



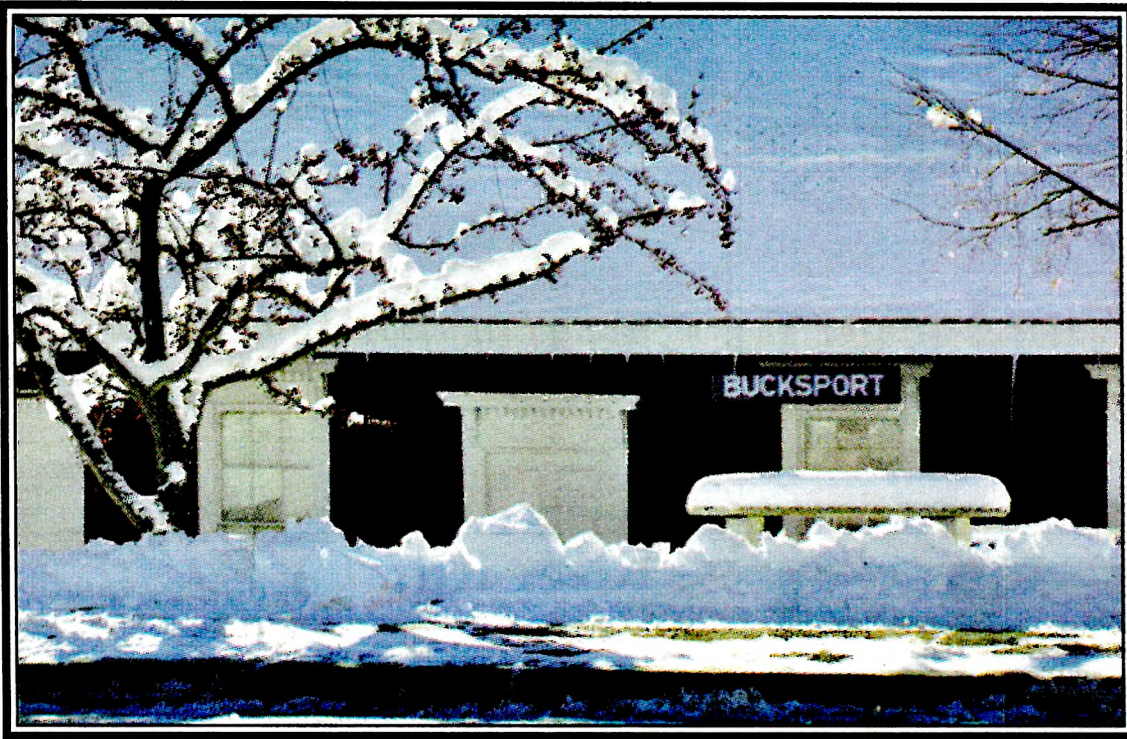
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TOWN OFFICIALS taking second look at ideas for raising and moving former depot closer to Main Street. See item in the "In the works . . ." column below.

Putting the port back into BucksPORT

BUCKSPORT — Just over 200 years ago, a few years after the British were sent packing after the War of 1812, the village of Buckstown officially became the Town of Bucksport. It was something of a "rebranding" effort of its day, still honoring the town's founder, Jonthan Buck, but also letting the world know there was a thriving port here.

All of that commercial activity along the warehouses that lined the waterfront are long gone, but a number of people with financial resources and political clout are taking another look at what might be moved up and down the Penobscot River.

It is premature to speculate but, significantly:

- American Iron & Metal (AIM) has held onto the deepwater dock it leases for oil tanker deliveries. It also has a second potential dock that, after significant upgrades, could be added to the maritime mix.
- The Maine Port Authority has said it will hold one of its trustees' meetings in Bucksport to have a look-see at what Bucksport may have to offer as the group seeks to supplement the traditional Maine ports of Portland, Searsport and Eastport.

Councilors urge . . . digging up some dirt!

BUCKSPORT — The town owns a pile of dirt at 27 Main Street, and some town councilors think it's time for it to disappear.

At last week's town goal-setting confab, a couple of the councilors offered side thoughts about that unkempt pile of earth during a series of broad-ranging discussions of larger issues.

The mound is a remnant of

the town's purchase of the property several years ago, with a view toward offering the cleared land for redevelopment.

While the buildings along that stretch of Main Street were leveled and the town crew removed truckloads, the pile of dirt was left behind on the vacant lot because it holds the anchor for a guy wire that helps support a single utility pole.



ARTICULATED tugboats routinely deliver large amounts of all sorts of cargo, and require only a small crew.

• Maine Maritime Academy officials are preparing to open the first of what could be a diverse safety school for the world's mariners. The school, scheduled to open in the latter half of this year, will serve who regularly need the training to be certified and regularly re-certified to work at sea and in other maritime-related locations.

PLEASE SEE PORT OF BUCKSPORT, PAGE 5.

Since then, the pile has sprouted a town-installed flashing speed alert sign and, in election seasons, a dozen-or-so candidates' campaign signs.

Last Thursday, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard was urged to do what she can to make the pile go away after several councilors said it's an eyesore and an impediment to reusing or marketing the site.

Sixty nine seek clerk's job

BUCKSPORT — The town manager this week began interviewing a half dozen of the 69 applicants who want to be the next town clerk here.

The massive outpouring of interest far surpasses that for any other municipal or school vacancy here, at least in recent memory. Far fewer applied for the most-recent town manager and superintendent of schools openings.

Kathy Downes, the longest serving clerk in the town's 226-year history, will retire on April 4. Her successor is expected to be named in time for the person to spend some time working with Downes.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard reports that 10 candidates have municipal experience, while others have significant office and office management backgrounds in other settings. Eighteen of the applicants are men, including at least one of the finalists.

Councilors urge modest growth

Bucksport's static population cited

BUCKSPORT — After years of only modest municipal efforts to counter the Bucksport's stagnant population growth it appears some town councilors may now want to see more done to counter that trend.

Here are the population trend town officials last week began to talk more openly about:

1940	2,927	
1950	3,120	+ 6.6 %
1960	3,466	+11.0 %
1970	3,756	+ 8.3 %
1980	4,345	+15.7 %
1990	4,825	+11.0 %
2000	4,908	+ 1.7 %
2010	4,924	+ 0.3 %
	Projected	
2020	4,469	- 9.1 %
2030	3,398	-23.9 %

SOURCES: U.S. Census and town's Comprehensive Plan

Few local officials anticipate that sort of population decline and, in fact, are expecting the new activity planned at the former paper mill and the increased number of jobs at the industrial park will spur additional business development.

However, at a special session

last week to discuss setting the town's 2019 goals Town Councilor Mark B. Eastman opened the discussion, saying, "We need to be a growth community."

He also warned his colleagues that the, "demographics are not pretty," in Bucksport, a reference to the fact that this region continues to have a rapidly increasing number of older people in a state that leads the nation in its percentage of older people.

While Eastman, a real estate broker, made the case for more housing and more residential options, other councilors appeared to agree with the general premise that some additional growth should be encouraged.

Back in 2001, the then-town manager, Roger R. Raymond was asked by a prospective business owner what the population of Bucksport was, Raymond responded, "It's a little under 5,000, and we're working hard to keep it that way."

In recent years, there has been little recent public discussion among the councilors about the growth issue.

SEE COUNCILORS, PAGE 6.

New owner claims no plans Seven River Road properties sold

BUCKSPORT — Seven parcels of land - over 450 acres - on and just off the River Road last month were sold to one of the largest paving and construction contractors on the East Coast.

Wardwell Family Realty, LLC - representing the family of John Wardwell of Orland - sold the properties to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for a total of \$648,000.

A Eurovia spokesman in Bangor said in a brief telephone interview this week that the company has no immediate plans for the local property.

He said the Bucksport land was acquired by Eurovia as one of many assets it has purchased across Maine, some of them strategic to the firm's short-term plans and others - including the Bucksport land - not.

In the past the River Road site has been viewed as a possible quarry.

Crushed stone is an essential to the production of the aggregate that is asphalt.

A number of major public and private paving projects are anticipated in this area in the coming months, and the pace could quicken if the federal government gets serious about upgrading the nation's faltering infrastructure. However, the spokesman said that has nothing to do with the December property acquisition here.

The local properties are arrayed near 839 River Road, and are along River, Colson, McKinnon and Willins Orchard roads. Two are on the River Road, three on Colson and one each of the other two roads.

The properties also abut hundreds of feet of the now-dormant rail line between Bucksport and Bangor.

PLEASE SEE RIVER ROAD, PAGE 2.

IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits of things to come

ON THE ROADS — The Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) construction projects scheduled across the state include a couple in Bucksport and Orland. Paving is planned along Route 15 and along U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport and Orland. Other projects, in her district by state Sen. Kimberley Rosen, R-Hancock, include improvements at Bucksport's municipal marina.

Those headed out-of-the-area will find DOT money being used to replace a bridge on Wilson Street in Brewer; and highway paving and related improvements on Route 15 in Brewer.


GOT CABLE — The town's efforts to get cable and internet services extended to a small number of homes just got some major financial help.

The town is getting a ConnectME grant of \$62,820

and the Spectrum Cable company will kick in \$27,150. The town is come up with the rest: \$54,239. The \$144,209 project will extend service to portions of Millvale and Bucksports roads.

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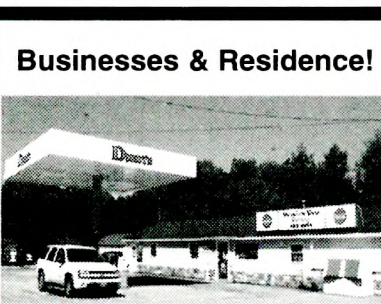
Orland—Build your new home at Winkumpough Crossing! Conveniently located for easy access to Ellsworth, Bangor, Bucksport, Orland this subdivision includes 7 wooded lots ranging from 2.91 to 1.18 acres. Or buy all 14+/- acres. All lots have been surveyed and soils tested. To protect your investment and value, covenants require minimum 1000 sq ft single family homes.
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Move-in Ready!




Bucksport—This 16x72', 2014 Commodore home offers over 1,300 sq. ft. of living space w/2BR 1.5BA. 2 acre lot is surveyed with well and septic new in 2014. covered front porch, deck & storage shed.
Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 \$128,500

Businesses & Residence!




Orland—Active turn-key gas station, convenience store & redemption center business on major high traffic highway. Property also includes 2BR 2 BA home on site for rental income or owner residence. On major route to points Downeast and less than an hour to Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor & Mt. Desert Island. Excellent opportunity to live and work in Maine!
Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 \$429,900

Alamosook Lake!




Orland—3 bedroom 1 bath lakeside cottage, with 0.45 acre lot and smooth calm waters this location is perfect for swimming. Open interior layout with kitchen, cathedral living room with woodstove overlooking the porch.
Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 \$124,900

Move-In Ready!




Bucksport—The charming 1 BR 2 BA home on 1.9 acres is an excellent equestrian property or a private Maine residence. Horse barn has 7 stalls, direct pasture access, tack room, grain room, garage door & loft storage for 500 bales. House has a master BR suite on lower level w/ cedar walk in closet, living room, dining room, heat pump for heating & cooling, cozy wood stove, deck & a wonderful gazebo on a small pond.
Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 \$187,500

SOLD!




Hancock—Spacious 4 bedroom 1 bath farmhouse with large yard. Property is a bank owned property that needs some work, but previous owner had been doing updates such as siding, floors and an extra bedroom. Great potential! Please note that seller will not accept any offers during the 1st 10 days of this listing.
Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 \$41,600

11 Acres




Bucksport—Private, wooded building lot on dead end road with desirable Southern exposure. This 11 acre parcel is close to the public boat ramp to Jacob Buck Pond and conveniently located near downtown Bucksport and about 1 1/2 hour or less to Bangor, Belfast, Ellsworth & Blue Hill. Build your dream home!
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Building Lot




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Development Opportunity




Bucksport—Development opportunity with multi-use potential! Prime location on Main Street adaptable to commercial/residential use w/ spectacular views of historic Fort Knox & the Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory. Accessibility to shopping, restaurants, & the town Riverwalk offers attractive amenities for your project. Surveyed & cleared w/ public water, sewer, 3 phase power & natural gas available at site. Town owned property offers incentives depending upon project.
Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 \$110,000



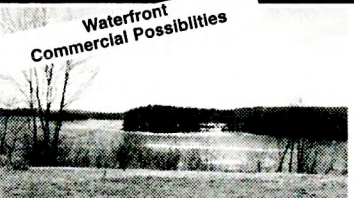
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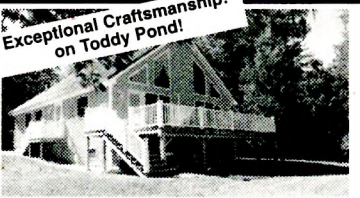


Waterfront Commercial Possibilities




BUCKSPORT—A lot with a view. This .77 acre lot is located within walking distance of the village of Bucksport. Public utilities are already in place. An old garage exists on the lot as well. Great southern exposure and potential for a walk-out basement. Commercial possibilities!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$99,900

Exceptional Craftsmanship! on Toddy Pond!




ORLAND—Lakeside living! This 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Contemporary home sits just off the shores of Toddy Pond with exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. The kitchen has SS appliances, quartz countertops with an open concept feel while the dining/living area enjoys natural light and views of the pond. Quality materials throughout with Maine Red Oak floors and ceramic tile in the kitchen and baths. Additional amenities include a large composite deck for summer entertaining, an oversized garage with storage above, paved driveway and potential for additional living space in the basement. Utilities in place across the road could allow for a guest cottage or a place for family or friends to park the RV for the weekend!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$599,000

29 Acres!



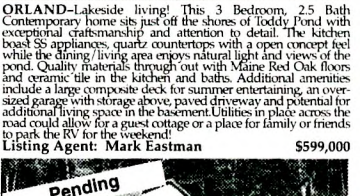
BUCKSPORT—Get away from it all yet only minutes to the village of Bucksport. This 29 acre parcel is wooded, has a decent seasonal road into the property. Great area for hunting or just getting back to nature. Priced to sell!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$27,000

Great Investment Potential!



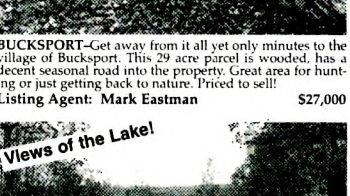
ORLAND—Looking for a project? This 2 Bedroom 1 Bath New Englander has a solid house needing some finish work. Septic was updated in 2000 has a FHA heating system and a 1 car detached garage. Easy commute to Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$59,900

Pending



BLUE HILL—This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Gambrel is set on a level 1.4 acre lot with some commercial potential. Recent updates include a new kitchen, tile floors and bathroom and new carpet and paint to add a great deal to the home. Additional improvements consist of siding, roofs and a water heater. Only minutes to Blue Hill village. Great tile work! Come take a look today!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$164,900

Views of the Lake!



ELLSWORTH—Build a room(s) 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) down the road? A great area that is convenient to Bangor, Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport. Lovely view of the lake. Calling those who love the sunrise!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$49,000

— River Rd.

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Upgrading that rail line is being viewed by planners as a potential major economic development catalyst.

Eurovia, an offshoot of an even-larger French-based firm, performs major construction projects around the world, while the United States affiliate alone employs 39,500 people.

On Aug. 18, Eurovia announced its acquisition of the Lane Construction Co., virtually doubling its presence in the American asphalt paving business on the East Coast. In 2002, Lane bought the privately owned Wardwell Construction Co. based in Orland.

One ringy-dingy!

BUCKSPORT — An essential part of the high school experience recently succumbed: both the bells that signal the beginning and ending of each class, and the school's intercom system quit.

That left a couple of teachers resorting to egg timers to keep on schedule.

But the problem is being fixed. Most of the electronic "guts" of the system installed in 1999 is being scrapped and new gear is being installed.

The cost? About \$14,000. That's money well-spent, according to those who now recognize the importance of bells.

Real estate transfers

The latest real estate transfers to be recorded with the Town of Bucksport's assessors' office are on Page 7.

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\$97,900



Surry: Well maintained cape with 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large dining room/den with propane stove. 24x14 living room with built-in shelving, heat pump and access to 3-season sun room. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops! 2-car garage with storage above. A must see! Call today!
\$278,000

New Listing



Ellsworth: Two acre private country setting but close to all Ellsworth, Bangor, Holden and Bucksport amenities. This home boasts 3 large bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, open floor plan to include living room with fireplace, kitchen with island, dining room, laundry room with sink and additional counter space, additional family room to enjoy year round and a 2+ car oversized garage!
\$149,900



Carmel: Spacious cape situated on 1 acre lot with private back yard. 4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large formal dining room, eat-kitchen, den with bay windows, large family room for all your entertaining with wood stove, large deck overlooking your beautifully landscaped yard! Call to see today...It won't last long!
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STAY WARM — A Bucksport High School Outing Club trip to a rural hut in Carrabasset Valley in Western Maine has been approved for March 29-31, when presumably it will be somewhat warmer.

