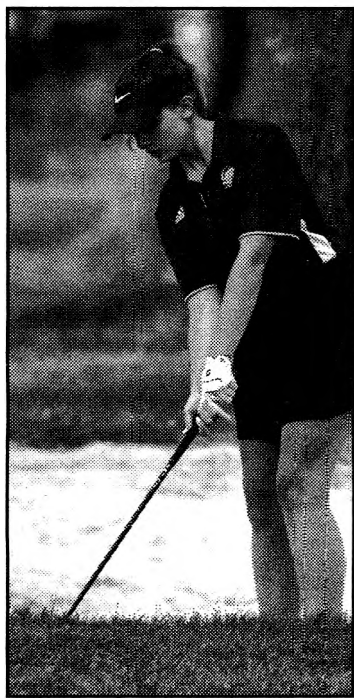


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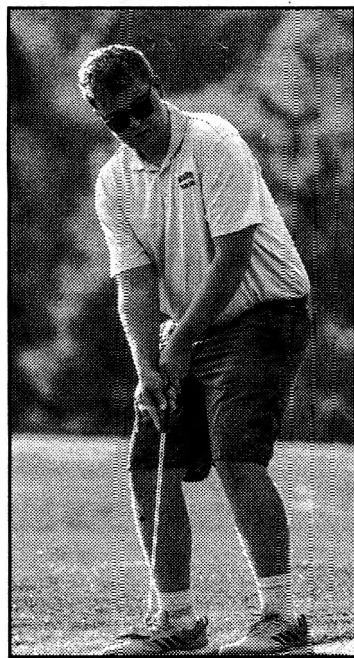
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- LISA THEOBALD

## It's tee time

The Golden Bucks golf team played its first home match. The results: GSA, 189; MDI, 163; and the Bucks, 209, according to Coach Kevin Potter.



- DOW BLAKE

## Bucksmills Road home burns

BUCKSPORT - Fire personnel were combing through the wreckage of a home at 1365 Bucksmills Road, that was gutted by fire Tuesday afternoon.

The damage to the house and its contents was estimated at more than \$500,000.

The property is owned by the Philip Cotoni family.

Nobody was hurt, and the lone person inside - a boy in the eighth grade had escaped by the time the firefighters arrived to find the attached garage in flames and the blaze rapidly spreading into the

attic of the house.

However, several pets - four of the five dogs, several cats and a rabbit - succumbed.

The call came in about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday afternoon. The first two on-call firefighters arrived about a minute later. The first firefighters who entered the home encountered heavy smoke and intense heat on the second floor.

The roof of the garage and a small section of the house roof subsequently collapsed, and the house was declared a total loss.

A backhoe was brought in to

help fire officials, including a representative of the state fire marshal's office, to try to find the cause of the blaze.

Deputy Chief Michael Denning said the cause remains under investigation but it does not appear to be suspicious.

Denning estimated the value of the home at over \$300,000 and the contents at, perhaps, \$200,000-or-more.



- 1365 Bucksmills Road

Pastor Peter Remick, the fire department's chaplain, counseled the family at the scene, and directed the efforts to get help from Bucksport Community Concerns and the Red Cross.

- In business -

## Island medical marijuana shop expands

VERONA ISLAND -The Green Island Herb shop on U.S. Route 1 has begun the process of preparing the long-closed Rise 'n Shine Restaurant across the street into an expanded version of its current business.

Jordan and Ericka Gordinio, the owners of the business which sells products only to those medically authorized to use them, purchased the restaurant a couple of months ago at a foreclosure auction.

### May face two Orland competitors

Meanwhile, another medical license marijuana products shop is slated to open in a portion of a closed convenience store on U.S. Route 1 in East Orland.

The former Acadia Market store will be divided with a wall, the herbal products being offered on one side and a scaled back variety store on the other, according to information shared when

the Orland Planning Board approved the idea recently.

Operating the shop will be Matt Lee, a resident of the Castine Road in Orland.

A third medical marijuana shop has been proposed for a site at the Castine and Leaches Point roads. An initial application was returned to the applicant by the building inspector,

who ruled the first version was incomplete.

Working with the Verona Island building inspector and the town's selectmen, the Gordinios plan to renovate and upgrade the structure on the corner of Route 1 and the West Side Drive.

The Green Island shop caters only to those with medically issued cards allowing them to purchase their products.

PLEASE SEE SHOPS, PAGE 5.

## Greeting card firm moving to Bucksport

BUCKSPORT - A national producer and marketer of eclectic greeting cards, is moving its regional business operations to downtown Bucksport.

The Borealis Press Inc., which initially operated from an old brick building in Ellsworth and later moved to the former Willard Kane general store in Surry and a storefront in Blue Hill, now has rented the basement and first floor of the building at Main Street here..

Mark Baldwin of Surry, who founded the operation some 30 years ago, has built Borealis cards into a national brand which now services wholesale customers across the country and abroad.

Now serving most of its customers through a fulfillment warehouse in Massachusetts, it operates with a core staff of five or six people, most of whom are relocating to the newly rented space here.

The shop served as a temporary office for the now-defunct

chamber of commerce and before that housed a hair salon and several other businesses..

The small firm markets lines of cards for all occasions, including some with captivating graphics but, intentionally no words, to serve those who still take pleasure in personal note-writing. They also offer several lines of related products, such as magnets, each designed to catch the eyes of those seeking unique ways to communicate complex ideas and

emotions.

