Saunders, a plumbing permit on Nov. 14 for a complete new sub-surface wastewater system.

• 50 Appalachian Trail — Deborah Freeman on Nov. 1 to build a 24' x 36' camp with a 6' x 12' mudroom and an 8' x 12' deck.

• 840 State Route 46 — Rebecca Golden on Nov. 13 to install an 8' x 20' storage building.

Code enforcement actions detailed

BUCKSPORT — The town's code enforcement officer has taken these recent actions:

• The owner of a property at 13 Pine Street has been informed that a build-up of trash there allegedly has become a public nuisance.

• A citation was sent to the owner of 18 Oak Street over

junk vehicles at the site. The owner agreed to remove them.

• The owner of 40 Lee Street was cited for junk vehicles and debris on the property.

• The owner of 23 Hollow Lane has hired a plumber to replace an illegally installed bathroom in the basement.

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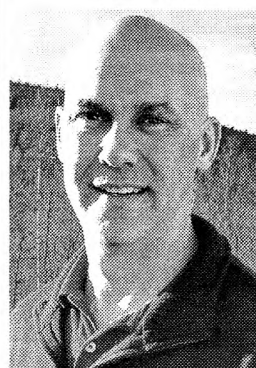
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Joe Wardwell attended George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, earned his Paramedic certificate at Northeastern University in Burlington, MA and his associate degrees in Fire Science from EMCC and in Legal Technologies from UMO. He has been a Firefighter/Paramedic 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.

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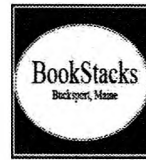


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Friends & Family

THINK BAY FESTIVAL —
Everyone is invited to join the planning
committee for the 2020 **Bucksport Bay
Festival**.

An announcement from the
Bucksport Bay Festival Committee
notes the planners would like to take a
fresh look at the annual July event.

During the 2020 event, the
Bucksport Bay Area **Chamber of
Commerce** will be working with the
**Penobscot Maritime Heritage
Association** to celebrate Maine's 200th
birthday.

"There are some big opportunities for
2020 and we will need your help,"
according to the announcement.

Anyone interested in participating or
suggesting ideas is welcome on Tuesday at
5 p.m. in the chamber's new office at (98
Main Street. That is on the lower level of
Kathryn's Antiques, and is accessible
through the waterfront entrance. Those
planning to attend are asked to call 469-

6818 or email office@bucksportbaychamber.com.

SOCK DRIVE — It's not too late to
donate pairs of new socks to the annual
Seaboard Federal Credit Union to get
warm footwear to those who need it.

Socks in all sizes are welcome for later
distribution through the Emmaus Shelter
in Ellsworth and the Shaw House and for
the Homeless Shelter in Bangor.

Collection boxes are in the lobby of
the headquarters on River Road and each
of the Seaboard branch offices.

SAVING SHAVING? — Police
Officer Matthew Schmidt was the organ-
izer of "no shave November" at The
Bucksport Police Department.

The members of the department
donated \$20 a person to not have to shave
during the month of November.

Eight men took up the offer, and the
department donated the \$160 to the
Bucksport Community Concerns'

food pantry.

COACH — Police Officer **Matthew
Schmidt** has been hired for the very part-
time post of coach of the **Bucksport
Middle School's** basketball B-team.

UNWIRING THE WIRES! — The
efforts to get the utility companies to adjust
a pole in front of a **Town of Bucksport-**
owned empty lot at 27 Main Street are
continuing.

The efforts to remove the guy wires to
the pole, which have been holding up the
removal of an unsightly pile of earth
where they are attached have dragged on
for close to two years.

However, **Richard Rotella**, the
town's director of community and eco-
nomic development, said the efforts to
get all of the parties involved in adjust-
ing the utility pole appears to have got-
ten stymied amid the bureaucracies of
the electric, telephone and cable compa-
nies.

Another meeting tentatively has
been scheduled to get the job done.



**MATTHEW SCHMIDT and
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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
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We deserve better

It is not our role to praise or condemn the president, for we believe voters will decide for themselves in November whether they want Donald J. Trump to continue to serve. Instead we will highlight the curious way in which a sacred part of our Constitution is being interpreted to achieve Trump's impeachment.

EDITORIAL An unusually wise group of people more than two centuries ago took great pains to assure there is a mechanism to impeach a president for serious, dastardly deeds. However, they did not offer a wild card to make the process easy or to achieve the goal without broad bipartisan public support.

At issue right now is not the presidency of Donald Trump; it is preserving the hallmarks of all future presidents to assure each can manage as a third arm of a democracy. Each must be free from back door, out-of-sight skulduggery by partisans.

Anyone who has watched the proceedings of the past few weeks in Washington, D.C. has not seen an orderly, fact-finding process aimed at assuring justice and avoiding a schism within our government - and, thus, our republic.