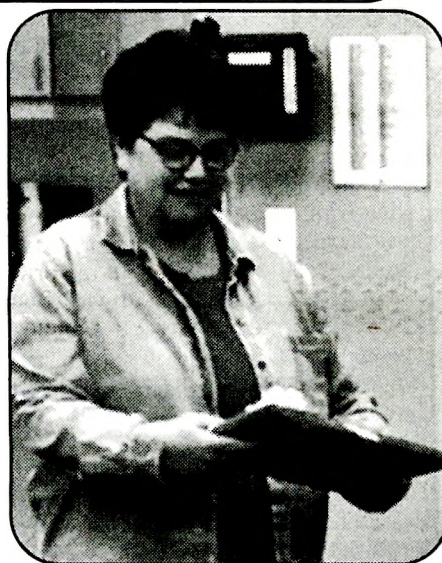
Matt Morrison, the leader of the excursion, noted the accommodations are not as primitive as they may sound for the "hut" has a full kitchen and hot showers.

He also noted he has lead enough trips with teenagers to know when its tough, play it safe and be cautious.

The RSU 25 School Board agreed to the trip this week, but apparently no members of the board volunteered to go along.

MOVING ON — Lisa Tapley has resigned as the track coach at the Bucksport Middle School.

Tapley graduated from Husson University, and has taken a full-time position elsewhere.



Jackie Hunt

Also, Kyle McGeechan has been granted a fraternal leave of absence as he and his wife, Kali, are expecting a child shortly. Requests for such leaves

have been anticipated and now are part of the contract with RSU25. In Kyle's case, the leave will be for the 2019-2020 school year.

HONORED — Jackie Hunt of Bucksport last week was honored for her years of service on the board of directors of the Bucksport Regional Health Center.

Hunt was presented with a commemorative plaque by Carol Carew, the chief executive officer of the center, on behalf of the board and the entire health care organization.

Hunt is the deputy town clerk, motor vehicle agent and ambulance billing clerk at the Bucksport town office.

THINK 2020! The junior class at Bucksport High School is holding a major public fundraising buffet at MacLeod's Restaurant on Main Street on Sunday, with seatings at 10 a.m. and at noon.

The \$15 per person tickets are avail-

able by calling the school at 469-6650, and asking for Jen Skala, the advisor to the class.

The money the class earns will be added to the account which is tapped to finance the class's graduation trip and for other expenses during graduation.

AT THE WILDLANDS — The Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust has obtained state and federal money to rebuild the Hillside Trail, the group's Wildlands area in East Orland.

The money will allow the upgrade of the trail from an old skid road to a high-quality snowmobile, horse, bicycle, and hiking path.

The group has sought bids for the project, and is nearly ready to authorize the work. Construction will start this spring. The existing Hillside Trail will be closed for construction at times, but - according to the planners - "it will be worth the wait."

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Good news and . . .

RSU 25 has received some very good news: According to a draft announcement from Maine education officials, the local school system is expected to receive an additional \$330,000 in state aid and the local contribution will be cut by \$173,300. If those figures hold, that will provide just over a half million additional dollars.

EDITORIAL This week, the School Board also was able to authorize replacing nearly \$60,000 in the schools' capital reserve account for future major projects and another \$25,000 in the technology reserve account. That decision was based on again having money left over from this year's academic year budget. This year, that was estimated at some \$84,000

As a result, the system will have roughly 3 percent of its total budget squirreled away for whatever may lie ahead. That's a percentage state education officials like to see, according to Supt. of Schools James Boothby.

The real question now is how the four municipalities that comprise the RSU will fare once all of the budgeting is done for the next school year. Education, after all, is by far the largest depository of locally raised tax dollars.

Boothby is not about to speculate about how the final numbers will work out with the budgeting season just getting underway. He also will have to factor in the costs of a new contract with the teachers' union, and the deliberations on that pact are continuing. Ninety nine people are eligible for membership in the union, and comparisons are being raised between Bucksport's salary range and those in other Hancock and even Penobscot county communities.

Meanwhile, there are two major teacher pay raise bills being battled about in the current Legislature. One would raise the minimum starting salary to a whopping \$50,000; the other would peg the minimum at \$40,000-a-year.

Just as the increase in the minimum wage required adjustments, those RSU employees now at the bottom, will need adjustments to their pay all the way up the ladder. The same may result once the teacher pay issue nudges toward a settlement.

Don't expect much clarity on local taxes until long after the first crocus is spotted, and this year that, too, may be late.

Growth is good!

Nobody who knows anything about why we live here wants to see what we treasure trampled. True small town Mainers like the familiar where everybody knows both your name and your reputation. Still, it's refreshing to hear the Town Council start to talk about encouraging modest growth, for the alternative is atrophy, withering on the vine.

—From the margins of the editor's notebook—

Gravediggers: Working their way down

In a small New England town far, far away, the selectmen had themselves a major dilemma. Lucas Perkins, who had dug every grave in town since anyone could remember, died.

Now Perkins was 84, and some might think the town fathers should have seen the end of his digging days coming. However, nobody could imagine anyone else digging a grave as neat and tidy as Lucas did. He did it the old-fashioned way with a spade and an occasional whack with the sturdy pick-axe, for rocks spring eternal in New England soil.

Perkins' death presented two issues:

Perkins was some years behind in his grave lot records. He would dig, but he didn't like to write things down. Now, nobody could know exactly who had been buried where in the past several decades if their families hadn't placed a stone to mark their loved one's resting spot. It now was near impossible to distinguish between many occupied lots and those which remained available for purchase, Lucas carried that sort of vital information around in his head.

The second problem was that there weren't a lot of gravediggers seeking employment in a tiny town, especially when the task involves digging most of the graves by hand. Heavy machinery would wreak havoc on ancient brittle gravestones.

What to do? The selectmen thumb-tacked the obligatory job opening on the wall down at the post office. They even used a sheet of fluorescent yellow paper to emphasize the urgency of the situation.

Two more weekly meetings went by, and still no takers. There's just not a lot of money to be made on five or six burials a year.

"What if somebody dies," some residents began to ask, with one suggesting Millie Tardwell appeared to be moving up on the waiting list.

Then, as they were about to cast their net again, Sheila Witherspoon and Daphne Dudley showed up. The two, in their mid-30s, were known to be in super shape, what with their constant running about in their extra short gym shorts and all. Each also was known to have won a number of drinks, arm-wrestling men over at Dudley's Tap out on the main drag in the next town over.

The two said they were prepared to dig, and offered to use their own tools. They also offered assurances that they knew how to get plenty of help should they ever need it.

Roswell Simpson, the third selectmen, would have none of it for, "Digging graves is hard work." He dismissed the ladies with his favorite open-ended but always permanent conversation-stopper: "We'll let you know."

A couple of weeks passed. Still, no aspiring gravediggers, male or female. Finally, the first and second selectmen huddled briefly in the parking lot before the next weekly gathering. Simpson was

bluntly told, "Somebody's going to die, and we're going to look like fools." Simpson was unmoved, but out-voted. Two-to-one, the ladies were hired.

Now, deaths in small towns are few and far between, so it was several months before the first one occurred on Sheila and Daphne's watch. (*It wasn't Millie either. You can't stop those Tardwells, they are tough as nails!*)

And so it was, the first selectmen found himself on a wicked hot Tuesday in July driving by the main cemetery. Out of the corner of his eye he spotted a half-dozen-or-so pick-ups clustered atop the hill at the back of the cemetery. As a town father he felt duty bound to check out what qualified as a down-right crowd, at least for a mid-day on a Tuesday.

Driving as far in as he could on the single lane, which long since had succumbed to years of frost heaves, he abandoned his car and walked the final steps to the pick-ups. He "mornin-ed", and the men "mornin-ed" back. They did so without taking their eyes off the job at hand.

There in a slowly deepening hole were Sheila and Daphne, their spades flinging out chunks of freshly pick-axed earth. And those ladies were wearing bikinis, in deference to the sultry day and the work that lie before them.—let's just say there wasn't a lot left to the imagination.

The men long since had exhausted their supply of comments about the heat, the humidity and the Boston Red Sox. They simply stood there.

Then, clunk, the unmistakable sound of metal striking the residue of the long-gone glacier that made New England what it is today. With nary a word, three of the fellows leaped into that hole. One grabbed the pick axe while the others man-handled that boulder up onto the newly spaded soil.

At first, the boulders would fly out of the pit, but as the hole grew deeper, the stones barely found their way out to rest precariously on the growing piles of excavated dirt. Just as quickly, the men routinely crawled and clawed their way out of the hole. They unwittingly provided all of the unpaid help the women had said they could muster they needed so as to get the job done quickly.