The firm will have no retail operations here. Instead, the company will post an arrow directing card-buyers to its racks at one of its long-time retailers, the BookStacks store just down the street. As a result, the new location will have minimal foot traffic and be less intrusive on the parking available nearby.

PLEASE SEE GREETING, PAGE 5.

## IN THE WORKS . . . Local tidbits gleaned from the week's news

**CASH IN HAND** - When the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce shut down this year the group turned over to the town the \$1,639.07 it had left after all of the bills got paid, and suggested the cash be split between the Bucksport Community Concerns charity and Main Street Bucksport development group.

After a brief discussion, the council decided to disburse the cash once it's clear-

er as to which group could better use the money.

**CEMETERY SOLD!** The property at 917 River Road, which includes the former Old Methodist Burial Ground, reportedly has been sold. The town manager now plans to negotiate with the purchasers to arrange for a right-of-way to the portion of the property that includes the cemetery, to allow for semi-annual clean-ups of the long-neglected cemetery.

Should the owner not want to allow that to happen, the maintenance of the ancient cemetery in which Revolutionary War veterans and others are interred, would become the owners' responsibility under Maine law.

**CLEANING up the books** - The Town Council has written off \$64,700 in uncollectible ambulance fees for the period from 2014 to 2017, but the town collected nearly \$1 million in such fees during the same period.

Write-offs are needed to guarantee the town is not carrying a huge amount of assets that, in effect, never will be collected. That leads to better, more-accurate audits and cleans up the town's fiscal balance sheets.

**REAPPOINTED** - Luke Chiavelli belatedly was re-appointed for another year to his various town offices, including code enforcement officer.

"Luke is doing a tremendous job. . . He's running right out straight" because of increasing building activity, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard reported to the Town Council last week.

**OUT OF THE POOL** - The municipal swimming pool has been closed for the season and successfully drained. The recent repairs seem to have stopped most of the water loss. Evaporation caused most of the rest.

**GOIN' THROUGH MOTIONS** - There'll be a public hearing next Thursday (10/8) at 7 p.m. by the Town Council on updating the general assistance guidelines. If all goes according

to the annual script for such things the new guidelines, based on state guidelines - will be adopted as submitted.

For those who want to know what the new rules are, copies are available at the Town Offices and also on the town's website.

**SPEAK UP** - Anyone who wants to offer their two cents during any of Bucksport's virtual municipal meetings, they can watch the action on cable channel 1303. Meetings also are live streamed on the internet at townhallstreams.com and clicking on Bucksport.

The public can submit comments during or prior to any Town Council meeting by emailing them to: slessard@bucksport-maine.gov or by calling 469-7368.

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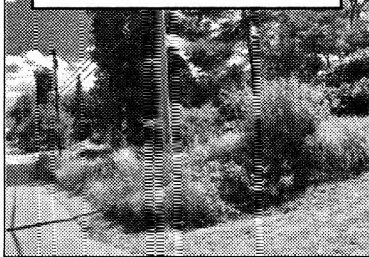


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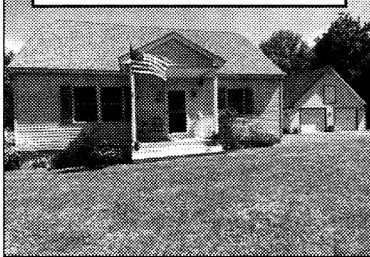
### Pending-Continue to Show



**Northport**-Special 20+/- acre parcel right on US 1/Atlantic Highway for either a new residence or commercial venture (with town approval). Property has open cleared spaces as well as wooded areas. Electric power pole right at property. Previously existing home was demolished in 2018 and prior well and septic are reported to be of no value. +/- 1/2 acre around existing mobile home is not included. An excellent opportunity!

Call Kathy Coogan 207-632-5246 \$89,000

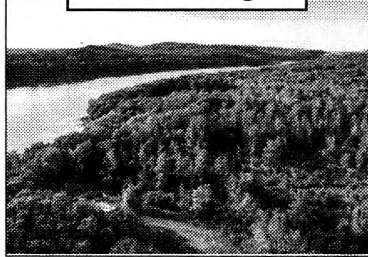
### SOLD



**393 Town Farm Road  
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207-460-1600**

### New Listing



**Verona Island**-Beautiful private lot with 450' of waterfront on the Penobscot River and sweeping views. Property already has drilled well, septic and foundation from house that was recently demolished. Enjoy the privacy of a secluded house site with convenience of access to nearby Bucksport and surrounding towns. Only about 1/2 hour to Belfast, Bangor, Blue Hill, Ellsworth and an hour to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor. Boat ramp on Verona Island is near US 1 and Bucksport's marina is in town just across the small bridge. Build your special home so you can enjoy the benefits of Maine living!

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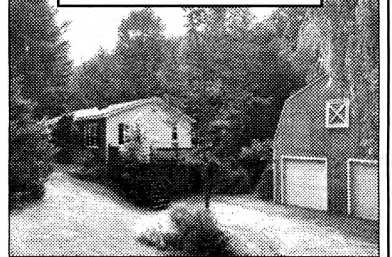
### SOLD



**50 West Mallard Lane  
Swanville**

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### Price Reduced



**Bucksport**-Nestled in on a private 15.5 acre lot, this 3BR/1BA ranch offers many updated features, including windows, flooring, roofing & furnace. Interior features a well appointed eat-in kitchen w/ slider to large wrap-around deck, bright living room w/ gas fireplace & an upgraded bath w/ tile shower. A large yard w/ specialty shrubs, trees & an oversized garage w/ storage above. Home also offers a full basement w/ work area & wood stove. A great location & ready to move in!

