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A nice day on the ice!

BUCKSPORT — A few rose before the sun, apparently thinking they'd do better if they got out on the ice before the fish woke up. Those few folks were out on Silver Lake before the Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club fishing derby officially got started at 7 a.m. on Sunday.

They were there by the pick-up load, hauling their ice shacks to just the right spot, unpacking a trailer load of obviously essential gear. Snowmobiles, power augurs, tip-up flags, boxes of tackle, snacks, snowmobile suits, portable heaters, snacks, blankets for the littlest ones, trailers for the snowmobiles, fishing line, things that well not essential might be useful and, of course, snacks.

The family event drew several hundred people to the lake, many of them entire families for there always is a special emphasis on drawing the youngest to the joys of winter angling.

The event also is timed to coincide with the free fishing day in Maine so the game warden on duty didn't have much to do other than answer questions and log concerns about the continuing changes in outdoor sporting regulations.

He also found lots of fellows prepared to share their own tales of their encounters while out in the great outdoors in Maine.

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AIM asks to cut a tax by one-third

Abatement could gain AIM \$300,000

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport-based power generating company American Iron & Metal (AIM) operates here is seeking a nearly one-third reduction in the taxes it pays on its equipment.

If successful, that could require the town to pay back as almost \$300,000.

The existence of the abatement claim, filed with the town on Dec. 18, was first disclosed publicly when Town Manager Susan M. Lessard asked the Town Council to authorize her to hire a New Hampshire industrial appraisal firm to help counter AIM's own hired appraisal experts. The councilors immediately agreed to spend up to \$20,000 to hire SanSoucy Associates of Portsmouth.

Technically and legally, the town only has until next Tuesday to either accept or reject AIM's abatement request, but Lessard told the councilors she expects AIM will give the town more time to prepare its case.

Lessard observed that AIM always has been "very cooperative" since acquiring the power plant as part of its purchase of the Verso Paper mill four years ago.

She described the abatement as "more a request than a demand."

Still, efforts were being made this week to gain the extra time needed to gather the data needed to contest the figures prepared by AIM's consultants, Cost

Containment of Greenwich, CT.

Lessard said she actually was surprised AIM had not sought tax relief in prior years since it took on the power equipment. The mill's electricity generating operation has been hampered by the loss of its principal "customer" - the paper mill.

Since the mill closed, it has continued to experience problems in finding profitable markets for the power it produces and the generating equipment also has had a spotty record of being able to produce profitable power.

One of Verso's creditors was the General Electric Co., which claimed it had not been paid some \$15 million for work and equipment it provided at the plant just prior to the shutdown of the mill.

While Lessard said she's confident everything can be worked out with the AIM affiliate, Bucksport Generation LLC, the town still has the immediate option of either accepting or rejecting the abatement. That, however, could lead to prolonged talks before state agencies, or eventually in the courts.

A rejected claim also could be challenged before the local Board of Appeals. However, most agree that panel, if unaided, would be hard-pressed to properly rule on claims that are based on such complicated technical and economically sophisticated appraisal data. AIM has extensive experience in similar cases at other mills it purchased for the purpose of tearing them down.

Wilson Hall deal done

BUCKSPORT — While there was some slight hemming and hawing about the process, the Town Council last week turned over Wilson Hall to Lawrence Wahl, a local real estate investor, for one dollar.

The councilors, on a 5 to 3 vote, also put in \$65,000 in town money as an incentive to Wahl to make something of the historic but run-down place. The dissenters - Mayor Peter L. Stewart and Daniel M. Ormsby - say they would have preferred to at least hold a public sale offering before agreeing to the terms set by Wahl.

The two did not object to Wahl getting the property; they simply preferred the sale be by a more open public process.

After five years, the town's

no-interest forgivable loan to Wahl will be fully forgiven, and become part of Wahl's assets.

Wahl has agreed to put \$100,000 of his own money into the repairs to secure the building from further damage, and to do most of the work within about a year.

The investor said he won't need any other outside financing for the initial phase of the project.

If he sells Wilson Hall within five years, Wahl must repay a declining portion of the town's money. On Feb. 10, 2024, the loan is forgiven.

The property, now off the tax rolls because of the foreclosure, is assessed at roughly \$90,000.

Wahl has indicated he may transform the building into apartments, but that won't occur until the initial work is finished.

ON SILVER LAKE



Bucksport: a port town?

AUGUSTA — While Bucksport long has handled fuel tankers, the efforts to convey other cargos is beginning to gain attention, and, perhaps, traction.