The ladies were sweaty and thirsty and would pause for water breaks. When their bottles went dry, one of the fellows would climb his way to the top and go to his truck to fetch another.

The hole dug, the men told the ladies they'd be back in a couple of days to help replace the boulders and the dirt and spread out the newly removed turf.

On the next Monday, the selectmen, fresh from hearing several compliments about the ladies' ability to get a good grave dug, congratulated themselves on their superior hiring skills.

—DON HOUGHTON

LETTER...to the editor

'Garden of books'

To the Editor,

Our flowering little Buck Memorial Library, near the shore of the Penobscot River, was built in 1887 of Blue Hill granite and today houses nearly 26,000 books.

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tend a row'**

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*tended year by year by our good folks!
All we've saved to savor and seed
in our riverbank garden of books
grown from stone and deep need.
To read!*

Restoration of the library façade still is not complete due to the discovery of additional repairs to be made at the north chimney.

We need to raise \$9,000 more to match a \$19,000 grant to help complete this work, and, in turn, conclude restoration of the building's exterior that began in 1998.

Please join us and others and donate what you can to our "Riverbank Garden of books, grown from stone, tended year by year by our good folks."

Larry Wahl, Chairman,
Board of Trustees
Buck Memorial Library
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** This poem was penned by
Patricia Ranzoni, Bucksport's
poet laureate, in honor of the
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National Poetry Month, April,
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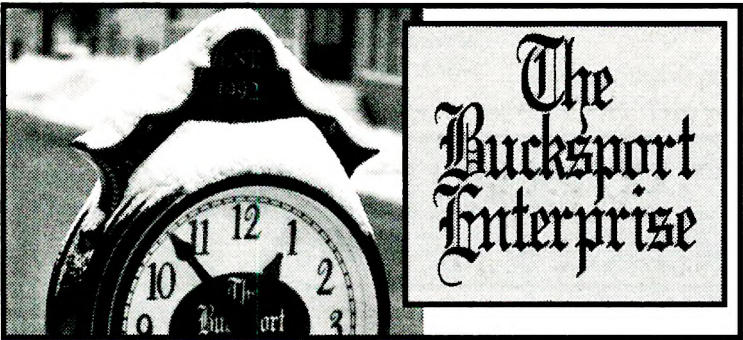
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OBITUARY

Charles Robert Davis, 1945 - 2019

BUCKSPORT/VERONA ISLAND — Charles Robert ("Bob") Davis, who was born on Aug. 20, 1945, was delivered into the hands of our Lord on Feb. 3, at 11 p.m., joining his parents, Edna and Charles "Pic" Davis.

Bob was raised on a farm in Creamery PA, and lived in Maine, for the past three decades in Bucksport. He had a business in primitives and antiques on Verona Island for many years. His passion for gardening is well-known.

He had vast knowledge on many different topics, and was generous in sharing his opinions.

He is survived by two brothers, Barry and Tommy, and two nephews, Dale and Austin; and T. Scott Concannon, his dedicated companion since 1982.

Bob will be buried in Pennsylvania.

Memorial services will be held in Bucksport in the spring. The date will be announced later.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to the Bucksport Animal Shelter will be appreciated.



Honoring the Bucks

The Buck Memorial Library is continuing to display memorabilia related to Jonathan Buck, for whom Bucksport is named. A rendering of Buck sits on the mantle below portraits of his grandson, Richard Pike Buck, and Richard's wife, Charlotte. Jonathan Buck was born 300 years ago on Feb. 20, 1719. The library aids with area history and genealogy.

— BucksPORT

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Town officials have met with top officers of the Maine Port Authority; and last week Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic director, held a follow-up session in the authority's office in Rockland.

The authority is looking at all aspects of transportation, including links with rail lines such as the one that now sits idle in Bucksport.

Getting cargos to and from Eastport has been an issue since that port was improved, for it lacks easy access to either highways or any railroad service.

The authority is looking into the possibility of serving more articulated tugboat cargo carriers such as those long in use on the nation's large rivers. These vessels (like the one shown on Page 1 of today's Enterprise), only require a small crew and are capable of hauling loads up to seven stories high. That's less than the clearance afforded coming under the Penobscot Narrows bridge.

These boats are modern day equivalents of the old packet ships that once dominated cargo service up and down the East Coast and into the Maritimes.

Although a directors' meeting is planned here by the port authority later in the spring, it is considered too soon to determine the long-term viability of a port here.

Still, a more modest port could also serve some of the international cruise vessels that are smaller than ocean liners, but larger than the small cruise boats that have put into Bucksport on weekends in recent years; especially when the seas were running rough in the open waters beyond the bay.



It's not ccc-ooo-lll-ddd!

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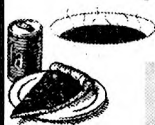
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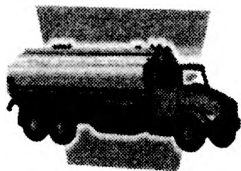


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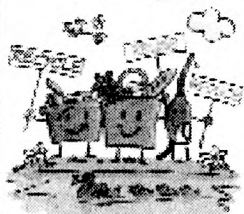
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Event— Talk will focus on safe ways to learn about health and wellness

BUCKSPORT — A free program on understanding medical matters will be held at the Bucksport Senior Center on April 8, and those of all ages are welcome.

Meg Haskell, a health care reporter and registered nurse, will talk about how to improve one's health literacy.

The session will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the center at 125 Outer Broadway.

Those attending can bring along their questions about health and wellness, for themselves or someone else.

Haskell will offer tips on finding reliable health information on line, and without being exposed to advertising, false claims or personal risk.

More information is available at 469-3632.

The talk is being underwritten by Healthy Acadia and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Calendar

BUCKSPORT — Here's the calendar of programs available 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.
- 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Bridge games. (Not during the summer months.)

Tuesdays

- 5:45 to 8 p.m. - Bingo
- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Day Quilters (First Tuesday of each month.)

Wednesdays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Scrabble.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders exercise

Thursdays

- 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.

Luncheon menus

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

- **Friday, March 1** - Salisbury steak with gravy, baked potato, green beans and ice cream.
- **Monday, March 4** - Pot roast, baked potato, carrots and fruit.
- **Wednesday, March 6** - Open-faced hot turkey sandwich with stuffing, cranberry sauce and cake.
- **Friday, March 8** - Lasagna with meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic bread and

chocolate cream pie.

- **Monday, March 11** - Baked stuffed haddock rice pilaf, peas and carrots and a cookie.

- **Wednesday, March 13** - Pot roast, mashed potato, baby carrots and a whoopie pie.

- **Friday, March 15** - Roast turkey with gravy and stuffing, mashed potato and bread pudding.

- **Monday, March 18** - Haddock casserole, green beans and ice cream.

- **Wednesday, March 20** - Meatloaf, baked potato, carrots and a cookie.

- **Friday, March 22** - Oven-fried chicken, snap peas, home fries and pudding.

- **Monday, March 25** - Baked haddock, rice pilaf, green beans and fruit.

- **Wednesday, March 27** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic bread and cake.

- **Friday, March 29** - Chicken pot pie with stuffing, cranberry sauce and fruit crisp.

Call 469-3632 anytime to reserve your spot, but before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal at the Bucksport Senior Center.

Why do drug ads targeting older persons put all of that information in such small print?

— Modest growth

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Raymond was concerned that growth would put pressure on the town to educate more children, pave and plow more roads and generally drive up municipal expenses.

Raymond and the three town managers who succeeded him have maintained efforts to attract new businesses, including having a full-time economic development person on the municipal payroll.

However, those efforts don't show up positively in the census data.

After the closing of the paper mills four years ago, the need for more economic stimulus apparently has spawned a new enthusiasm among town officials.

None are suggesting the

Mayor asks sterner code enforcement

BUCKSPORT — Citing growing concerns about substandard and, in some cases, apparently abandoned buildings in the town, Mayor Peter L. Stewart last Thursday (2/21) suggested the town develop a system for strict enforcement of minimum building standards. He suggested deteriorating buildings are holding down some neighborhood property values and detract from how most homeowners maintain their property.

encouragement of large subdivisions, but the number of new homes has been lagging as have less traditional housing options that are common elsewhere, such as condominiums and new private, age-appropriate housing for older people so that more area homeowners can remain in the Bucksport area.

Subsidized housing apparently

has held its own and traditional home sales apparently are continuing to be much stronger than they were five to ten years ago.

The arrival of several new businesses, however, has focused a more intense spotlight on the need for affordable worker housing, both in modern apartments and in modest single- or two-family homes.