Call Doug Burpee 207-735-5366 \$199,900

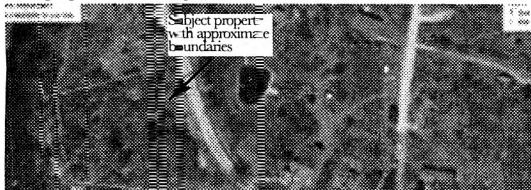


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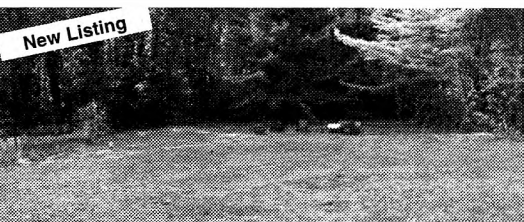
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**Bucksport**-This lovely, split level home is ready for your family to move in to their forever home. The highlight is the wonderful custom kitchen built by a well-known local craftsman, that you rarely see today. The kitchen opens out to a private deck for family or larger entertainment. The appliances are all new, and there is a large pantry. An open floor plan enters into the living room. The master bedroom is on the first level, as well as a possible 2nd bedroom that can double as a tv room. Downstairs is a 3rd bedroom and office that could be a small bedroom. There are so many possibilities for the wonderful property. Outside, there are trees that have been here for many years, as well as perennials and well established high yield blueberries & strawberries. Situated midway between Bangor/Brewer, you can commute to either city in minutes.  
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$200,000



**Orland**-Looking for an elevated building site with public sewer already on site? This 1.75 acre lot has the potential for water views and nice summer sun. Located in the historic village of Orland only a few minutes to the town of Bucksport. Lot could be divided.  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$19,900



**Bucksport**-Looking for a building lot with walking distance to Main Street? This lot is just under an acre and is cleared with public water available at the street. Bring your building plans and ideas. This is a rare lot located in the village of Bucksport. Walk to the movies, dinner or take a stroll on the waterfront.  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$48,000



**Bucksport**-Village living! This 3 Bedroom, 1.5 Bath New Englander has been in the same family for the past 40 years with a nice blend of modern updates while retaining some of the original charm. The home has updated windows, boiler, sheetrock throughout and several tin ceilings from long ago. The home boasts a detached 2-car garage w/ attached storage shed, multiple outside spaces perfect for summer entertaining and lovely established gardens for those with a green thumb! Walk downtown or stroll on the waterfront from this great location in the center of town!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$188,000

## PERMIT ACTIVITY

**BUCKSPORT** - Here are recent local building and land use permits issued by Luke Chiavelli, the town's code enforcement officer:

- 442 Bucksmills Road -- Steve Arey - Complete replacement of subsurface wastewater system, Aug. 3.
- 25 Beech Lane - Vance Peters for internal plumbing of new full bathroom, Aug. 11.
- 22 Katahdin Drive - William Carrier for central plumbing for new double wide mobile home, Aug. 12.
- 124 Main Street - Carsten Steenberg for internal plumbing, Aug. 13.
- 20 Katahdin Drive - Bruce Mitchell for internal plumbing for new modular home, Aug. 24.
- 3 River Road - Bucksport United Methodist Church, internal plumbing for new commercial kitchen, Aug. 25.

744 Bucksmills Road - Heather Grindle for replacement of sub-surface wastewater field, Aug. 26.

• 31 Williams Pond Road - Brandon Tracy to complete a new sub-surface wastewater system, Aug. 27. He also took out a permit for new internal plumbing to relocate a mobile home. He also obtained a permit to do internal plumbing on a new single-family home.

• 216 Bucksmill Road - David Sukeforth to demolish structures, Aug. 5.

• 705 River Road - Linda Trickey to build an 8x12 foot porch and a new entrance, Aug. 5.

• 386 Millvale Road - Phillip Harvey to build a 12 x 22 foot addition to an existing home, Aug. 11.

• 22 Katahdin Drive - William & Kathryn Carr to install a 28 x 52 foot double wide mobile home, Aug. 12.

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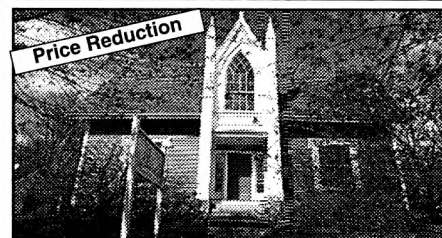
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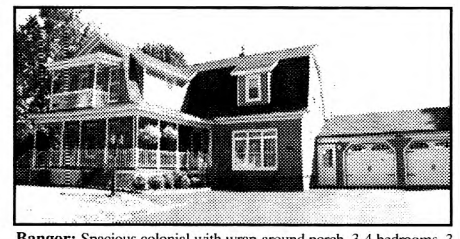
**Bucksport**: Great investment property in excellent condition! Ready to move in with your business on the main level and live on the second floor in your 3-4 bedrooms, large kitchen, dining room area. New windows, beautiful character with stained glass window in front of building. Natural gas heat. Lots of parking. Views of the Penobscot River! Schedule a showing today! \$199,900