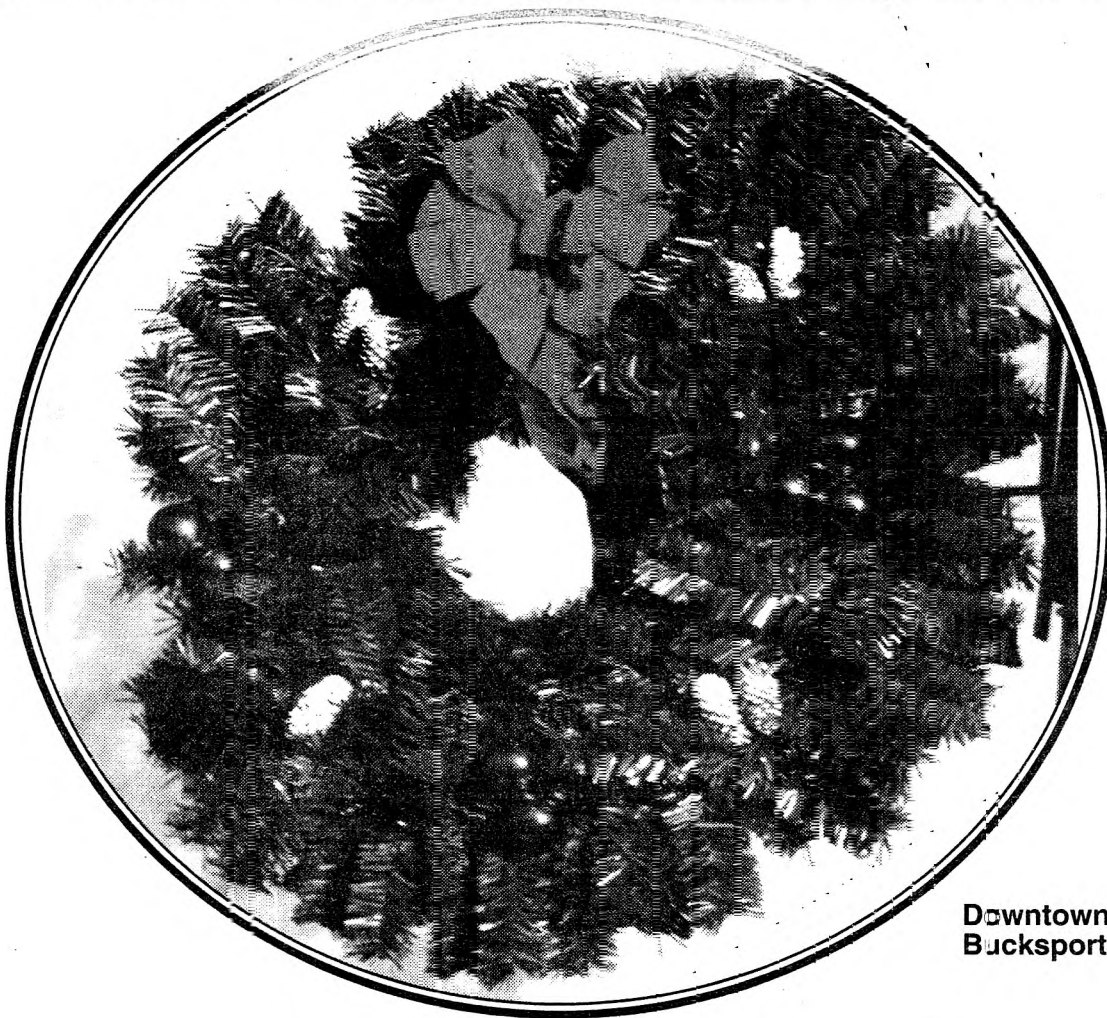
The procedures - both those employed and those ignored - seemed more like a horde of fourth-rate lawyers rushing to a roadkill, each intent on filing a lawsuit on behalf of the squirrel's widow. Those who failed to be retained immediately shifted to sorting through the carcass, seeking anything that could be eaten.

We all should fear that the current partisan shoot-out will jeopardize future presidents from using the full range of their legal options to govern effectively on behalf of all of the people in this nation. Both major political parties stand to lose on this point.

If the impeachment follows the script set in place by many of the leaders of the effort well before Trump was inaugurated and continues to move ahead full bore, the outcome is clear. The House of Representatives will vote to impeach, and then the Senate will reject the idea ... and the electioneering will continue unabated right on through November.

Democrats on one side, Republicans on the other, and the public caught voiceless in the middle. If that script plays out, as so many think it will, impeachment calls will fall like rain on future presidents and on current and future members of Congress.

A government can barely survive, let alone thrive, in an atmosphere of unsubstantiated innuendos fueled by anonymous tipsters and second- and third-hand accounts of who said what to whom. This nation deserves better.



Downtown Bucksport

Governor's thoughts on economy

MAINE GOV. JANET T. MILLS

Maine stands at an economic crossroads. Our traditional industries - farming, forestry and fishing - have laid a strong economic foundation for our state, and the time has come for us to build on that.

This strategic plan creates a roadmap to foster collaboration, drive innovation, jumpstart growth, and, ultimately, achieve a diverse, forward-looking economy that offers everyone an opportunity to succeed.

Out of it, I hope that our state will become a hub of innovation and excellence - a place where people can establish roots and live happy and fulfilling lives, and where entrepreneurs can take risks, grow their businesses, and create jobs. Maine, like any state, has its challenges, but we also have great opportunities - and because of that, I have great hope for our future."

"Maine's economy has a place for everyone and we need everyone to participate in order to succeed," said Commissioner Heather Johnson. "While we face serious challenges, the possibilities for economic growth in Maine are limitless.

Our assets - the wind, tides, sunlight and expertise to confront climate change; thriving tourism, hospitality, and outdoor recreation sectors; leading researchers driving innovation in biosciences and technologies; and adapting heritage industries already diversifying fishing and farming - include the unmatched character and resolve of Maine people. I look forward to working with Governor Mills, the Legislature, and the people of Maine to implement the recommendations of the strategic plan to grow our economy in the coming years."

The plan comes as the state's Gross Domestic Product - a critical measure of economic growth - has increased at only a third of the rate of the rest of the United States over the past ten years. Meanwhile, the average annual earnings in the private sector - how much Maine people get paid - has fallen to 78 percent of the national average, and the average job in Maine produces about \$88,000 in net sales while the national average is \$120,000. It also comes as more people are

expected to retire than enter the labor force in the coming decade. When taken together - lackluster economic growth, slow wage growth, and the prospect of a further dwindling workforce - present serious challenges that threaten the success of our state.

However, the plan confronts these challenges head-on by establishing three overarching goals: growing the average annual wage by 10 percent;

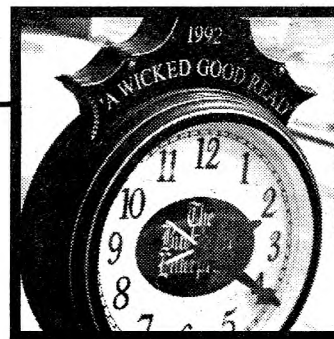
Increasing the value of products sold per worker by 10 percent, and attracting 75,000 people to Maine's talent pool.

To accomplish these goals, the plan then outlines seven core strategies that aim to grow talent in Maine; attract new talent to the state; promote innovation; improve connectivity; bolster infrastructure, maintain a stable business environment and promote hubs of excellence.

Each strategy then includes specific action steps the State can take to grow the economy. For example, the plan recommends establishing a Maine Career Exploration Program that works with Maine youth throughout their time in school to determine their interests and connect them to resources and skills training that prepare them for a career path. It also recommends creating a Welcome Home Program to entice those who have grown up in Maine or those interested in moving to Maine to come to the state.