Library's chairman issues annual report

BUCKSPORT — Larry Wahl, the chairman of the Buck Memorial Library Board of Trustees, offered this annual report on the library's operations.

"At the Buck Memorial Library, 2018 has been a challenging, yet productive year.

"With regret, we accepted the resignation from Debbie Holmes. Doug Knobloch has taken her place.

"In an effort to create more exposure in our community we participated in Bucksport Heart & Soul's celebration fair, and adopted one of their 82 goals, 'the story walk' on the waterfront that was very well received.

We also participated in Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of

Commerce's "Pixie Harbor Hoop-La," and co-sponsored the very successful "Kid's on Main" event, sponsored by Main Street Bucksport.

"We received a grant from the Dorothy Louise Kyler Foundation, allowing us to purchase approximately 300 children's books for our collection.

"Along with their annual spring and fall clean-up of the library grounds, and decorating our fireplace mantle, the Bucksport Garden Club donated and installed a pair of bronze children statuettes for our garden. It is very nice and much appreciated.

"For National Poetry Month in April Pat Ranzoni, Bucksport's poet laureate, wrote a 'poem for your pocket' in

honor of the Buck Memorial Library. The work is entitled, 'Oh Come Tend A Row, Tend A Row.'

"We succeeded in restoration of the west wall, but unfortunately were unable to finish the project because of additional work discovered at the north chimney. Work will resume this spring.

"As always, thanks to our library staff and trustees for their time and expertise, *The Bucksport Enterprise* for its support, and to the individual donors and the towns of Bucksport, Orland and Verona Island for their faithful contributions and to John Paul Lalonde and Kathy Patterson for providing their professional services to the library."

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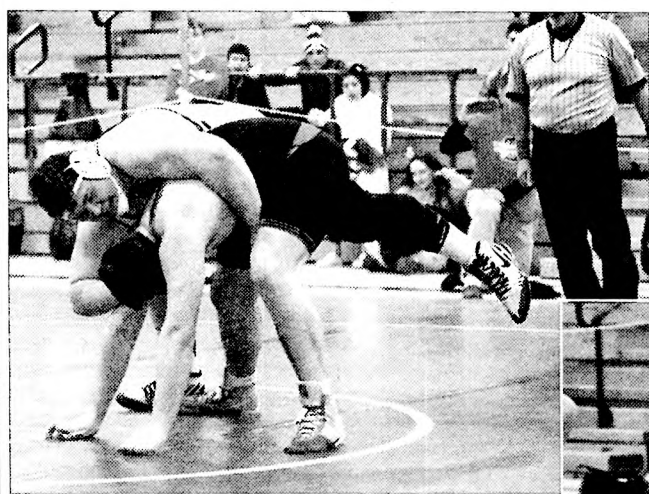


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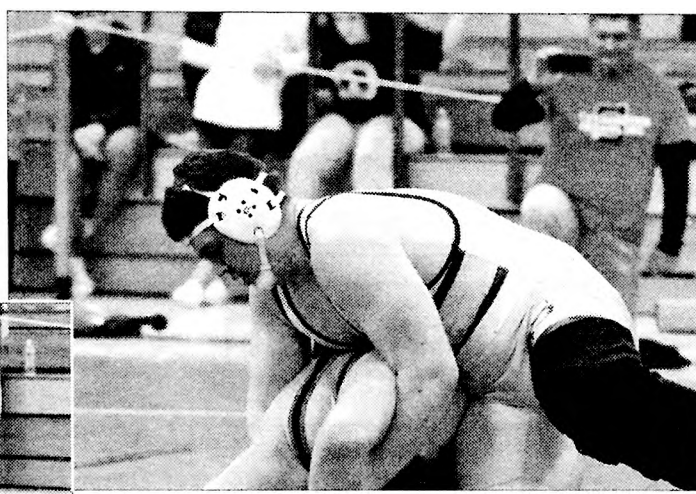
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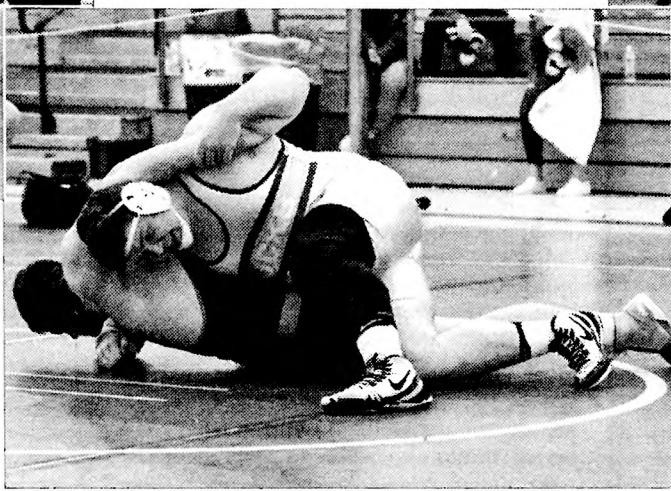
Bucksport's David Gross Jr. shows how it's done in the 285-pound weight class, as he wrestles his way to another championship on Saturday.



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JASON GENDRON

The Golden Bucks went to the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School in South Paris on Saturday with three wrestlers.

Ricky Perkins and Kaleb Nightingale wrestled hard, but came up just short of placing.



The third Bucksport wrestler, David Gross Jr., returned as Maine's champion in the 285-pound weight class with a 9-3 win over Addison Boisvert of Scarborough.

Gross will be competing at the New England championships in Rhode Island this weekend.

On the road headed to the big one!

Listening to the coach as his team conquers hurdles

Most coaches will tell you it's not about them; it's about the athletes. Here, Coach Matt Morrison shares his thoughts as his Bucksport High School indoor track team heads for the New England competition on Saturday. In the process, he shares his enthusiasm for track and track events.

MATT MORRISON

BUCKSPORT — You may have read about the results from the Indoor Track and Field Class B Indoor State Championships last week.

If you did, you saw that many athletes from Bucksport High School made the podium, improved their personal records, and, in some cases, improved school records.

Johanna Stiles further improved on her 55-meter school record of 7.84 by running it in 7.77 in her preliminary heat. That not only catapulted her into the final, but it also proved to be the best time of any freshman in Class B.

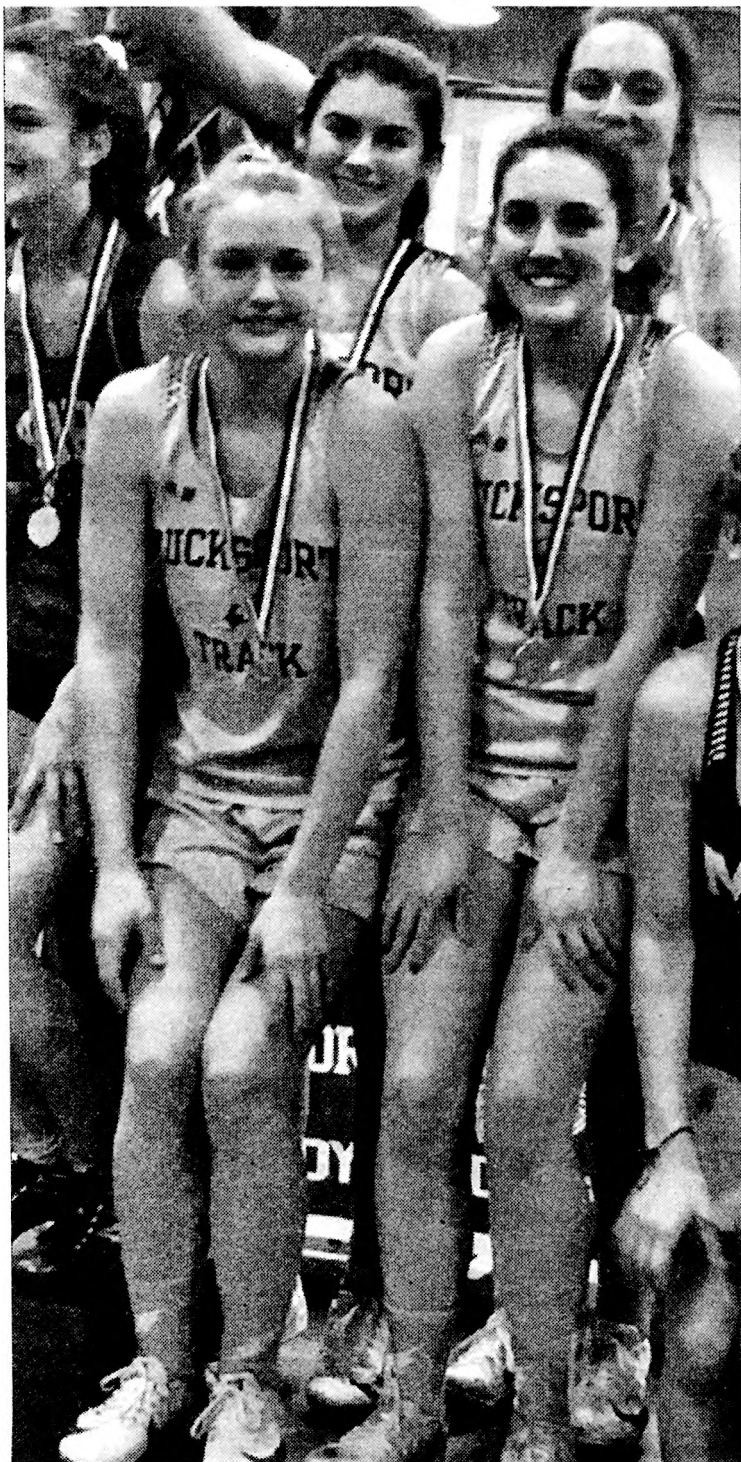
To see Johanna run is to be inspired by an athlete willing to pour every ounce of energy into her effort, and on this day, doing so resulted in an inspiring result.