**Hampden**: Salt box with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. New renovated kitchen to include, new cabinets, counter top, new dishwasher, updated bathrooms, all situated on a private 1/2 acre lot. Won't last long in one of Hampden's great locations! \$174,900



**Bangor**: Lots of character and charm at this home! Conveniently located to all Bangor amenities this 4 bedroom, 2 bath colonial with many updates will surely make you a great home! Newly updated kitchen with granite countertops and plenty of cabinets. Large bedrooms, attic completely finished with full bath! Enjoy the outdoors on your back deck! Call to see today! \$144,900



**Bangor**: Spacious colonial with wrap-around porch, 3-4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood floors on main level, with master bedroom with full bath, laundry room, kitchen with granite countertops, island, dining room & living room with gas stove. Home is situated on 7.18 acre in-town lot. Additional buildable lot on this property. 2 plus car garage. In law apartment with 2 bedrooms, full bath, living room, full kitchen and balcony. Brand new septic system. Call to see today. \$339,000



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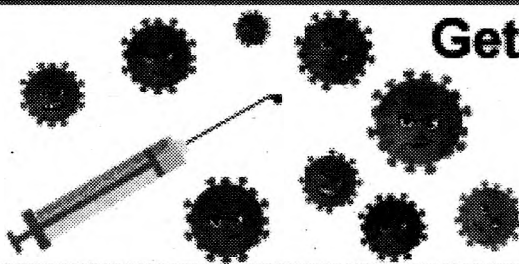


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## Friends & Family

**BIG BUCKS!** - The **Maine Maritime Academy (MMA)**, has surpassed its goal in a three-year challenge from the Harold Alfond Foundation, resulting in a \$750,000 grant to the Castine school's Harold Alfond Engineering Scholarship Fund.

In 2017, the Alfond Foundation challenged MMA to raise a total of \$2.25 million and increase the alumni participation rate to 20 percent in annual fund giving over three fiscal years. The campaign, called Vision 20|20, raised over \$2.7 million and reached a 24.5 percent alumni participation by June 30.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - The members of the **Elm Street Congregational Church** will hold their annual meeting immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday.

They also will resume the weekly Bible study sessions this fall, and the

"Coffee & Conversations" with the pastor, Rev. Doctor Stephen York, also will resume next month.

**MOVING ON...** The town manager last week told the Town Council that **Brook Ewing Minner** of Bucksport plans to resign as the executive director of **Main Street Bucksport**, before the end of the year.

Efforts to contact Minner about her future plans were unsuccessful.

Minner helped found the private, not-for-profit downtown development group several years ago. The town has subsidized Minner's half-time position for the past few years.

**POP YOUR OWN CORN!** - This month **Northeast Historic Film** is having "Home Movie Day" all month long!

An annual international celebration of amateur films and filmmaking held

across the world this year will be a virtual event. It will present clips from 31 home movies from the Bucksport-based group's archives.

It will start with the group's earliest reels from 1915 and continue through to the 2010s. Featured will be everything from Kodachrome blueberry harvesting and mid-century lobster dinners, to 1930s Halloween costumes and criminal goats.

**TRUMPERS!** - Those who organized the boat, motorcycle and truck convoys from **Bucksport** to Bangor last month are launching a "Columbus Day Ride-In Rally for Trump" on Oct. 10.

Owners of motorcycles, trucks, Jeeps and cars will gather to decorate their vehicles at Dysart's at 530 Coldbrook Road in Hermon, from noon to 1 p.m. They then will follow the traditional Bangor/Brewer parade route from Wilson Street in Brewer through Main Street in Bangor and along the Penobscot River to Old Town.

The plan calls for groups on both the sides of the river, starting at 1 p.m.

The group is to arrive at the

Myerowitz Chiropractic Center, 1570 Broadway, Bangor by 2, and go until 3 on the Myerowitz clinic grounds. The rain date is Sunday, Oct. 11.

Dick Campbell at 745-7748, or Marc Abplanalp at [Marc@MobileMarineService.net](mailto:Marc@MobileMarineService.net) or 610-3278.

**BAKIN' AWAY** - A letter to the editor in last week's *Bucksport Enterprise* mourning the loss of a long-since-closed bakery on Main Street caused **Robert Briggs** of Bucksport to think fond thoughts of long-ago doughnuts as well.

Briggs wrote of his memories of another long-gone downtown bakery, this one run by **Tony Bridges**, next door to what today is **Katherine's Antiques**. It was in a now-raised building that once housed the Ellen Jewett Realty.

Anyone with nostalgic thoughts of businesses and business people who once thrived on Bucksport's main street is invited to share them. Send your memories to *The Bucksport Enterprise*, Post Office Box 829, Bucksport, ME 04416, or e-mail them to

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## We all lost!

This week's much-anticipated, much-hyped presidential debate was a clear loss for the electorate of this nation. Both candidates presented themselves and their ideas poorly, making the contest more a blood-letting knife fight than an logical and civilized exchange of ideas and policies.

One enterprising reporter, anxious to file a debate-related article to fill some space, actually sought out some bona fide circus clowns. The clowns' response? They said calling what happened Tuesday night a clown show or a circus is to disrespect hard-working clowns and true circuses.