Among several other action items, the plan recommends expanding and simplifying the Education Opportunity Tax Credit to help graduates living and working in Maine pay off student loan debt. It also recommends expanding the Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program to help innovative businesses take root, create jobs, and strengthen the economy. Importantly, it also identifies opportunities to enhance critical infrastructure, for example, with loan guarantees to support broadband.

The three areas our organization focuses on, Maine's food economy - agriculture and aquaculture - and growing life sciences field, are especially well positioned for growth, and we're delighted to have been a partner in this significant effort.



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The tradition continues

Each year a new batch of tots go to the Buck Memorial Library for the reading of the adventures of "Santa Mouse." Some return for a second or third year, although the story does not change. Here, Gerry Spooner, the librarian introduces the youngsters to the wondrous world of the mouse. This was the thirtieth year she has done this.

Town wants to upgrade computers

BUCKSPORT — The Town Council tonight (12/12) will consider updating its computer servers to make the system less susceptible to hacking while also providing a comprehensive network that will link the town office computers with those at the other town-operated centers, including the wastewater treatment plant.

The upgrade has been designed by James Morrill, the information technology chief at RSU 25.

Morrill has developed a similar system that now is under review by the RSU 25 School Board.

The town contracts with the RSU for the use of Morrill's services on computer, cable, telephone and other systems.

Midnight at 5 p.m.? Special public Mass being offered

Here's a midnight Mass for those who cannot stay awake for a midnight Mass.

When it's 5 p.m. here in Bucksport it just happens to be midnight in Bethlehem. That lead the local friars to invited everyone to unite in prayer and joy with fellow Christians in the

Silvernails honored for backing BHS programs

BUCKSPORT — Sports Radio 929 The Ticket and Hero's Sports Grill in Bangor have awarded the 2019 Sports Hero's Award to Andy and Shelby Silvernail.

The Silvernails are from Bucksport but now live in the Chicago area.

The couple never have forgotten their hometown and eastern Maine.

Over more than a decade, the Silvernails have given thousands of dollars in scholarship money to Little Ten Football Conference student-athletes for their academic achievement and their work on both their teams and in their community.

This year, the Silvernails made a major three-year commitment to Bucksport High School and provided cutting edge technology to support the industrial arts, trade education and the robotics team.

That major gift also is providing considerably more resources to aid in the teaching of technology, mathematics and the sciences.

Andy Silvernail is an 1989 graduate of Bucksport High School and played for the Golden Bucks, while his wife is a 1991 Bucksport High graduate. The Silvernails began dating while in high school, and Andy Silvernail still speaks fondly of his dances with her in the high school gymnasium.

From very humble beginnings, Andy graduated from Dartmouth College and Harvard Business School. He is currently CEO of IDEX Corporation. Shelby is a graduate of the University of New England and Boston University. She has dedicated her passion and energy to health care issues.

ORLAND — Luminaries will again light up the streets in Orland Village on the evening of December 14. It will take lots of volunteers to make it happen.

If weather is an issue, the event will take place on the following Saturday, December 21.

land of Jesus Christ's birth.

It's all happening on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth's Monastery at 55 Orcutt Mountain Road in Bucksport.

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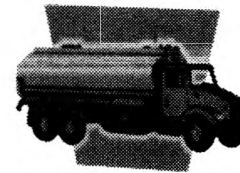
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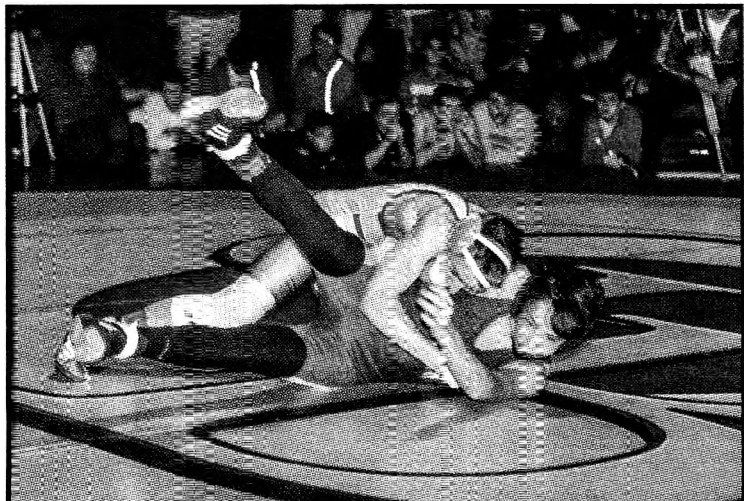
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GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS



AT THE 2019 RYAN DETOUR wrestling tournament the Golden Bucks present flowers to Ryan's mother, Janet Spellman Mitchell.

Bucks second at Ryan Detour tourney

BUCKSPORT — Teams from 13 high schools participated in a "Celebration of Life" tournament at Bucksport High School on Saturday, commemorating the life of former student Ryan Detour.

Detour, a local student, passed away shortly after a match exactly 17 years ago last Saturday in Aroostook County.

All of the members of each team in the tournament had the opportunity to score points.

Team Scores: 181 Mattanawcook Academy-A, 145 Bucksport High School-A, 121.5 Piscataquis Community High School-A, 120 Dexter Regional High School-A, 102 Caribou High School-A, 82 Dirigo High School-A, 62 Madison High School-A, 53 Fort Kent Community School-A, 42.5 Washington Academy-A, 39 Independents-Old Town High School, 32 Penobscot Valley High School, 24.5 Calais High School-A, 20 Dirigo-B, 13 Washington Academy-B, 10 Dexter-C, 8 Bucksport-B, 7 Madison-B, 7 PCHS-B, 7 Washington Academy-C, 3 MA-C, 3 Fort Kent-B, 3 Independent-Woodland/

Here's how the wrestlers fared:

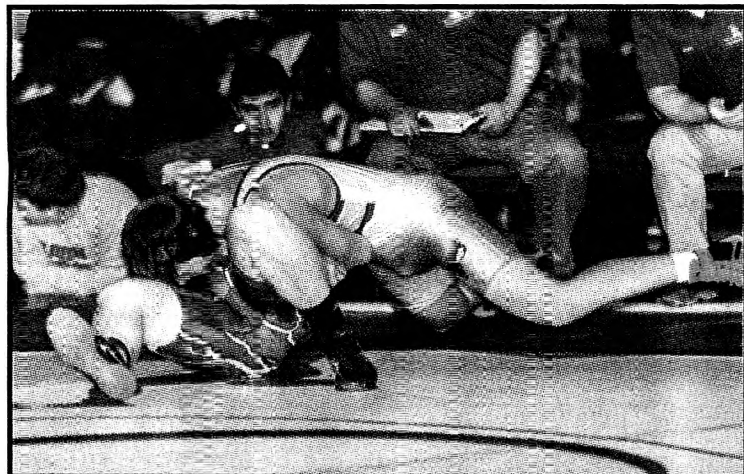
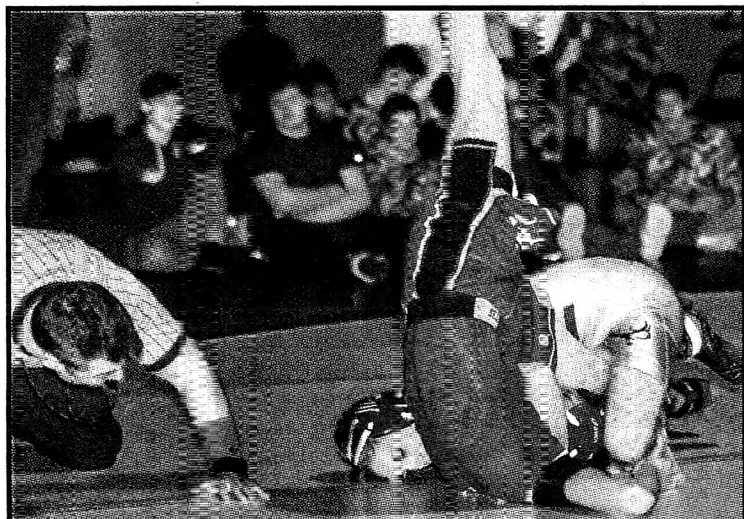
Championship round

106 Deegan Tidswell, MA-A Fall Matt Kennard, MDSN-A, 0:26; 113 Kaleb Nightingale, BUCKS-A Fall Sam Charles, Ind-OT, 1:10; 120 Travis Hutchinson, BUCKSPORT-A Fall Henry Rowell, PCHS-A, 0:24; 126 Clyde Carr, MA-A Fall Nathan Bock, PCHS-A, 1:32; 132 Kaleb Toby, MA-A Dec Jake Ellis, DIR-A, 9-6; 138 Jackson Sutherland, MA-A Fall Alex Zeller,

PCHS-A, 1:10; 145 Travis Mushero, MA-A Fall Angel Riopelle, Caribou-A, 3:10; 152 Isaac Hainer, MA-A Dec Justin Wing, Dexter-A, 6-0; 160 Gage Stone, Dexter-A Fall Josh Hesseltine, MA-A, 0:49; 170 Shawn Bernier, BUCKSPORT-A Fall Lucas Theriault, Fort Kent-A, 1:02; 182 Jacob Nadeau, PCHS-A Fall Kaden DeMerchant, Caribou-A, 3:18; 195 Augustus Gray Irwin, Dexter-A Fall Isaiah Arno, PCHS-A, 3:48; 220 Grayson Fernald, BUCKSPORT-A Fall Petak Dana, WA-A, 0:41; 285 Colton Carlow, DIR-A Fall Clarke Leblanc, MDSN-A, 1:40

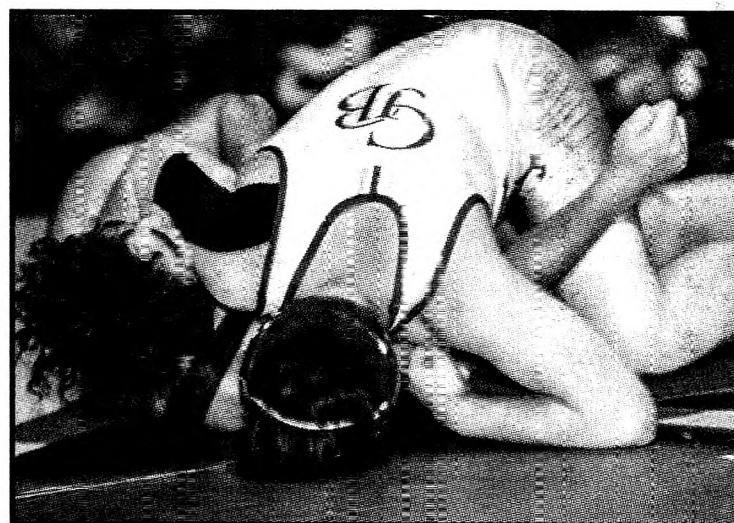
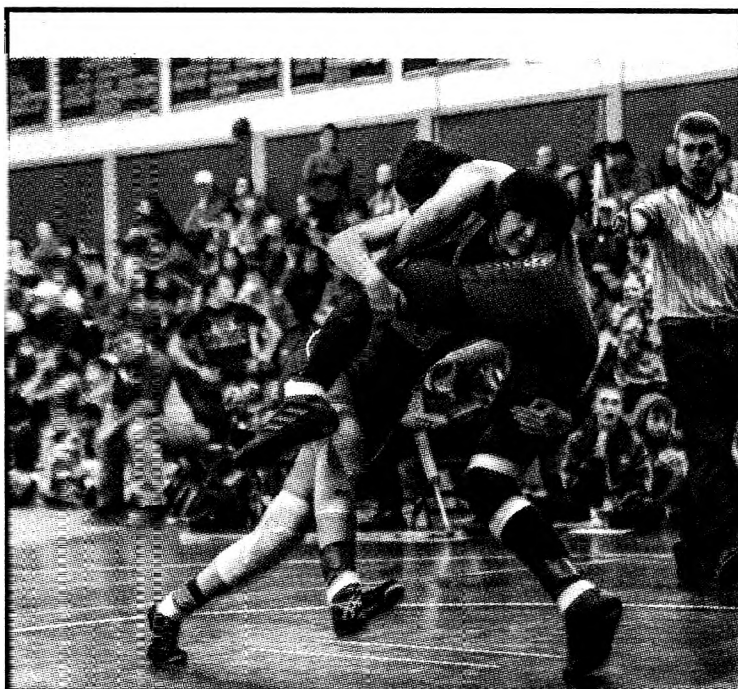
Consolation round