Also turning in a top-notch effort was Carter Tolmasoff, who was able to successfully manage the pressure of coming into the meet seeded first in the 55-meter dash.

After suffering a back injury in last year's outdoor state final, Tolmasoff desperately wanted to perform to his potential in indoor.

Doing so was a relief and an exaltation. Standing atop the podium with a smile on his face, Tolmasoff had finished what he started, and he was clearly ready to compete at the next level.

And that next level is the New England Championships, being held at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston on Saturday.



BUCKSPORT'S girls 4X200 meter relay team, from left, Victoria Watkins, Addie Morrison, Britney Bussey and Mikayla Tripp.

Competing alongside Tolmasoff will be Nathaniel Sawyer, who will be going in as Maine's third fastest runner in

the 600 meter; Addie Morrison, who will compete as Maine's fourth fastest in the 600 meter; and the girls 4x200 meter relay

Accolades from the School Board

The accomplishments of the athletes featured on this page were shared with the RSU 25 School Board on Tuesday. Supt. of Schools James Boothby and the board were impressed.

Because out-of-state travel events linked to the school must be approved in advance by the board, the approvals for the wrestlers headed for Rhode Island and the track team going to Boston drew almost instant endorsement. There also were some enthusiastic best wishes for good outcomes on Saturday.

team of Morrison, Victoria Watkins, Mikayla Tripp and Britney Bussey.

By the numbers, it's easy to define the Bucksport High Indoor track team by their speed.

From the inside, though, what stands out even more is a group of young people who support one another, who laugh with one another, and who care for one another.

Of all the images that stand

out from the state championship, the one that is most indelible is the look on the faces of the boys as they watched the girls' relay compete. Standing on their toes for a better view, the boys weren't thinking about their race, for that was yet to come. No. They were immersed in the moment, on the edge of their proverbial seats, watching their teammates put it on the line, wanting more than anything for them to succeed.

Good luck to the
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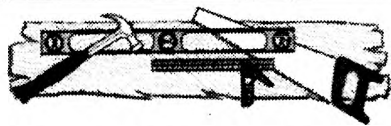
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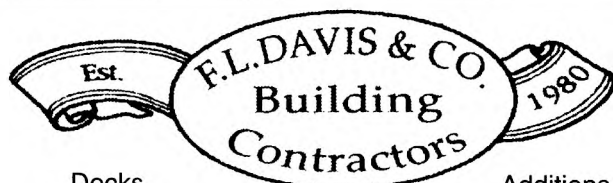
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Council begins to set town's goals

BUCKSPORT — Last week the town councilors gathered to offer suggestions on possible goals for the town during 2019. Here's a summary of their suggestions:

- Grow the community - increase the population. (See related article on Page 1.)
- Broadband expansion, a continuing goal from prior years.
- Introduce LED-bulb streetlighting.
- Raise the Bucksport Historical Society msreum in the old railway depot by one story, adding public restrooms and storage on the new lower level, and renovate the structure. (An iutial concept design has been submitted, but it is to be resubmitted with cost estimates in time for the councilors last meeting in March.)
- Roadside walk improvements, some suggested by consultants similar to the "street bears" that once stalked downtown Belfast" as well as make them easier to traverse by those

with mobility issues.)

- Planning focus vs. enforcement focus. (See related article on Page 6).
- Housing needs - expand the options of plans to be envcouraged by outside developers, including, perhaps, condominiums.
- Maintain mil rate or lower it. (This has been a continuing strategy since the closing of the paper mill.
- 27 Main Street property development - Rejuvenate the efforts to sell or otherwise re-use the empty lot the town purchased and cleared several years ago.
- Develop a process for property sale by council. (At least two councilors want to see a more transparent process for selling foreclosed real estate, similar to that used for selling vehicles or other equipment. The recent flap over the sale of the tax-seized Wilson Hall building has focused new attention on such sales in the future.)
- Remove the railroad tracks behind Main Street and adja-

cent to the walkway section that connects the Gazebo with the former mill property.

- Expand solar development with arrays atop the old landfill off Central Street.
- Encourage the development of more housing for workers near the mill site
- Consider adding an engineer to town Highway Department staff. (This was suggested by James Morrison, a former candidate for mayor.)
- Develop a strategic plan for staffing needs of various department, including police, fire and highway departments.
- Complete the years-long process of updating the town's website, Facebook and social media sites.
- Implement portion of the ADAPT plan, a number of recommendations to the Town of Bucksport by a group of consultants based in Saratoga Springs, NY.
- Increase the signs outside the community to encourage more people to come Bucksport.

Orland has five slots on ballot

ORLAND — The ballot is being prepared for Orland's municipal election on Tuesday, June 11

The positions on the ballot include:

- The selectmens' seat now held by Lester Stackpole
- The assessor's position now filled by Kimberly Archer
- The road commissioner's job held by Robert Wardwell.
- A slot on the Fish Committee now filled by Paul Hopkins.
- The RSU 25 School Board seat held by Linda Burgess.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. on April 16 to obtain and return their signed nomination papers to the town clerk.

The Fish Committee slot is for a four-year term; all of the others serve for three years.

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Surrender just didn't work out!

BUCKSPORT — A 43-year-old Bucksport resident went into the local police station to report he was wanted on an arrest warrant and was turning himself in.

Indeed, he was wanted for allegedly unlawfully handling explosive devices. The problem was the warrant was issued in Georgia.

Georgian authorities were contacted, and confirmed the warrant was real. However, they weren't about to send someone to Maine to bring the man to Georgia.

Apparently, if he truly wanted to surrender, he'd have to go south to Georgia to do it.

Bucksport police said they had no reason to hold the man, so he was allowed to leave.

reported to the police station Tuesday afternoon, knowing she had a Waldo County warrant for failing to be in court to answer an earlier charge. She posted bail and was released.

• Shane Murray, 43, of Bucksport was arrested on Monday for alleged unpaid court fines and fees. He was stopped on the Russell Hill Road for reportedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He posted bail and was released.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Police issued these court summonses:

• Bailey Cohen, 32, of Bucksport was given a ticket for driving more than nine miles over the posted limit on Main Street just before 10 a.m. on Saturday.

• Brandon Gillespie, 24, of Salem, CT got a summons for driving more than nine miles an hour over the posted speed limit on Main Street on Friday (2/22) about 8:30 a.m.

• Claudio Van Duljn, 22, of Blue Hill was issued a citation for allegedly driving more than nine miles over the speed limit on Feb. 18. The driver was clocked on radar at 65 miles an hour in a zone limit-



Compiled from official reports and interviews with police and fire department spokesmen.

ed to 45.

• Hayley Weiner, 22, of Long Beach, NJ was stopped on State Route 46 on the morning of Feb. 18, and charged with traveling 54 miles an hour in a 45-mile-an-hour zone.

• Fiori Weiss, 43, of Brooksville was cited for an inspection sticker violation after being stopped on Main Street about 10 a.m. on Saturday.

• Aaron Brown, 41, of Ellsworth was cited for an alleged property insurance violation about 8 p.m. on Friday (2/22) after being stopped on the River Road.

Accidents reported

BUCKSPORT — A motorist reported backing into a vehicle in the Masonic Lodge parking lot on Franklin Street about 10:30 a.m. on Feb. 18.