A bill has been filed in the current Legislature to encourage the state Department of Transportation to develop a strategy to provide cargo service in and out of Bucksport and

"the Penobscot basin."

Meanwhile, the Maine Port Authority (MPA), a quasi-public agency, has begun talks with Bucksport officials about the MPA becoming the catalyst for developing more Maine cargo ports than the traditional three: Portland, Searsport and Eastport.

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IN THE WORKS . . Tidbits of things to come

KEEPING LAMP LIT — Efforts are underway to develop a not-for-profit method for keeping the Lighthouse Arts Center open on Main Street, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

The center, an instant arts success, has been struggling with meeting the operating expenses, and now is open for only limited hours. The details for

keeping the building and its programs going still are in the talking stages.

TRASH TALK — Fiberight now is promising to begin processing trash at its new plant in Hampden next month. However, Fiberight's president said the plant will begin accepting single stream recyclables in March but won't reach full commercial operational status until summer. In December, the firm said it would

be in full operation by April 1, but earlier deadlines also were missed.

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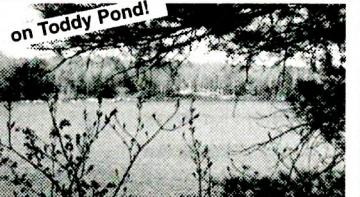
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BUCKSPORT—Looking for a cabin in the woods? This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Log Home enjoys year round views of Williams Pond. Recent improvements include a new roof and new windows. Amenities include a 3 season screen room, deck for summer entertaining and a covered porch with views of the pond. Get away from it all!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$324,900**



ORLAND—Looking for that waterfront lot to build your dream home or seasonal property? This 5ac lot has 100' of frontage on Toddy Pond a deepwater lake with great fishing and boating. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$65,000**



STOCKTON SPRINGS—Cute as a button! This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Cottage is located on Cape Jellison, just a short walk to the sailing center and the harbor. Recent improvements include a new metal roof, a high efficiency heating system as well as new windows and doors. Additionally a new bathroom was added to the first floor. Enjoy the manageable yard with flowers and a shed to store those things you need. Easy commute to Belfast or Bucksport. Come take a look!
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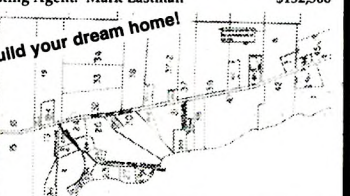


BUCKSPORT—This land borders Bucksport Middle School. It is a very private piece of land right in the middle of town that actually reaches down to Bayview Avenue. It is presently in tree growth.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$85,900**

THINKING OF SELLING?

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VERONA ISLAND—Wonderful level building lot on Verona Island.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter **\$40,000**

IN THE WORKS . .

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Susan M. Lessard Bucksport's town manager, told the Town Council recently she expected the plant to be in full operation by April 1.

TOWN CLERK — Applications from those seeking to succeed Kathy Downes as Bucksport's town clerk closed last Friday (2/15). Interviews are

now being held by the town manager.

SETTING GOALS — The Town Council tonight (2/21) at 6 p.m. will hold a meeting solely to discuss the councilors' goals for the town during the coming year.

The session at the Town Office is open to the public.

— Bucksport: a port again?

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The effort by the local legislators - state Sen. Kimberley Rosen and state Rep. Richard Campbell - may be superceded by the talks with the MPA people.

The development of a true cargo-handling port - a traditional reason for Bucksport's existence, gained momentum with the efforts to gain a maximum return for some of the shoreside assets purchased by American Iron & Metal when the paper mill closed four years ago. The effort also is

being buttressed by the soon-to-arrive Maine Maritime Academy safety training school and the endorsement of the long-proposed idea in a recent consultants' report.

The MPA is considering meeting here within the next few months.

Efforts to contact the head of the MPA yesterday (2/20) were unsuccessful.

The existence of a rail link to Bangor also may prove a factor.