106 Zack Putnam, DIR-A Dec Ethan Milliken, DXTR-A, 8-6 Old Town; 113 Jaren Hartt, Fort Kent-A Fall Matt Russell, MA-A, 1:47; 120 Nathan Mower, Dexter-A Fall Rylee Saucier, Caribou-A, 2:01; 126 Kiah Wilson, BUCKSPORT-A Fall Rylee Harding, PVHS, 2:05; 132 Codi Fanning, PVHS Fall Tucker Gallagher, DIR-B, 2:54; 138 Caleb Robbins, Caribou-A Dec Owen Libby, DIR-A, 11-9 OT; 145 Larry Nadeau, FTKT-A Fall Joey Garcia, WA-A, 2:55; 152 Tom O'Meara, Caribou-A Dflt Isaiah Bagley, PCHS-A; 160 Elizabeth Bernier, BUCKSPORT-A Fall Johnathan McMullen, PCHS-B, 1:33; 170 Tyler Avery, Madison-A Dflt Seth Lister, Caribou-A; 182 Alex Munson, MA-A Fall Chase Nelson, DIR-A, 1:24; 195 Matt Pike, PVHS Advanced through BYE; 220 Eric Bennett, Dexter-A Fall Xander Doty, Ind-OT, 2:23; 285 Adrian Russell, BUCKSPORT-A Dec Michael McFarlane, CHS-A, 2-1



By the time the Ryan Detour Memorial Tournament ended four of the Golden Bucks had acquitted themselves especially well.

Kaleb Nightingale, Travis Hutchinson, Shawn Bernier and Grayson Fernald each earned first places in their respective weight classes.



Sports photography
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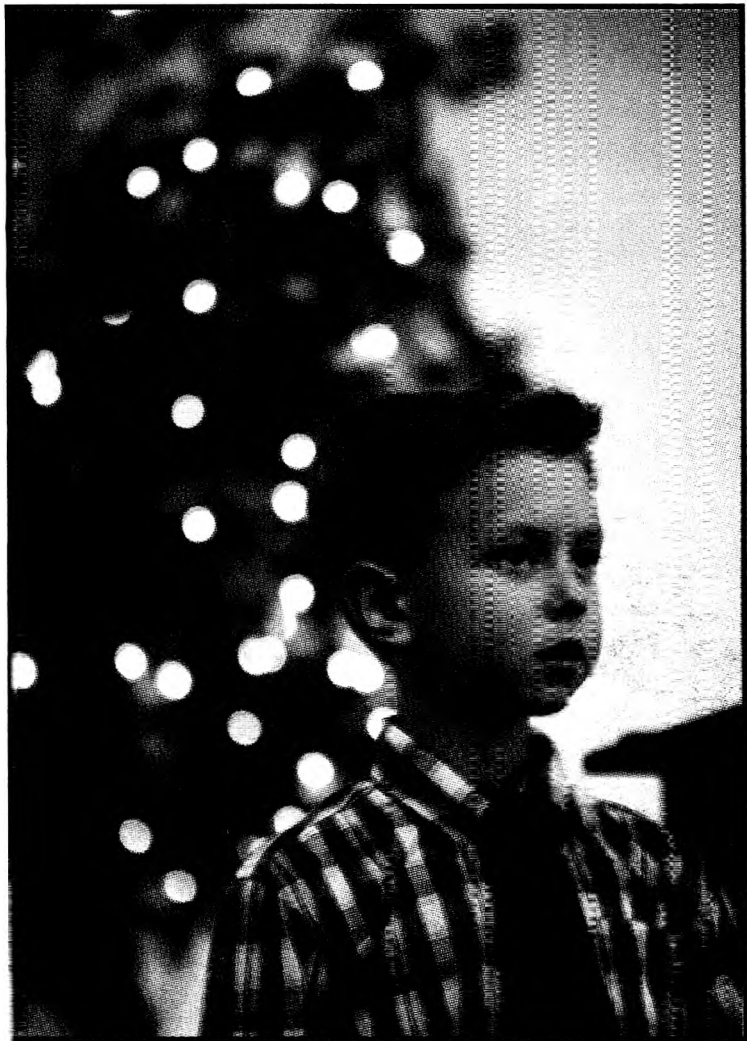
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Sometimes, you couldn't quite hear the littlest ones as they did their best to recite the Biblical passages, the ones with words seldom heard in day-to-day conversations. No matter. Those gathered in the Bucksport Bible Church last Sunday already knew well the story the children were re-telling. You could see it in their faces, the adults mouthing the words as the children spoke them.

The youngsters again were reminded that Christmas is not about the gifts or the brightly illuminated trees or those memorable visits with Santa. They spoke softly of a special child of long ago, whose presence they were encouraged to carry with them today. And then, in song and word, they reminded their friends, parents and neighbors to carry the same message in their own hearts and deeds.

There was nothing especially unusual here that night. Occasionally a child or two would squirm, and their parents or their teacher would give them "that look", and they'd quickly return to the serious business at hand.

There was no fanfare, no pyrotechnics or strobe lights, just three pianists and a group of very well-behaved young people ranging from tots, to those coping with the challenges of becoming older and ever more responsible for their actions.

The final prayer was said, the compliments and praise graciously accepted, and then entire families adjourned to the hot cocoa and cookies awaiting them downstairs.

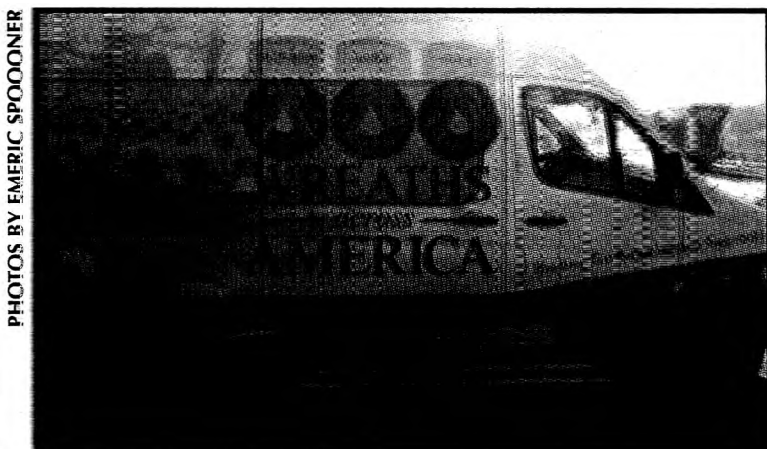
Children's Christmas programs are conducted everywhere, which probably is the vital aspect of the annual rite here. The reason for the season marked around the world endures.