It's beyond time for the two candidates for the job of leading the free world to return to presidential calm and decorum. It's also beyond time for the committee staging the debates to set - and strictly enforce - clear rules to keep from

### EDITORIALS

having this debacle repeated in two weeks.

Next time out, the moderator is to be a C-Span host, presumably one not as concerned about ratings or personal ego to be sucked into the fray as Chris Wallace so clearly was. And the questions are to come, town hall-style, from presumed independents. (Finding a roomful of true independents in this divided nation may be the toughest challenge of all).

We'll not hold our breath that common sense and decency will win out when the two candidates next appear on the same stage. However, this nation ought not to have to hold its collective nose when the highest office in the land is at stake

## Compassion rules

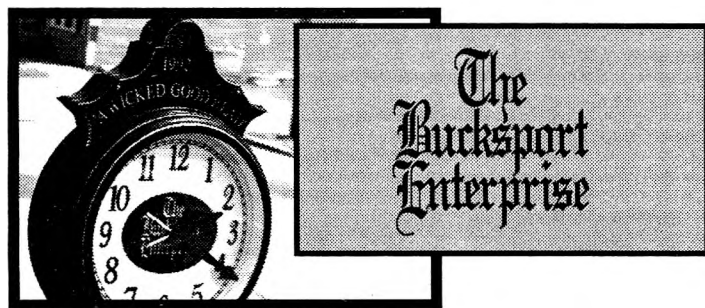
Years ago the Bucksport Community Concerns organization was formed here, an all-volunteer neighbor-helping-neighbor response to a tragic house fire. This week the group and Pastor Peter Remick responded again. While there was no loss of human life, the firefighters were grateful there was someone there for the family whose home was being destroyed by fire, as he has helped firefighters and police officers cope with other tragic events.

The loss was of someone's home and virtually everything in it, but it quickly was clear that the loss of many pets remained an especially difficult one for the family. The firefighters arranged for the backhoe brought in to uncover the rubble to dig an appropriate grave on the property for the animals. Remick and a few others were their late Thursday to share their continuing loss long after the fire was doused.

The animals - both those who survived and those that did not - were gathered up gently, each treated by the firefighters as if the pets were their own.

In time, the house and its contents will be replaced; new memories will emerge from among the ashes. Still, few memories ever can burrow deeper into the psyche than knowing there are caring people looking out for others.

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## Majestic bird

When you're at the top of the heap, you get the best seat in the house. This eagle was spotted this week at Toddy Pond, the master of all he surveyed.

## - District 130, Maine House of Representatives -

*The Bucksport Enterprise provides this free space to the two candidates for the House seat to represent Bucksport and Orrington — and invited them to present their candidacies unfiltered and unedited.*

### Kathy L Downes, Republican

I am Kathy Downes and I'm running to represent you in Augusta.

I have lived and worked in Bucksport all my life. I enjoyed my years growing up in this town. I played sports at Bucksport High School, was married and raised my two children here. Having served as Bucksport Town Clerk for over 26 years, I recently was elected to the Bucksport Town Council. I love this town and have dedicated my life to serving it.

I have an interest in taking my experience and passion to Augusta to bring common sense to public policy on behalf of the citizens of Bucksport and Orrington.

Bucksport has seen great change in its economic base over the recent years. I have seen resilience in this town because of the spirit of our citizens. "I Believe in Bucksport" best describes how this little town on the Penobscot River has gone from a prosperous mill town to leading Maine in its future of prosperity in an ever changing social economic environment. With the new businesses and growth at the Bucksport Industrial Park, AIM's redevelopment of the Bucksport Mill site and in our downtown, we truly are the best example of how a mill town can rebound.

My top priority for serving you in Augusta is to preserve our physical and financial safety while securing a strong educational and economic base for good paying jobs. In these uncertain times I will also work on protecting our vulnerable senior population, working on health care issues, supporting our Veterans and creating a stronger educational system.

Augusta needs more common sense solutions from our service providers, not politicians. This is what will forge us forward to the success needed in these troubled times. I pledge to take that to Augusta on your behalf. Together we can do it. I'm asking for your support on Nov. 3.

### Nicolas Delli Paoli, Democrat

I am Nicolas Delli Paoli, a candidate for the House seat in district 130 which includes Bucksport and Orrington.

As a trained mediator, non-partisan activist and sustainable community developer I'm focused on issues that neighbors face and solutions that enhance our society, economy, and environment. I'm 26 years old and done with status quo politics and politicians who follow party lines and corporate interests. Standing up to insurance and pharmaceutical companies by supporting Medicare-for-All is my primary goal.

Too many neighbors are suffering and going bankrupt due to high medical expenses. I want to use our collective voice and capital as leverage in negotiations with pharmaceutical companies and hospitals.

I will support bringing manufacturing jobs to Maine, assist in localizing our supply chains so we are resilient and keep money here, and give incentives and breaks to small businesses.

I also support a consumer-owned renewable energy infrastructure so Mainers' money gets invested back into our economy, not to multinational corporations. Increasing our tax base and supporting local economies requires investments into low and middle income housing so people stay and come to Maine.

I advocate for adopting restorative justice practices because they decrease incarceration rates, saving taxpayers' money, and helping offenders reintegrate into society.

I want to help as many people as possible in this district and state.

I'm a survivalist who loves the outdoors and lives off the grid.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve people in Bucksport, Orrington and Maine.