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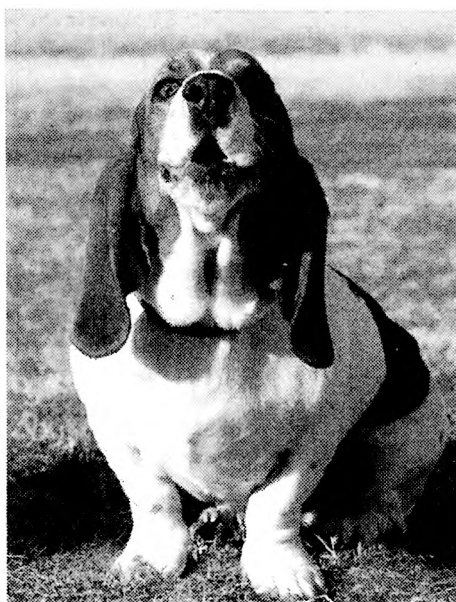
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Friends & Family

Small Town USA — Nancy Wasson of **Orland** shared a few of her thoughts with *The Bucksport Enterprise*, and here they are being shared with our readers:

"Do you know the joy of a small town, of close neighbors, of sharing joy or sorrow, good times and bad? In Small Town USA people work together, they put aside differences to assist each other.

"No one has to be asked. They see the need and step up to the plate. Often, couples work together to build each other's homes, one is the carpenter, another the electrician, another the plumber, etc. Or, perhaps, need is an older person who can no longer cut the grass or shovel the snow. These are examples of the things that make up Small Town USA.

"Shining examples of this are benefits to assist a neighbor in need, perhaps they don't even know each other but Small Town USA sees the need and helps resolve the problems financially and physically. If one doesn't know the

joy the benefits of Small Town USA, perhaps they need to get to know their neighbor.

"Personally, I am grateful and proud to have the opportunity to live in Small Town USA. Thanks to all my neighbors for reminding me of the joys of Small Town USA."

MARINE RESOURCES — State Rep. **Sherman H. Hutchins** (R-Penobscot) has been appointed to the 129th Maine Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources.

The 13-member panel oversees the Department of Marine Resources and is responsible for managing commercial fisheries, fish species and ocean-based aquaculture.

"Maine's commercial fisheries face a number of challenges," said Hutchins. "We need to work with the industry, those most knowledgeable, to ensure that any proposed changes make sense. I want to help ensure that government does not create additional headaches for

the men and women that put food on our tables, create jobs and strengthen our economy."

Hutchins represents District 131, which includes: Orland, Penobscot, Prospect, Stockton Springs and Verona Island.

OUT OF SERVICE —

Bucksport's first motorized fire truck - a 1939 or 1940 Seagrave - long has been out of service, but it's back in the possession of the local **firefighters' association**. Last week, two of the firefighters made an initial pitch to the Town Council, not to gain town cash for the project, but to introduce the councilors to the details of the renewed effort to bring the old truck back to its original glory.

The firefighters know they've got a long way to go, for the project being envisioned is not cheap. Still, they want to add the old truck to the department's collection of antique fire apparatus, already one of the finest in Maine. The

councilors said they'll monitor the firefighters' efforts.

TOP 100 — The **Northern Light Blue Hill Hospital** in Blue Hill has been named one of the "top 100 critical access hospitals in the U.S." by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the most significant designations of medical performance excellence, the award is based on the results of data gathered from iVantage Health Analytics.

"We are extremely proud to be named one of two top critical access hospitals in Maine," said Mike Murnik, MD, vice president and senior physician executive. "Approximately a quarter of our nation's people get their care through critical access hospitals, which typically serve rural territories. Maine is considered the most rural state in the nation (based on how far people live from services). We are proud to serve this crucial role to provide access to high-quality care in our beautiful state."

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What took so long?

The Bucksport Town Council last week was asked by the town manager to hire an appraisal firm to evaluate the power generating assets now owned by Bucksport Generation, LLC. The councilors wisely agreed to spend the up to \$20,000 to fight a potential hit of almost \$300,000.

The American Iron & Metal (AIM) affiliate wants the assessment on its equipment slashed to roughly \$42 million. That's almost a third of the \$60 million the town says it's worth.

The numbers are telling:

- If successful the AIM affiliate will be entitled to a reimbursement of roughly \$300,000, according to the town's assessor.
- AIM's appraiser, Cost Containment of Greenwich, CT., is confirming the equipment is worth at least \$42 million. AIM only paid Verso Paper about \$50 million for the entire River Road paper mill, lock, stock, paper machines, fitness center and some \$2 million worth of stored, but long since consumed fuel.

What is not surprising is the abatement request. Those have been filed at other mills AIM has purchased to break into scrap and then sell the metal. It has done the same at other mills it bought from Verso and its affiliates. The real estate left after the metal recycling is over becomes frosting on AIM's cake.

What is surprising is why the town manager took so long to share the abatement request with the council and the public. The request was made on Dec. 18, and ordinarily the town has 60 days in which to either accept or reject the requested sum.