Here, in a simple sanctuary, cellphones were deadened and picture-taking was minimal and then generally unobtrusive. While adults provided the transitions and placed the evening's program in perspective, the emphasis throughout the evening was on glad tidings and true joy, not the kind many people believe they can buy. It was rather on the children, and the hope they represent.



Rolling honor

See article on Page 1



PHOTOS BY EMERIC SPOONER

A GROUP of cyclists were part of the caravan of vehicles passing through Bucksport on Sunday. Some intended to ride the entire distance to deliver the Maine wreaths to the national cemetery in Virginia.

Christmas schedules

Bucksport United Methodist Church

CONCERT — The "Christmas Story in Song" concert with Pastor Peter Remick will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Bucksport United Methodist Church, 3 River Road, Bucksport.

Contemporary and traditional music of the season will be featured.

There will be a love offering taken to benefit the church's mission and ministry building and household pantry.

CONTATA — On December 22, the Bucksport United Methodist Church will present the Cantata "Jesus Emmanuel": at 2 p.m. sung by the community choir lead by Jess Ormsby.

After the music there will be a cookie festival and home made "real" hot cocoa.

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite cookies.

There will also be a time of Christmas carol singing.

CHRISTMAS EVE — The Christmas Eve candlelight services at the Bucksport United Methodist Church will be held at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NOTE: Those attending who need transportation to any of the Bucksport United Methodist Church services or events can call the church at 469-3622. For more information on news or events people can check the church's Facebook page, call the office, or send an email message to Bucksportumc@aol.com.

North Bucksport United Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE — The North Bucksport United Methodist Church at 1147 River Road, built in the 19th century and beautifully maintained, will hold its Christmas Eve service at 3 p.m.

The public is invited to celebrate the season in song.

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BUCKSPORT — It's called the "Jingle and Mingle", and those who have participated in the annual event say it's both a lot of fun and a satisfying way to spark the celebration of the season.

Folks will gather on Wednesday at 5 p.m. near Wahl's Dairy Port on Main Street and then board a free bus and carol their way about the area. After, they will retreat to the warmth of Verona Wine and Design, next door to Wahl's, for cookies and hot chocolate.

The informal event is for those of all ages, who simply want to spread some cheer on a mid-winter evening.

It's sponsored by the Bridge Street Church, the First Student bus company and Verona Island Wine and Design.

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Free film at Alamo

COMING ATTRACTION — A classic holiday film will be shown for Seniors 55 years and older at The Alamo on Main Street on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Luncheons

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

- **Friday, Dec. 13** — Meatloaf, baked potato, broccoli and ice cream.
- **Monday, Dec. 16** — Haddock casserole, long grain rice, corn and fruit crisp.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 18** — Roast chicken with gravy, mashed potato, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and a pumpkin cookie.
- **Friday, Dec. 20** — Beef and barley soup, biscuit and a cookie.
- **Monday, Dec. 23** — Chicken divan, garden salad and cake.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25** — Christmas. No luncheons.
- **Friday, Dec. 27** — Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, garden salad and a brownie.
- **Monday, Dec. 30** — Haddock chowder, biscuit and a cookie.

Call 469-3632 by 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to reserve a spot. Meals, including takeout, are available to those of all ages.

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. Bridge games from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesdays**
 - 5:45 to 8 p.m. - Bingo
 - 8 a.m. to 3p.m. - Day Quilters (1st Tuesday of month.)
 - 10 a.m. Duck Cove group of the Maine Extension Homemakers Council on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Wednesdays**
 - 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
 - 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Scrabble.
- Thursdays**
 - 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
- Fridays**
 - 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
 - Lunch: Trivia

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— Development plan

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That meeting drew but two spectators: Town Councilor James Morrison and Councilor-elect Kathy Downes.

The council tonight (12/12) will take up the package in the form of a resolve to encourage revitalization efforts and outline the town's role in seeking to achieve each of the goals.

The plan is intended to be an update of a similar one approved in 2008.

An accompanying introduction states, "the committee has no intention of letting this plan sit on a shelf. In fact, portions of this strategic plan are in progress."

Here's a summary of the goals in that report, beginning with those listed as "high priority" and working through some on the "low priority" tier:

High priority goals

- Attract more businesses, an ongoing effort.
- Hire a marketing and branding specialist to promote Bucksport as a 'Dock, Dine & Shop' destination to be hired in 2020.
- Develop the town-owned lot at 22 Main Street, an ongoing effort.
- Develop housing on land owned by AIM on Drake's Lane, effort already in progress.
- Develop housing off Park Street Extension, working with Wardwell & Son.
- Encourage more housing for older people.
- Address blight, an ongoing effort by the code enforcement officer.
- Provide more child care for those from birth to 3 years old. A continuing effort.
- Develop plan to convert street lights to LED lighting.
- Research and take advantage of more solar opportunities.
- Replace walls along Main Street and U.S. Route 1.

Medium priority goals

- Support start up of new businesses in 2020.

- Develop plan for adding, repairing and replacing sidewalks.
- Develop plan to address roads in the downtown district.
- Revitalize unused railroad tracks on the waterfront to include dining options, brew pubs and public areas.
- Improve accessibility between waterfront and Main Street.
- Improve the aesthetics of the industrial site and surrounding areas.
- Improve signs throughout the town.
- Bring public art to the town.
- Promote apartments and condominiums on or near Main Street.
- Promote moderate to high-end housing, while providing a more balanced inventory of housing throughout the town.
- List inventory of homes that may be vacant, condemned and/or foreclosed.
- Promote hotel and motel development.
- Provide transportation to aid residents of Silver Lake Estates and any other senior housing.

Low priority goals

- Support Maine Maritime Academy and its professional mariner school.
- Support Whole Oceans LLC with its salmon farm.
- Support Iron Clad with its power plant, the one that formerly served the paper mill.
- Develop an off-ramp for the 3-ring binder for the businesses at the industrial park.
- Expand the walking trail on the waterfront beyond the Bucksport House of Pizza.
- Promote waterfront entrances to Main Street businesses that include signs on the water side.
- Develop vacant lot on Main Street owned by Leadbetter Realty Trust.
- Market and develop the Coal Pocket owned by Sprague Energy off River Road.
- Investigate reestablishing the long-dormant Bucksport Development Corporation.