## LETTERS . . . TO THE EDITOR

### Sticker vandalism

While picking up a few groceries at our local Hannaford on Sunday (9/28), I came out to find a surprise attached to both the rear and front of my car.

There was a Trump /Pence bumper sticker covering the "bye bye, susan" magnet that is attached to the rear of my car, and a red Susan Collins sticker attached to my front bumper.

I was immediately angry and reported the incident to Hannaford management so they can keep an eye out for other similar situations.

I am writing this to make all of us aware of the divisiveness and hate this election is causing. In so doing, I am also remembering that our Ruth Bader Ginsburg has said that anger does nothing good for anyone. So, let this be a reminder to all of us to keep an eye out for our lawn signs and bumper stickers, and try not to impose our views on others arbitrarily.

Vote on Nov. 3.  
Donna Smith  
Bucksport

### Standing up for all

Each Monday a substantial number of local folks have been demonstrating peacefully on the Bucksport-Verona Island bridge.

The public death of George Floyd and other upsetting situations have moved many to this action to show our concern. We have joined to make pleas for equal justice and respect for all people.

We ask that reasonable and civil dialogue be exhibited to the participants, as this is a peaceful demonstration. All are welcome to join us in compassionate solidarity. Social distancing and masks for all are observed.

Donald White  
Bucksport



- In business -

# MMA plans advance

BUCKSPORT - The Maine Maritime Academy is to go before the Planning Board next Tuesday, where it is likely to get the land use permit the school needs to erect a new building, and a maritime-oriented fire training tower adjacent to its new nautical safety center on the paper mill site here.

The plans were part of the comprehensive plan the Castine-based state school outlined when it bought part of the former paper mill site.

The classroom portion of the safety school, which offers certification and re-certification in various skills required by mariners to obtain or renew their licenses to serve on ships and offshore platforms already is in use.

Now, the school is moving ahead with its essential specialized training sites to simulate fighting fires while at sea.

The plans call for constructing a firefighting tower simulating shipboard conditions on a base that will be 20 by 65 feet in sized. The proposed height of the structure was not immediately available.

Also planned is a 50 by 100 building, with a 30 by 50 foot secure storage building for the chemicals used in fighting fires.

Another 45 by 75 foot "pool" building is planned on the River Road site later in the future.

MMA officials have offered to share some of the new specialized firefighting training areas with fire department in Bucksport and nearby towns.

## WHOLE OCEANS

Meanwhile, the town's code enforcement officer still has not received any requests to permit the blast-

## Whole Oceans silent on progress

ing of the extensive ledges under the nearby paper mill land destined to become an on-shore Atlantic salmon farm operated by Whole Oceans, LLC.

Whole Oceans opened a small office in a renovated space at 52 Main Street, adjacent to the Town Offices in July, but that space is staffed only intermittently.

The company also appears to have significantly reduced the size of its staff after at least one major realignment of its top executives.

The firm has announced it planned to begin some of its site preparation work before the end of this construction season, but as yet there has been little to no activity on the River Road property.

The company has missed several of its projected deadlines for starting construction in the past, most recently suggesting that the COVID 19 pandemic has made it difficult to find sufficient subcontractors to get the project rolling.

An outside public relations person would only refer to the press release she issued in August.

That statement quoted Jacob Bartlett, the chief executive officer of Whole Oceans, saying, "We are excited to take one step closer to bringing this new industry to the town of Bucksport and the State of Maine. Joining the downtown business community in Bucksport will help us deepen the relationships we've already formed in the community as we look toward a successful future together."

Initially, Whole Oceans had projected the firm would be raising salmon here by now.

ioning custom cabinets, including some very unusual wooden bathtubs and some interesting homes. (One of his tubs was bought for the Smithsonian museum.)

Still, he knew next to nothing about greeting cards, so over a five-year period he accumulated, recruited and cajoled a handful of kindred spirits who did. One of those was the late Rudolph deHarak, a graphic genius who came through the door one day and then came back again to offer graphic insights and guidance Baldwin never could have afforded. (Rudy didn't win the AIGA gold medal for life achievement; he earned it.)

Things continue to change at the Borealis Press, but the folks who work there continue to spend each day trying to come up with an idea or two that might change someone's world, one card or magnet at a time.

## Saloon takes shape

ORLAND - Work is well underway on the new watering hole gathering place described by its owner as a country saloon and meeting place at U.S. Route 1 and Wardwell Road.

The plans for the place, to be called "Crazy Dave's BBQ", were given their final approval by the Orland Planning Board on Sept. 3.

The cement foundation only has been half-poured, so the final building will be considerably larger than the initial slab.

The only entrances to the property will be off Wardwell Road.

## Tradewinds purchased

ORLAND -The Tradewinds convenience store and gas station off State Route 46 were among the eight sold by Chuck and Belinda Lawrence of Blue Hill to Energy North, a Lawrence MA-based chain.

The Lawrences have kept their ownership of the Tradewinds supermarkets in Blue Hill and Calais.

Chuck Lawrence said he initially entered the convenience store field to provide businesses for his children, but they have opted to pursue their careers elsewhere. He said he came to the conclusion that he either would have to substantially grow the convenience stores, gas pumps and car washes to remain competitive or sell them off as a package.

He said he then came to the conclusion that he'd rather concentrate his talents on his first love: operating supermarkets. That made the final decision easy to make.