While AIM may give the town more time in which to evaluate its request, it doesn't have to do that, and that deadline technically, is Tuesday. The manager should have a written confirmation of any more time, as AIM's own consultants reportedly are urging. The alternative could uncork a hardball, potentially expensive, drawn-out review that might be costly to AIM and the town.

The town's consultants in New Hampshire can't review the situation here within a few days so the manager, Susan M. Lessard, this week was seeking to get AIM to give the town more time. She told the councilors last Thursday (2/12) she had expected AIM to file an abatement request much sooner.

As Lessard views it, the current abatement bid, "is a request, not a demand." She repeatedly stressed to the councilors how, "AIM has been very cooperative and very responsible." She also said AIM probably will give the town more time. That's fine but this abatement could cost the town nearly \$300,000 annually and could mean a major immediate hit.

The up to \$20,000 contract with the New Hampshire firm to buttress the town's case may be money well-spent. However, the public also should have been alerted sooner the abatement bid has been in the offing for months, if not years. Why did the town wait so long to begin mobilizing its defense?

Let's put it in writing

The Wilson Hall deal is done, and we look forward to seeing what the new owner accomplishes during the next year or so, the period he believes he needs to secure the historic landmark from further decay.

The Town Council's vote to sell the building for \$1 plus \$65,000 in a taxpayer-financed incentive to spur the project was not unexpected. The councilors have wanted to rid themselves of the responsibility of the building almost from the day it was foreclosed on over a decade ago.

Now, the councilors should decree they won't dispose of any more major town assets, including real estate, without offering them publicly first. Each sale should clearly state upfront what, if any, financial incentives the town is prepared to offer or any special conditions the council may impose.

The two dissenting councilors last Thursday (2/14) - Mayor Peter L. Stewart and Daniel M. Ormsby - also wanted to see the building back in private hands. However, they wanted to do it the right way, transparently at a publicly posted sale. If no one else bid, so be it; the council then could not be accused of favoring anyone.

Even Councilor Paul A. Bissonette, who backed the sale last week, observed that such a deal, "probably should be put out to bid in the future." He added his belief, "that is not our policy now."

If Bissonette believes in openness, he should encourage the council to rid itself of such a ludicrous verbal policy. He should work to replace a vague idea with a written policy that assures the public is getting the best return possible. Too many of the council's recent real estate deals have been negotiated privately, and not in the sunlight.

PLACES TO GO

PUBLIC EVENTS

Thursday, February 21

BUCKSPORT'S GOALS — The Bucksport Town Council will hold a special meeting to set its goals for the town during 2019. The session in the Council Chamber at the Town Offices will be open to the public.

DEMOCRATS — The Hancock County Democratic Committee is showing "How Do We Get from Here to There?" in the effort to get the country to adopt a universal-coverage health system such as "Medicare for All". The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the theater room of the Moore Center on State Street in Ellsworth.

'LOBSTER WAR' — The University of Maine Hutchinson Center and the UMaine Lobster Institute will present the documentary film, *Lobster War* at 6 p.m. The film at the UMaine Hutchinson Center is open to the public and free of charge. Richard Wahle, director of the UMaine Lobster Institute and one of the researchers interviewed for the film, will introduce the documentary.

Saturday, February 23

POETRY — Maine poet and author Linda Buckmaster will read from her new book, *Space Heart, A Memoir in Stages* at the Blue Hill Public Library at 2 p.m. Buckmaster has lived within a block of the Atlantic Ocean most of her life, growing up in "Space Coast" Florida during the 1950s and 1960s and being part of the back-to-the-land movement in Midcoast Maine in the 1970s. The former poet laureate of Belfast, her poetry, essays, and fiction have appeared in over 30 journals and anthologies. There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. 374-5515.

Saturday, March 2

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. s. Anyone interested in being a coach call 374-5515 or e-mail hannah.cyrus@bhpl.net.

Tuesday, March 6

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.

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.

ON DISPLAY

Through March

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.

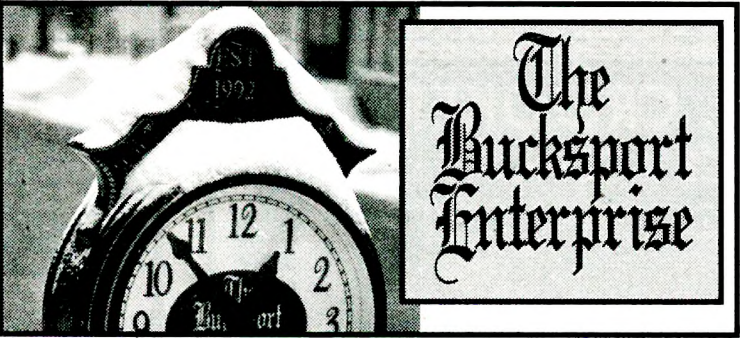
DRUG VICTIMS — A group is being started to support those who have lost someone to drug overdose. The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays through March 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County. For more information or to sign up call Janice Ronco at 667-2531. Hospice Volunteers 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 is 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 pm. Those who want to bring a bag lunch for themselves are welcome to do so.