Bucksport moving ahead with review of solar options

BUCKSPORT — The town, having received several proposals for additional solar development here, has set up a subcommittee to explore the various options which range from allowing a firm access to town property for a solar array,

develop an array on its own to encourage a more wide-scale operation on a site such as atop the long-capped landfill off Central Street. Being named to that panel are L. Donald White, Nancy Minott, John Eggebrecht, Robert Carmichael Jr. and John

Paul Lalonde.

Presumably the council may also have one or more additional representatives on the committee.

No date has been set for the completion of the review.

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Firefighters to buy \$17,700 device

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Fire Department is buying a used, refurbished a \$17,700 piece of gear called a LifePak 12 used in dealing with advanced airway clearing skills used by the emergency medical technicians.

The unit will replace one does not have the advanced monitoring capacity of the one being purchased,

A new unit is said to cost roughly \$35,000, the local firefighters say.

The Town Council is expected to endorse the purchase tonight (12/12).

The unit being replaced will be installed in the third ambulance, providing LifePak equipment in all three ambulances in the department's fleet.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Booked at jail

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

- Clarence Julius Lawrence III, 41, of 46 Eastside Drivem Verona Island was booked at the jail about 2 p.m. on Friday (12/7) after being arrested in Ellsworth for allegedly failing to be in court on a previous charge.

- Dawn Marie James, 43, of 11 Mountainside Lane, Bucksport was booked about 9 a.m. after being arrested at the jail for reportedly a drug court violation.

- Roland Dennis Jalbert, 58, of Hampden was booked shortly after noon on Sunday after being arrested in Penobscot on an alleged violation of his parole in a previous case.

Police issued these summonses recently:

- Christopher McLean, 40, of Levant was given court summonses for for insurance and registration violations as well as one for failing to report a change of address to the registry. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 9:30 a.m. on Friday (12/7).

- Tyler Gilbert, 25, of Glenburn was cited for criminal driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on the River Road about 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 1.

- Mary Gartley, 34, was issued a summons for reading whole driving after being stopped on the River Road about 12:45 p.m. on Dec. 1.

Accidents

BUCKSPORT — Police recorded these auto accidents:

- Vehicles being driven by Michael Roi, 60, of Bucksport and Carolyn VanCise, 81, of

**Compiled from
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interviews with police
and fire personnel.**



Surry collided one vehicle drifted into the opposite lane on the River Road, resulting in a head-on accident. Both drivers were checked by emergency medical personnel but neither required transport by an ambulance. The accident occurred about 12:30 p.m. last Thursday (12/6).

- Vehicles being operated by Joy, 72, of Gouldsboro and Joyce Massey, 42, of Bucksport collided as Joy reportedly was backing out onto Main Street about 11 a.m. on Dec. 5.

Other incidents

VERONA ISLAND — Police from various agencies throughout the region were called to the Penobscot Narrows Bridge over the past ten days after people were suspected of considering jumping from the span. All of the incidents ended without anyone being harmed.

Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT — The town's ambulances were on calls 28 times last week, 20 in Bucksport, a half dozen to Orland address and two on Verona Island.

There were no fire calls. The police handled 83 calls for service.

On pet patrol

BUCKSPORT — The

municipal shelter has a nice mix of dogs and cats, each ready to be welcomed into a loving home in time for Christmas.

Contact Dan Joy, the animal officer, for the details on adopting a pet.

Sergeant's vacancy draws no applicants

BUCKSPORT — The deadline passed on Nov. 25 but nobody applied to become the police sergeant and evening supervisor of the patrol staff.

David Winchester last month was promoted to deputy chief, and the department, town manager and town councilors opted to add a new officer to fill Winchester's former post.

Adding another supervisor is part of a reorganizing the management of the police and fire departments under Chief Sean Geagan. While Geagan remains the chief of police, he also has become the public safety director.

An applicant was required to have a criminal justice degree or five years of equivalent police experience.

The job was posted, but none of the other local police officers applied.

The search continues.

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GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS

Bucksport hoopsters lose a close one to Sumner

BUCKSPORT — The Golden Bucks lost a close game at the Ralph Jewett Gymnasium here on Tuesday, falling to the Sumner Tigers 56 to 53.

The Bucks came back from a 10-point deficit with three minutes left, but ran out of time at the end.

The Bucks play at home again against the Narraguagus Knights tonight (12/12). The junior varsity teams start at 5, and the varsity 15 minutes after the conclusion of the JV game.

Sumner Memorial High School 1 (1-1) 56, Bucksport High School (1-1) 53

Score by quarter

Sumner: 10-26-41-56 — 56

Bucks: 15-23-34-53 — 53

Sumner: Dylan Bernier 3-0-8, Aiden Weaver 2-0-5, Ethan Young 5-8-18, Jacob Clark 4-0-8, 6-2-15, Michael Merchant 1-0-2

Bucks: Christian Chase-Hurd, Isaac Moore 1-0-3, Kai Brown 2-0-5, Cam Soper 5-0-10, Brady Kennedy, Ty Giberson 6-7-23, Owen Sherwood 1-2-5, Nick Baubonis 3-0-7, Julian Shook

Three-point goals: L. Moore, Brown, Giberson, Sherwood, Baubonis. Bernier, Weaver, Torrey.

Sumner: 10 26 41 56

Bucks: 15 23 34 53

JV: Sumner 60-Bucksport 12.

— LARRY DEANS

Bucks power past Searsport in season opener

SEARSPORT — The Golden Bucks opened their season on the road with a 58 to 36 win over the Searsport Vikings.

In a gym that has given them headaches for the last decade or so, the Bucks shot out to an 18 to 7 first period lead and never looked back.

They extended the lead to 25 at the end of the second period, leading by a score of 35 to 10.

The Bucks came out of half time still on fire putting up 18 points, leading by a score of 53 to 24. Searsport outscored the Bucks by 7 in the fourth period to yield the final score.

Ty Giberson led the Bucks with 19 points, including five three's. Isaac Moore pitched in with 13 and Cam Soper with 11. Colby Snow scored

14 and Josh Wright 13 for the home team. Soper had 10 rebounds, Giberson 9 and Moore 8 along with four assists.