A vehicle being driven by Kerry Black, 63, of Bucksport struck one parked by Heather Tweedie, a member of the town's emergency dispatch staff. She had parked in the lot while she was working at the police station next door.

In other accidents:

• A dead doe was found on State Route 46 early Saturday morning.

• A deer was struck by a vehicle being driven by Joseph Atwood, 61, of Bucksport. The deer was hit early Saturday morning.

Safety statistics

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport's emergency medical personnel performed two dozen ambulance runs last week.

Eighteen of the runs were to Bucksport addresses and the rest were in Orland.

There was a single fire call, a minor fire at the mill on the River Road last Thursday (2/21). The fire broke out during demolition activities.

During the week, the police responded to 110 calls for service.

There were no new "lost or found" items listed at the police department.

Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — Here's a list of Bucksport-area residents or incidents that resulted in bookings at the Hancock County jail here:

• Jordyn Burbee, 19, of Mapleton was stopped on the River Road about 2:15 a.m. last Thursday (2/21), and was charged with driving with a suspended or revoked license.

• Brayden Adam Perkins, 21, of Frankfort was arrested in Bucksport and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked about 2 a.m. on Sunday, and later posted bail.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT — Local police recorded these arrests:

• Abby Bowden, 24, of Bucksport

This is a warning . . .

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport police want drivers to be aware to use caution while driving on Nicholson Avenue and Broadway, especially during school hours.

Patrol officers will be on the watch for speeders and those who fail to heed the four-way stop where the two roads intersect.

The signs say, "Stop". not "Slow." a police spokesman said, adding the officers would prefer that motorists heed their alert rather than give them tickets.

Food for those who need it

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Middle School, working with Bucksport Community Concerns, has launched a small program to provide boxes of food to be taken home by those who can use it during weekends and vacations.

Similar to the backpack program at the Miles Lane School, the launch has been intentionally small because the organizers want to be sure they can sustain it. To do that, they will need to find more sources of non-perishable foodstuffs.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS

• Jacob Buck Pond Road, from Joseph and Paula Sharkey, to William DeRedin on Nov 24 for \$24,900. Eight acres involved in a land split transaction.

• 50 Flanders Way, from Town of Bucksport to Michelle Batchelder on Nov 29 for \$5,000. Seven acres of tax acquired property assessed at \$42,710.

• 8 Bartley Lane, from Frank Bartley, et al, to Wayne Drinkwater, on Dec 3 for \$100,000. A one-acre parcel was merged via a deed. The property is assessed at \$113,110.

• 1030 River Road, from Frank and Tonnya Norwood to Ian and Sara MacDonald on Nov 28 for \$150,000. The 4.25-acre developed lot is assessed at \$143,000.

• 4 Hinks Street, from Mark Wood to Wood Holdings LLC, on Dec 5 for \$0. The four-tenths of an acre developed parcel was transferred as part of a family transaction. It is assessed at \$140,470.

• 42 Pond Street, from Guy R. Abbotoni, to Nancy Ann Violette, on Dec 5 for \$98,500. The quarter acre developed lot was part of a development flip. It is assessed at \$95,440.

• 10 Pelletier Lane, from Brenda Pelletier to Allen and Terri Adams, on Dec 3 for \$71,000. The 2.3 acres and mobile home are assessed for \$72,630.

• Wilderness Way, from the Marie E. Payne Trust to Stephen and Caroline Kent on Nov 29

for \$10,000. The one-acre developed lot was part of an assemblage, and is assessed at \$9,380.

• 119 Wilderness Way, from the Marie E. Payne Trust to Stephen and Caroline Kent on Nov 29 for \$123,000. The half-acre developed lot was part of a land assemblage, and is assessed at \$113,950.

• 18 Pine Street, from J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, to Diane O'Connell on Nov 30 for \$56,500. The 0.09-acre developed property was sold in a liquidation sale. It is assessed at \$96,810.

• Williams Pond Road, from the Dale Henderson Estate to Carl Olson, on Dec 7 for \$8,470. The seven acres were sold in an estate sale, and are assessed at \$14,730.

• 181 School Street, from the TD Bank NA to Bangor Investments LLC on Dec 6 for \$45,000. The four-tenths of an acre developed parcel was sold in a liquidation sale. The lot is assessed at \$101,330.

• Williams Pond Road, from the Dale Henderson Estate to Crystal McGuire on Dec 7 for \$9,075. The 33 acres of land were sold in an estate sale. The lot is assessed at \$17,840.

• 6 Mount Olive Heights, from Brenda A. Drake to Michael and Glenda Sekulich, on Dec 14 for \$88,000. The slightly more than a third of an acre and mobile home are assessed at \$75,760.

• 36 Franklin St., from the Kirk Davis Estate to Bangor

Investments, LLC on Nov 21 for \$68,000. The 0.16-acre developed property, was sold in an estate sale. The property is assessed at \$96,810.

• Colson Road, from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for \$90,206. The 75 acres was part of an assemblage of properties. The land, enrolled under the tree growth program, is assessed at \$17,040.

• Colson Road, from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for \$179,459. The 200 acres were sold as part of a land assemblage and have been assessed at \$114,790.

• McKinnon Road, from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for \$107,435. The 77 acres, part of a land assemblage, are assessed at \$68,720.

• River Road, from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC, to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC, on Dec 5 for \$59,095. 52 acres land assemblage assessed at \$37,800.

• River Road from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC, to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC, on Dec 5 for \$32,409. 0.93 acre land assemblage assessed at \$20,730.

• Willins Orchard Road, from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC to Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for \$12,085. The 3.52 acres was part of a land assemblage assessed. The property is assessed at \$7,730.

• 629 River Road from Wardwell Family Realty, LLC, to

Eurovia Atlantic Coast, LLC on Dec 5 for \$167,312. The 48 developed acres was part of an assemblage. The site is assessed at \$107,020.

• 381 River Road, from Shawn and Rachel Allen to Timothy and Kristin Worrell on Dec 20 for \$89,000. The 0.83-acre developed lot is assessed at \$85,470.

• 3 Cedar Street, from the Virginia Gross Estate to Benjamin Clairmont on Dec 21 for \$84,020. The 0.76 acre developed lot was part of an estate sale. The property is assessed at \$102,900.

• 48 Central Street, from

Shane Bowden to Jerry Kazluaskas, on Dec 21 for \$75,000. The quarter-acre developed lot is assessed at \$75,190.

• 69 Main Street, from Pam and Samuel Payson to Joyce M. Greco on Dec 27 for \$65,000. The former florist shop on a 0.05-acre lot is assessed at \$64,210. The building will reopen as a working artists' gallery.

• Central Street, from Michael Hawes to The Hawes Group LLC, on Dec 28 for \$0. The 61.1 acres was transferred among related parties. The site is assessed at \$86,390.

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(1) Road Commissioner	3 years
(1) Fish Committee Member	4 years
(1) RSU #25 Board Member	3 years

Nomination papers are available at the Town Office, Monday – Friday 8:30-12, 1-4; 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Completed papers must be returned to the Town Office by 4:00 pm on April 16, 2019.

02/28/19

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Public meals

Saturday, March 2

- BAKED BEANS — The East Orrington Congregational Church at 38 Johnson Mill Road in Orrington will host a traditional public baked bean supper from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The meal is \$7 for an adult and \$3 for each child.

Saturday, March 9

- BREAKFAST — The Bucksport United Methodist Church, at 71 Franklin Street will host a public breakfast buffet from 6:30 to 9:30 a.m. The all-you-care-to-eat meal features many delicious entrees. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 for a family of five or more. 469-3622 or Ed Petravic at 469-9979.

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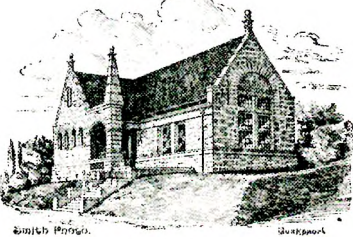
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A saga of the seas with Bucksport ties

Capt. Molly Kool, a captain's captain!

BUCKSPORT — This week - Monday to be exact - marked a decade since the passing of a woman some might only hope they could know, while some in our midst knew her from her days in Bucksport: Myrtle ("Molly") Kool.

Kool's best-known claim to fame was she was the first woman to become a registered sea captain in North America.

Her exploits upon the seas - especially in the Bay of Fundy and back and forth to Boston - are the stuff of legends.

Kool obviously was not a woman to be trifled with - on land or on sea. She survived at least three shipwrecks.

One occurred in Moncton, New Brunswick, the province where she was born in Alma, 103 years ago this month.