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OBITUARIES

Alton ('Cuddy') L. Gross, 1939 - 2019

BUCKSPORT — Alton "Cuddy" L. Gross, who was born on March 9, 1939, passed away on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019.

Born in Prospect, the son of Alton M. and Belvah (Leach) Gross. He was the fifth of seven children.

He was predeceased by his sister, Lois, and brother, Milton, in 2003; his mother, Belvah, in 2002; and his father, Alton M., in 1989.

He was predeceased by the love of his life, his wife of 55 years, Patricia "Tippy" A. Gross, in February of 2017.

He is survived by his two children, his daughter Alicia A. and her husband Gerald Murray of Glenburn,; and his son, Sean C. Gross and wife Lisa Casterline of Bangor. In addition, he leaves his four grandchildren; Kristin Spellman of Oklahoma City, OK, Alex Mooney of Glenburn, Sarah Gross of Brewer, and Joshua Gross of Bangor, and his great-granddaughter, Makenzie Nedik of Brewer.

He also is survived by his sisters: Belle Bridges of North Kingston, RI, Beatrice Roy of Bristol, CT, and Anna Scott of Bucksport; his brother, Gerry Gross of East Orland, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, and was in Europe with the 3rd Armored Division as an occupation force, serving as a cryptologist. Serving again during the Cuban missile crisis and Berlin wall standoff in 1962 with the 324th Army Security Agency. He was a member of Post 93 of the American Legion in Bucksport; and a member of the Masonic Felicity Lodge #19 of Bucksport and the Hancock

Chapter Lodge #19. He belonged to the Bucksport Senior Citizens Club and the Bucksport and Prospect historical societies.

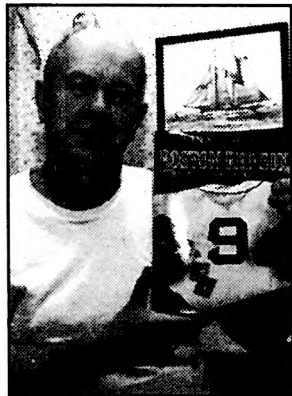
He was a 43-year employee of the St. Regis and Champion paper companies in Bucksport, a member of Local #1188 of the UPIU, where he worked as a chief operator and tour foreman in the power plant. He held a first class State of Maine engineers license.

During the course of his full and happy life living in Bucksport, he enjoyed above all his family and friends and especially his grandchildren. He took joy in tinkering in his woodworking shop, and working in his vegetable gardens. He also greatly enjoyed his coffee time with friends at McDonald's in Bucksport and Bangor, as well as attending various local bean and church suppers. As an avid baseball and sports fan, he maintained an extensive baseball card and sports

memorabilia collection. He also took great interest in local and regional history and events, keeping a rather large scrapbook library of related material.

Cuddy was regarded as a kind and sweet man, generous and loving to both family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all the lives he touched over his nearly 82 years. There will be an informal family and friends gathering in the parish hall of the United Methodist Church in Orland on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 1 p.m. Arrangements are under the care and direction of the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

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Dallis K. Saunders, 1936 - 2019

BUCKSPORT — Dallis K. Saunders, 82, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bangor.

She was born in Bucksport on April 4, 1936, the daughter of Lester and Helen (Tolman) Sutherland.

Dallis was happiest when her home was filled with her children and all of the neighborhood kids that spent a lot of time at the "farm".

Dallis is survived by six children: Richard and wife Lisa of Florida; David and wife Lorraine of Orland; Robin Wardwell and husband Bobby of Orland; Dana and wife Sandy of Vassalboro; Rusty and wife Paulette of Bucksport; and Danny and wife Jen of Bucksport. She was "MeMe" to 18 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stuart, on Aug. 6, 2015, after 61 years of marriage. She also was predeceased by her parents and her only sister, Iris Cushing.

The Saunders family would like to thank her caregivers - Carolyn, Racheal and Lizz - who took great care of her and spent time with her.