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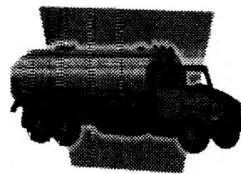
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## - Marijuana shops

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If the second medical marijuana application is resubmitted it will go before that town's Planning Board for review.

Both Orland and Verona Island officials opted not to adopt any local regulations to govern the operation of marijuana products or the growing or processing of the raw materials. The Bucksport Town Council, however, voted for its own regulations, which generally discouraged the opening of such businesses.

Shops like the one now in operation on Verona Island are not licensed to sell marijuana for recreational purposes, but the Gordinos welcome visitors and inquiries about what they sell and to whom they can legally sell it.

In the an interview, Jordan Gordino said he knows many people are confused or simply do not understand what at the moment can be a complicated business with many rules and regulations to be met. He said his new, larger location with better parking should make it easier for customers and the curious to stop by and learn the realities and benefits of some of the products the shop offers.

While he is in no special rush, he said the opening of the new site will depend on working with the selectmen and other regulators to assure things are down properly from the outset.

Once the new site opens, the current one will be closed and, perhaps, be remodeled for a less customer-traffic use, such as an office.

## - Greeting cards

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Baldwin remains surprised by his company's continuing success, most of it based on very, very minimal advertising. He said he initiated the business not so much to make a lot of money, as to have a happy place to work that would provide him with at least a modest stream of income.

The card lines soon surpassed his wildest expectations, and he still marvels at sending cards to shops in places like New Zealand or to five card shops in Boulder, CO alone.

The first Borealis Press product was a poster called *To Catch A Lobster*, printed in 1984, and it became one that got talked about. The National Zoo's invertebrate exhibit in Washington DC used one of them in its permanent display.

But, sitting by the bay in Surry, Baldwin didn't see success for five years, so the former newspaperman stuck to his money-making craft of fash-



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• **Friday, Oct. 2** - Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, blended vegetables and pudding.

• **Monday, Oct. 5** - Chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf, carrots and lemon tart.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 7** - Pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans and apple crisp.

• **Friday, Oct. 9** - Chicken pot pie, stuffing, cranberry sauce and a cookie.

• **Monday, Oct. 12** - No meal. Indigenous People Day (formerly Columbus Day).

• **Wednesday, Oct. 14** - Fish chowder, corn bread and ice cream.

• **Friday, Oct. 16** - Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and fruit.

• **Monday, Oct. 19** - Chicken alfredo, roll, broccoli and a cookie.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 21** - Meatloaf, baked potato, corn and pudding.

• **Friday, Oct. 23** - Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, snap peas and a brownie.

• **Monday, Oct. 26** - Baked haddock, rice pilaf, green beans and a lemon tart.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 28** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad and a cookie.

• **Friday, Oct. 30** - Pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots and pudding.

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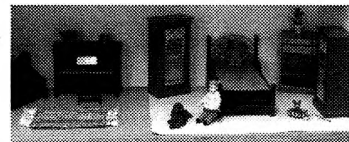
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## Bail checks net two new arrests

BUCKSPORT — A routine bail check by two Bucksport police officers at 733 State Route 46 resulted in major drug trafficking charges against two residents there.

It also resulted in the seizure of what a police department spokesman described as “a significant amount” of heroin and crystal meth, as well as violation of bail charges against each of them.

Charged about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday were Bart A Langley and Renee S. Miranda, 53. Langley also was charged with allegedly possessing a firearm after having been adjudged a felon. The two were taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

## Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — These arrests involving either Bucksport-area residents or stemming from incidents in the Bucksport area were reported:

- Christopher Timothy Woodard, 34,

of 9 Dalton Lane in Bucksport was arrested in Bucksport early Monday morning on charges of violating a protection order.

• Phillip Mark Norris, 28, of 62 Gorge Road, Prospect was arrested at the Spring Fountain Motel, 196 U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport late Friday (9/26) for reportedly violating the terms of his release in an earlier case and for unlawfully possessing a scheduled drug.

• Rhonda M. Westerman, Apt. 212, 125 Broadway, Bucksport was sentenced in Hancock Superior Court on Sept. 23 to four days in the Hancock County Jail for causing malicious mischief.

• Jan Merrill Rideout, 48, of Hampden was booked about 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday for allegedly engaging in a domestic violence assault in Prospect. Bail later was posted.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT — These court papers were issued:

• Dale Pollard, 29, of East Orland was issued a ticket for texting while driving on Main Street shortly before noon Sunday.

- Dakota Sleeper, 28, of Bangor was

given a ticket for using a cellphone while driving on Main Street about 9:45 a.m. on Sept. 23.

• Clinton Harvey, 26, of Carmel was issued a citation for using a cellphone while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 10 a.m. on Sept. 23.

• Adam Straub, 27, of New Jersey was stopped about 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 for speeding more than 21 miles above the limit posted on the Mast Hill Road.

David Siembab, 45, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly attaching false license plates to a vehicle. He was stopped about 5:15 p.m. on Sept. 21.

• Matthew Reed, 36, of Orland was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 8:30 a.m. on Sept. 22, and was given a ticket for texting while driving.

## Accident – Deer

BUCKSPORT — A dead deer was found on the River Road about 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 20. In another incident a vehicle being driven by Jona Russell, 25,



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

## Accidents - Bucksport

BUCKSPORT — These accidents were reported here:

• Vehicles being driven by Michele Shaw-Roth and Garrett Collins, 34, both of Bucksport, collided near the traffic lights on U.S. Route 1 about 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 23. The accident slowed up traffic through the intersection for some time.