Bucks 18 11 18 5 58

Searsport 7 3 14 12 36

Bucks: Isaac Moore 5 0 13, Jacob Brazovsky, Kai Brown 2 1 6, Cam Soper 5 1 11, Brady Kennedy, Ty Giberson 7 0 19, Owen Sherwood 1 0 2, Nick Baubonis 2 0 5, Colin Simpson, Julian Shook 2 0 2, Sanley Julian.

Searsport: Cahill, Wright 5 1 11, Kneeland 2 0 5, Bell, Reynolds, Brassbridge, Snow 6 0 14, C. Ellis, Perkins, Kroenig, Philbrick, G. Ellis 2 0 6

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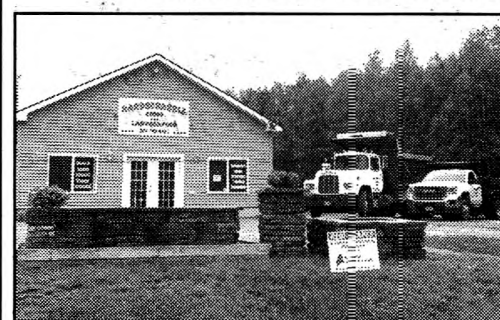
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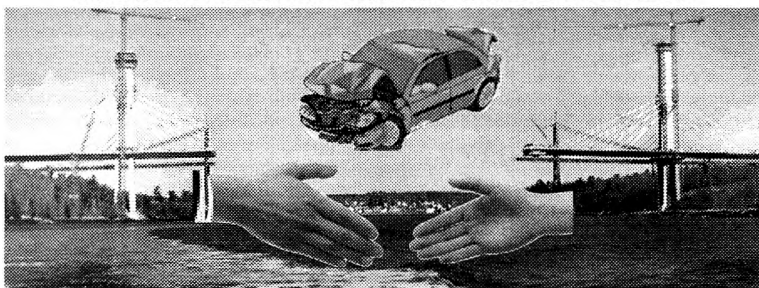
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Saturday, Dec 14

WINE TASTING — Another (un)corker of an event is planned at BookStacks at 81 Main Street: a free tasting of the nectar from 4 to 6 p.m. There's also a champagne on the list. Dan Tarr, of Easterly Wine, will pour and answer questions. There'll also be some munchies to pair with the wines.

'BOOKIE JOINT' — The Blue Hill Public Library will hold a book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., ending in time for the Friends of the Library Holiday Party. There will be a wide selection of books, DVDs and CDs, most of them for less than a dollar. 374-5515.

Monday, Dec. 16

LIGHTS ON PARADE!! — The winter parade of lights will roll down Main Street, starting at 6. The event will begin at the parking lot of the former mill and go down Main Street. There will be prizes for the winning floats.

Note the new date, for the parade had to be rescheduled at mid-week due to predictions of strong wind and rain for the original date.

Through Dec. 23

LIGHTING UP YULETIDE — The trees will be lit and the holiday tea brewing as Woodlawn presents Christmas at Woodlawn. There will be decorated trees by nearly 40 businesses and organizations. The month includes tours, afternoon high teas and Saturday visits with Santa on the sun porch. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for those 5 to 12 and free for tots. Group and school tours are available by appointment. Woodlawnmuseum.org.

Helping others

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held each Saturday at noon at the Bucksport Regional Health Center at 110 Broadway in Bucksport. Confidentiality is encouraged among all of the participants.

CANCER SUPPORT — A group for anyone touched by cancer in any way meets on the second Monday of each month at the the Orland Community Center on Schoolhouse Road in Orland. The group meets from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring a bag lunch if you like.

Childrens' art


December & January

CHILDREN'S ART — Nature-inspired artwork by local school-aged kids is on display at the Blue Hill Public Library. The works were crafted from native seeds and plant material over the past year as part of a program with the SEED Barn in Blue Hill.

Tuesday, Dec, 10

NATURE STORYTIME — *Over & Under the Snow*, by Kate Messner will be read to the youngsters at 10:30 a.m. at the Blue Hill Library 374-5515.

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Chamber seeking to recruit two members for board

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking new board members, two of them to serve until March 30. After that, they seek three-year terms.

In an announcement, the group said it, "invites those with fresh and innovative ideas to consider joining the team."

The board expects to hire a new part-time executive director for the not-for-profit group soon.

Board members must belong to the chamber. Those interested in applying can call 469-6818 or email alecia@bucksportbaychamber.com, or stop by the chamber office during regular business hours.

The chamber recently relocated to the lower level of the building housing Kathryn's Antiques, and is accessed from the waterfront walkway.

The board is seeking people who want to take part in its programming.

The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is guided by a volunteer Board of 15 members, elected by the general membership at the chamber's annual meeting in March. Each serves an initial three-year term, and is eligible to serve second and third three-year terms. After nine years, directors must step down, and are ineligible to serve again for a minimum of one year.

COUNTY GRAND JURY

ELLSWORTH — Here is a list of the cases heard by the latest Hancock County grand jury:

- Calandra Fitzgerald of Blue Hill, theft by unauthorized taking as the result of an incident on Aug. 19 in Bucksport

- Kayson Harvey, 23, of Newark, NJ, charged with various drug charges after an incident on Verona Island. Those charges two coincide units of aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs, one of possessing scheduled drugs and criminal forfeiture. The charges were brought by Maine Drug Enforcement Agency personnel.

- Frederick Lam, 33, of Bangor was charged with unlawfully possessing drugs in Bucksport on June 19.

- Joshua Smith, of Old Boot Road, East Orland, charged with two counts of aggravated assault on Sept. 4 as well as two counts of domestic violence assault. He was charged by state police, and all of the alleged offenses were said to have occurred in Orland.

- Malcolm Stewart, 55, of Washington was charged with theft by deception as a result of an incident in Bucksport on Aug. 13.

- Peter Vigue, of Pittsfield, the retired chief executive officer of the Cianbro Construction Co., was charged with two counts of reckless conduct with a firearm and one of recklessly discharging a firearm near a school on Sept. 21. He was charged by a sheriff's deputy after he allegedly discharged a cannon-like device during a Maine Maritime Academy football game, slightly injuring a man who was officiating at the game.

- Kevin Wiseman, 34, of Ellsworth was charged by Bucksport police with theft by unauthorized taking after an incident in Bucksport on Sept. 30.

He was charged with aggravated forgery by Ellsworth police on April 13 after an incident in that community.