A special "thank you" to Patti Perkins, who was Dallis's neighbor and who always made her laugh. The family also would like to extend their gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Joseph's Hospital for their kind and compassionate care of Dallis and the family while Dallis was a patient.

A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Front Ridge Cemetery in Orland. The day and time will be published at a later date.

Donations in Dallis's memory may be made to St. Joseph Hospital, 360 Broadway, Bangor, ME 04401.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home in Bucksport

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Dallis Saunders with her husband, Stuart

Public meals

Saturday, Feb. 23

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

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.

Police to get state training

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Police Department will be sending one of its newest patrol officers - and, perhaps, two - to the Maine Police Academy in August.

Upon successfully completing the 18-week school, the new personnel will become a certified full-time police officer in the State of Maine.

In other police news:
• Chief Sean P. Geagan attended the governor's inaugural.

• The department received 13 new ballistics vests with much of the cost of \$850 a vest covered by a grant. The new vests are lighter, but also must be replaced every five years.
• The department held its first awards ceremony dinner.

Allegation of fraud under review

BUCKSPORT — A report of fraud reported from the Spring Fountain Motel on U.S. Route 1 remains under investigation by local police.

While the police chief declined comment on the

specifics of the case, it is known the police have referred some of the information they gathered to both federal and state tax authorities.

The initial report was made on the morning of Feb. 12

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GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS

Bucksport finishes eighth

Gross earns state championship for second time

LEWISTON - The
Bucksport wrestling team fin-
ished eighth at the Class B
states competition.

The Bucks finished with
three placers.

- David Gross Jr. was
crowned state champion.
That marked his second
state title.

- Kaleb Nightingale
placed third as a freshman..

- And Ricky Perkins
placed fourth in a tough
weight class.

The Bucks have dealt
with injuries all season, but
they still managed to place in
the top ten in the team ranks.

The Bucks will be going to
Oxford Hills this Saturday for
the New England qualifier
competition.

Team earns fifth place

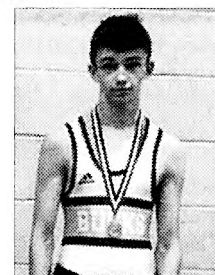
ELLSWORTH - The
Golden Bucks traveled here
on Saturday, Feb. 11, and
they finished fifth as a team
despite missing five of their
starters.

The Bucks placed five
wrestlers - David Gross,
champion; Ricky Perkins,
second; Alex Burbank, sec-
ond; Kaleb Nightingale, sec-
ond; and Jacob Coghill,
fourth.

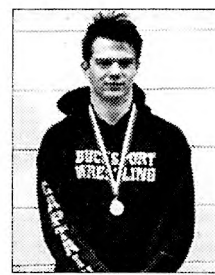
Travis Hutchinson was
on his way to the finals when
he got injured and couldn't
continue to wrestle.

Hutchinson's points
would have put the team in
third place.

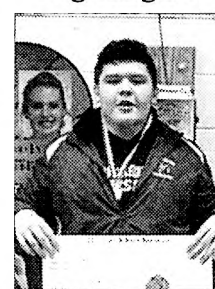
— DAVID GROSS



Kaleb
Nightingale



Ricky
Perkins



David Gross



Alex Burbank

Local runners earn six medals at Bates



The Bucksport High School's indoor track
team competed at Bates College Saturday at the
Class B State Championship, and earned six
medals in the process.

Carter Tolmasoff won the boys' 55-meter dash
with a time of 6.71, and he placed second in the
200-meter.

Tolmasoff's 55-meter win earned him a berth
in the New England Championships in Boston on
March 2.

In the 400-meter, Nathaniel Sawyer placed
third for the boys and Addie Morrison was fifth for
the girls.

Johanna Stiles placed seventh in the 55-meter
dash, running the fastest time of any freshman in
Class B at 7.77.