A Norwegian captain wanted her berth at the wharf, but she refused that request, and the Norwegian attempted to jam her vessel into the dock. That didn't work either.

He later offered Kool some cash if she's just get her ship out of his way. No dice, said Kool.

That's when the Norwegian used his



Capt. Molly Kool

Molly Kool's exploits were so celebrated that more than one vessel has been named in her honor, including Canada's newest icebreaker, the *CCGS Captain Molly Kool*. The ship was accepted in December with these words: "We're proud to honor the legacy of the iconic Molly Kool by naming our impressive new icebreaker after her. A courageous and fearless mariner, Kool spent many years sailing the harsh waters of the Bay of Fundy. An inspiration to women and all mariners, Molly Kool embodies perseverance, hard work and dedication."

vessel's bow to sever the lines of the "Jean K," setting her ship adrift.

Molly ordered her men to jump off but knew the captain's rule and stayed aboard with no way to control the drifting ship.

Her ship now was drifting toward the major bridge and a major disaster because of the surging tide.

Watching all this, the Norwegian recognized that he could be held responsible for a lot of damage. He commanded his men to board Kool's vessel and drop the anchors. That didn't work either but the "Jean K" ran aground on a riverbank, with little damage done.

Kool and her father, also a sea captain

and the owner of the vessel, sued the Norwegian and collected damages for the captain's irresponsible actions.

The same ship later collided with another, resulting in Kool falling into the water and under her own boat.

She emerged on the other side of the vessel, grabbed a life jacket, and swam about until she could be rescued.

Finally, a fire caused by a gasoline explosion destroyed the engine room, the cabin and the wheelhouse of her ship. This time Kool lost everything but the clothes she was wearing.

Three times apparently were enough. Kool decided to stay ashore from then on.

The first (and, at the time, only) woman to attend the Merchant Marine School in Saint John, New Brunswick, she earned master mariner's papers from the Merchant Marine Institution in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

(The Canadian Shipping Act had to be amended to read, "he or she.")

She went to work as captain of a scow her father had owned, using it mainly to serve the pulp and paper industry in the Bay of Fundy.

When she gave up the sea, she had a reason - his name was Ray Blaisdell of Bucksport. She lived in Bucksport until her husband died.

She then married John Carney of Orrington until he died.

Kool then retired to a home in Bangor after losing her legs to a vascular disease and, eventually, succumbed to pneumonia at the age of 93.

There's a monument of her in her hometown of Alma, New Brunswick. The home she grew up in was to be rebuilt with a seafaring exhibit at the entrance to Fundy National Park.

Molly Kool's ashes were scattered in the Bay of Fundy at Herring Cove, near her birthplace.

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

PUBLIC EVENTS

Saturday, March 2

BOOK SALE — The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library will hold their first-Saturday-of-the-month book sale in the library's basement from 9 to 2. All fiction will be half-price and all CDs will be 25 cents. Special collections will include a number of graphic novels. Most books are a dollar or two, and paperbacks 50 cents. Each child visiting the sale may select a free book. 374-5515.

DO IT YOURSELF — To reduce waste and teach the community new skills, the Blue Hill Public Library hosts a monthly "Fix-it Clinic" on the first Saturday of the month from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Local experts will coach people to disassemble and troubleshoot a variety of items, such as appliances, bicycles, jewelry, clothing, toys, electronics and, well, whatever. Participants are expected to actively participate in the disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair of their items. Repair is not assured although the coaches will do their best to help. Registration is required via the library's web calendar at www.bhpl.net. Anyone interested in being a coach can call 374-5515 or e-mail hannah.cyrus@bhpl.net.

Tuesday, March 6

BUTTERFLIES & STUFF — Those of all ages are invited join the free SEED Barn and explore the outdoors! for a hands-on workshop creating paper butterfly casts with native grass seeds from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The casts will be used for an art installation and restoration project at the new fish passage on Pierces Pond in Penobscot, but participants are welcome to take some home to plant in their yards as well. Participants will learn about the fish run and can take some wildflower seeds to plant and attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. 374-5515.

AUTHOR TO SPEAK — Carol Leonard will share from her newest book, *Bad Beaver Tales: Love and Life in Downeast Maine*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 2 p.m. The book involves, "tales of extreme building, bad beaver trapping and learning the ways of the Leonard is a writer and licensed beaver trapper. The talk is free. Leonard wrote the best-selling memoir, *Lady's Hands, Lion's Heart: A Midwife's Saga*. 374-5515.



Saturday, March 9

GOTCHA! — The Bucksport YMCA is offering some professional laser tag action, all for \$10-a-person. The first session is for fifth and sixth graders from 4 to 6 p.m. and the second is for those in high school or adults from 6 to 8 p.m. Concessions will be available. All of the action will be in the Bucksport Middle School gymnasium.

Sunday, March 10

AUTHOR — The Stockton Springs Community Library will host an "Author Talk" with former *Waldo Independent* staff writer and retired educator, Jeff Shula, at 2 p.m. Almost 30 years ago, photographer Peggy McKenna and Shula, working for the *Independent* newspaper, produced a series of interviews and photos called "Fireside Chats," focusing on Waldo County residents whose lives spanned most of the 20th century. Those interviews and photographs now have been republished.

Thursday, March 13

GAME NIGHT — The Stockton Springs Community Library is hosting a free public family and friends game night from 6 to 8 p.m. The games and snacks will be provided, and all are welcome. 567-4147.

Tuesday, March 19

ANNUAL MEETING — The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and awards ceremony at 7

p.m. at the Bucksport Golf Club on State Route 46 in Bucksport. The 6 p.m. registration will include a catered Asian buffet and a cash bar. At 7, there will be some games which require paying some extra cash to support the chamber. The annual awards will be presented at 7:40 p.m.

FOR THE KIDS

Saturday, March 2

DR. SEUSS — There will be a story time at the Stockton Springs Community Library from 11:30 to 12:30. This month, the library is celebrating Dr. Seuss with a visit from the Cat in the Hat. There also will be a light lunch provided, complete with a birthday cake. The event is open to all and is free.

Tuesday, March 6

MAPLE TIME — Explore Outdoors! education coordinator Julianne Taylor will read a story about maple sugaring at the Blue Hill Public Library in a special free edition of the library's weekly Pre-School Storytime at 10:30 AM. She will read "Sugarbush Spring" by Marsha Wilson Chall and will have a maple tree craft for kids to make and take home. 374-5515.

ON DISPLAY

Through March

PHOTOGRAPHY — The Blue Hill Public Library's gallery during March will feature the photography of Lisa

Looke. The photographer lived in Blue Hill for 15 years before moving to Camden. Her photographs have appeared in magazines and books. 374-5515.

ALL ON PAPER — *Paper and Light*, an exhibit featuring lampshades by Brooklyn papermaker Gigi Sarsfield, with lamps made by several local artists, is on display in the Blue Hill Public Library's glass cases. 374-5515.

HELP OFFERED

Tuesdays

CO-DEPENDENCE Anonymous meetings are held each Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Bucksport Regional Health Center at 110 Broadway.

Wednesdays

AL-ANON — This group offers help and hope to families and friends of alcoholics. It meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Elm Street Congregational Church in Bucksport.


DRUG VICTIMS — A group is being started to support those who have lost someone to drug overdose. The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays through March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. For more information or to sign up call Janice Ronco at 667-2531. Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County.

Thursdays, starting March 13

GRIEF SUPPORT — Northern Light Home Care & Hospice will host a grief support group being held Thursdays beginning March 14th and ending April 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the hospice office at 885 Union Street, Suite 220, in Bangor. The program will aid adults cope with grief, share experiences and practice healthy coping techniques. This free group is open to those 18 or older and dealing with a death of a loved one. Anyone interested in attending must speak with a bereavement coordinator, Joel Wiggins, at 973-8269 to reserve a spot.

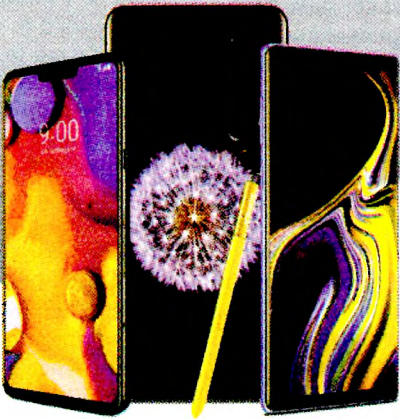
Mondays

CANCER SUPPORT — For anyone touched by cancer in any way, meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in Room 19 at the Orland Community Center on Schoolhouse Road in Orland from noon to 1:30 p.m. Those who want to bring a bag lunch for themselves are welcome to do so.



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March 9**





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