• A vehicle being operated by Jessica Dyer, 27, was involved in an accident about 8 p.m. on Sunday on the Mast Hill Road.

## Waldo inmates sought

BELFAST — The Waldo County Sheriff's Office reported that Tuesday evening two 24-year-old inmates participating in the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center program walked away.

Dakota Raven of Knox and Cameron Dana of Owls Head, both assigned to maintenance duties, walked away. The sheriff's office does not believe that either poses a risk to public safety. Both are classified as minimum security inmates.

## On the pet patrol

BUCKSPORT — The municipal animal shelter has some cats, each of them ready for adoption into a loving home.

Call Dan Joy, the animal control officer, at 469-7951 for the details on the adoption process, or to arrange a visit.

## – Fire destroys home

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The family spent the past two nights at a local motel and the American Red Cross and Bucksport Community Concerns provided some gift cards to buy essentials. Virtually everything in the house was damaged by fire, smoke, heat and water, according to Denning.

Remick said the family has two children one boy, an eighth grader, and a girl in high school. They have other adult children, but their relatives do not live nearby, he said.

Friends, neighbors and others are rallying to assist in whatever ways they can, Remick said.

Cotoni works for Sodexo, the company that provides food services at the Maine Maritime Academy.

The family, while pleased that their family members were safe, severely mourned the loss of their pets. On

Tuesday evening, after the firefighting had ended, a backhoe was brought to the property to uncover the rubble. While there, the family and Remick were on hand when a small grave was dug so the pets could be appropriately buried.

Chief Denning said the house is located in a section without nearby firefighting resources, but the responses by Bucksport, Orland, Orrington and Dedham went flawlessly.

Water never was an issue. In addition to tank trucks, to have enough water the firefighters tapped the 12,000-gallon swimming pool in the backyard.

The bulk of the two-story, wood-frame house remains standing, but it's unclear if it is cost-effective to repair or to raze it and build a new home, Denning said.

Some said the house, which was built about ten years ago, and said the Cotonis

bought it several years ago. The house is in an area with the highest fire insurance premiums because of its distance from firefighting resources.

Still, Denning said the first two firefighters live nearby, and were there almost immediately. The other departments were like Bucksport, where with sirens blaring and lights flashing the response time is about 12 minutes from the fire station, the deputy chief estimated.

Denning praised all of the firefighters, and also cited Remick for being “such a great asset” to the department and those it serves. The pastor regularly has served the police and fire departments, but earlier this year he officially was appointed as the chaplain for both departments.

## A great start . . . Hileman leads pack

COACH CHRISTOPHER JONES

ELLSWORTH — Finally, after weeks of waiting and wondering whether the competitive season would happen, the Golden Bucks had their first cross country meet here on Friday (9/25).

Traditionally this is where the Bucks would normally open their season except this year the start was three weeks late as a result of the scheduling confusion that accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic.

This fall, the Bucks are competing in the Acadia division, running against the likes of George Stevens Academy, Ellsworth, Mount Desert Island, Searsport, and Deer Isle-Stonington during their regular season, with the one exception being this weekend at the Festival of Champions in Belfast.

On Friday, the Bucks challengers were GSA and Ellsworth on a 2.6-mile course. It was slightly shorter than Ellsworth's usual course, so they could accommodate a wide open start, required by the temporary Maine Principals' Association restrictions.

However, the shorter course did not eliminate the dreaded hills at the beginning and the middle of the course on the second loop. The format for the race had three waves of runners. The first included the Golden Bucks' top five, the second included their remaining three Bucks runners. The boys started Will Hileman, James Palkie, Gage Bruns, Antoney Smith and Michael Johnson in the first wave. Liam Swift, Rylee Whalen, and Cameron Evans ran in the second wave.

Starting in the first wave, Hileman would do something as a Buck runner that no freshman Bucksport High boy has

done in 33 years and, maybe, longer. He won his very first meet. Adding even more significance to those results is, that he beat runners from Ellsworth and GSA in one meet, something no Bucksport runner has done in that time span.

Just a little over 2 minutes behind was Palkie and Bruns, finishing eighth and ninth with times of 18:11 and 18:16.

Just 33 seconds later, Smith crossed the line in at 18:49, earning 11th place.

The Bucks fifth place runner was Johnson, a freshman whose time of 20:08 was good enough for 24th place.

The results for the Bucks in the second wave whose times had their start times subtracted from the first wave were: as follows. Swift in 22:33 and in 32nd place, Whalen finished just under two minutes later in a time of 24:28 and in 36th place. Rounding out the team's eight runners was Evans, who completed his race in 26:07, the 39th place finisher.

Overall, the team placed third, but it was close with just one point separating them from second and six points from first.

In the girls' race, Becca Ireland had her best race ever and the best finish for the girls in a while. She came in third in a field of 16. Her time of 20:51 was just tenths of a second behind the second place finisher.

The Lady Bucks other two runners, Ella Orcutt and Hope Rankin, finished 13th and 14th, respectively, in times of 24:53 and 25:09. Unfortunately, the girls team is two girls short of a full team so they did not qualify for a team score.

On Saturday the Bucks will run in the Festival of Champions in Belfast, something they've done since the meet started 19 years ago.



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