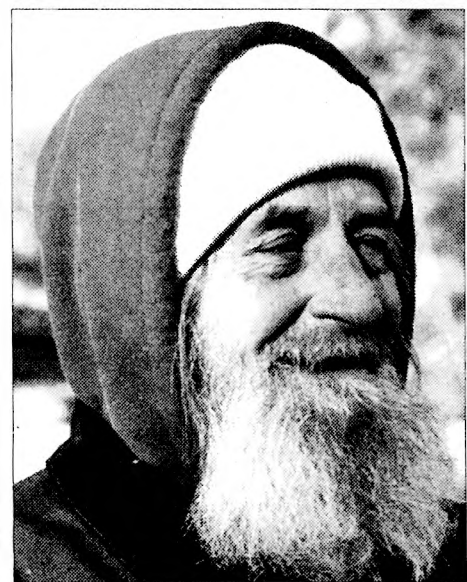
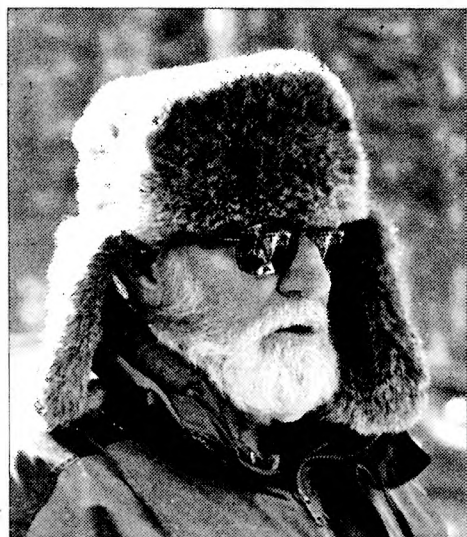
The Bucks' final medals came in the girls
4x200-meter relay, where the team of Addie
Morrison, Victoria Watkins, Mikayla Tripp, and
Britney Bussey placed third.

— MATT MORRISON

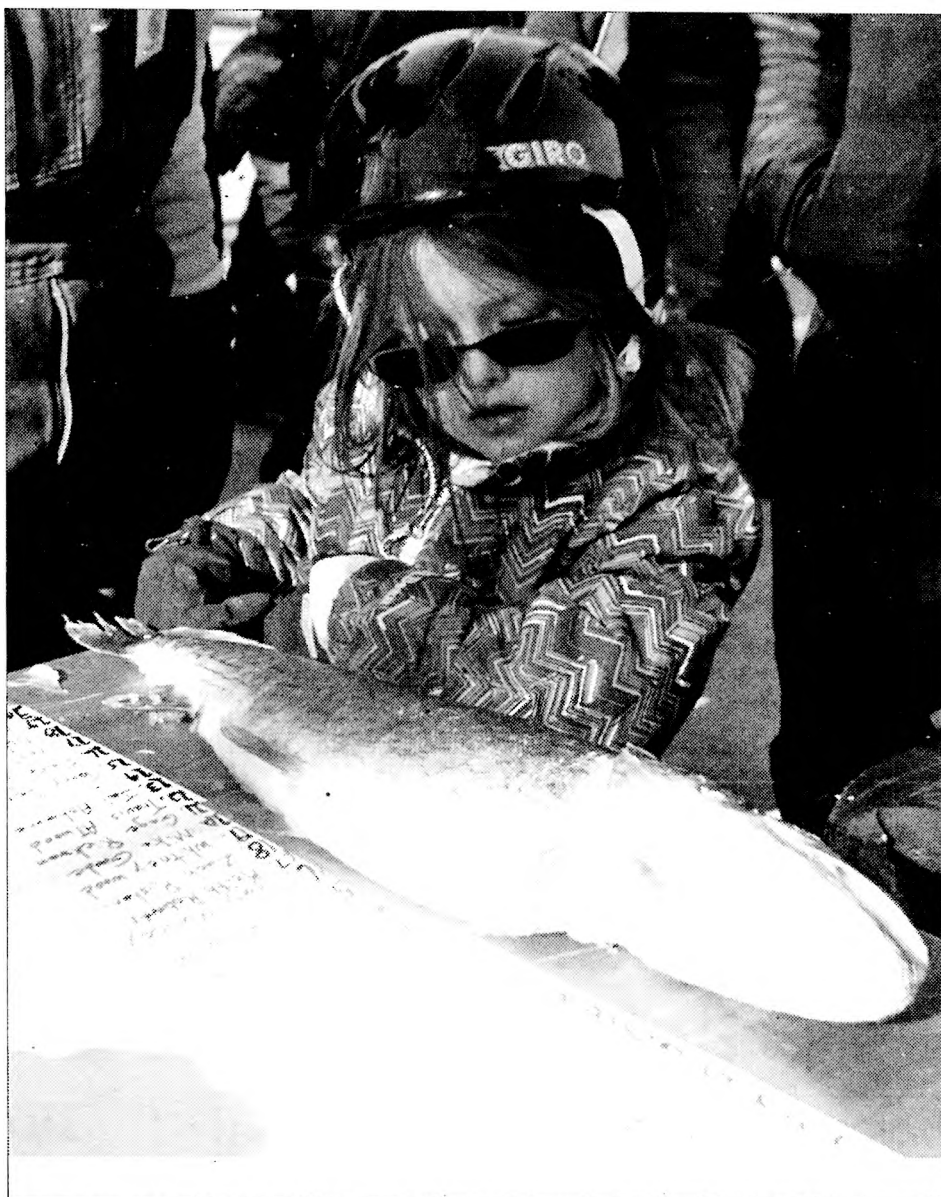
← CARTER TOLMASOFF, center.

In fashion

At derby time, layered look
always in style



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NOW, THAT'S A FISH! This young lady makes certain the judges get every last centimeter out of her catch as it lies on the official measuring stick.

— A nice day on the ice

A roster of 206 people registered for the derby, but that number does not include the many in their families who came along to support them - or just have a nice day on Silver Lake.

While cool, the temperature was not the kind accompanied by a wind-chill index that would hold down the number of participants.

And the fishing was great. It even took large poster boards to list all of the entries in the bass category. At the end of the day the winner in the bass category was Trenton Winslow's 4 pound, 1 ounce fish. Seth Laplant was second with a 3 pound, 9 ounce catch.

The top price among the perch fisher

people went to Tucker Boynton with an 11 ounce fish. Second place was won by Braydon Wood with one at 10 ounces.

The pickerel top prize went to SheaLynn Robshaw with a whopping 4 pound, 2 ounce fish. In second place was Jai Ashmore with a 2 pound, 15 ounce fish.

The winner of the big drawing was Aubrey Wilbur, who generously donated a portion of her winnings back to the Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club.

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Booked at jail

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

- Brandy Jo Mylen, 34, of 18 Middle St., Bucksport was booked last Thursday (2/14) night after being arrested at her home for a reported violation of the terms of

her probation in an earlier case and an alleged violation resulting from a prior drug court case.

- Roland John Allison, 72, of 345 Meadow Pond. Stockton Springs, was booked on Friday morning for allegedly failing to be in court to answer an earlier charge.
- Maxwell Field, 27, of Montgomery Lane in Penobscot was booked early last Thursday

(2/14) after being arrested in Ellsworth for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. He later posted bail.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Police issued these court summonses:

- Amanda Huntley, 27, of Bucksport was stopped on Main Street shortly before 2 p.m. on Saturday, and was issued a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation.
- Jared Reed, 25, of Old Town was issued a summons on Bridge Street about 9:30 a.m. last Thursday (2/14). He was alleged to be driving after a license suspension or revocation.
- Chad Cottrell, 31, of Bucksport was stopped on the River Road and allegedly was unable to provide proof of liability insurance coverage.
- Erin Brown, 42, of Bucksport was issued a summons on Feb. 11 about 11:30 a.m. for failing to have proof of liability insurance on a vehicle.

Accidents tallied

BUCKSPORT — These roadway accidents were reported here recently, including several on slippery road surfaces.

- A vehicle being driven by Kristine Moody, 50, of Veazie went off the Millvale Road and had to be towed out about 4:30 p.m. on Friday (2/15).
- A vehicle slid off the road near 1055 State Route 47 on Friday (2/15) about 12:45 p.m. The vehicle was towed back on the roadway.
- A vehicle that went off the

Millvale Road about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 was towed out.

- Vehicles being driven by Brandon Snow, 24, and Kristin Peters, 23, collided near 918 River Road about 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 11. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Man rescued

BUCKSPORT — A call for emergency personnel was called off after several people helped pull a man to safety after he had faound himself in chest-deep water while making repairs at a local home shortly after noon on Feb. 11.

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Victim of fatal Dedham fire identified

DEDHAM — The man who died when fire swept his Dedham log home on Feb. 13 was identified as 76-year-old Jerry Bishop.

The body was found a few feet inside the house. Bishop collapsed when he went back into the house to look for his dog. The huskie was not

found.

His wife, Phyllis Bishop, said the couple was awakened by smoke detectors and both initially escaped.

The cause has not been determined, but the couple had reported electrical issues.

The house was destroyed.

Cat's me-ow!

BUCKSPORT — There are several cats available at the municipal shelter,

Call Dan Joy, the area animal control officer, at 469-7951 for all of the details on adoption.

Luncheon menus

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

- **Friday, Feb. 22** - Roast tenderloin pork, baked potato, carrots and bread pudding
- **Monday, Feb. 25** - Baked haddock, rice pilaf, snap peas and a cookie.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 27** - Spaghetti and meatballs, garden salad and cake.

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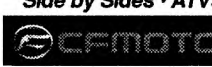
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