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— Two municipal departments getting new leadership —

## Town clerk hired

*Winterport man will start March 27*

BUCKSPORT — Jacob Grant of Winterport, now the full-time deputy town clerk in that town and the pastor of a small church in Frankfort, is the town clerk here.

Grant, the pastor of the Frankfort Congregational Church on weekends, has been the deputy clerk and registrar of voters in Winterport for two-and-a-half years. He'll start here at \$46,000-a-year.

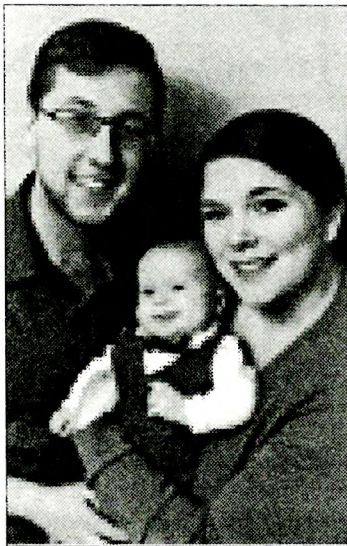
Winterport has a population of about 4,000, about 1,000 less than Bucksport.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, who hired Grant last week, said, "he comes highly recommended and got positive reviews from the multiple people that I involved in the

interview process." While Lessard made the hiring decision, she had four of the woman who serve the public at the front desk meet him.

Grant will start here on March 27 and will work a week with Kathy Downes, the current clerk and registrar of voters. Downes, who earns \$57,000-a-year, will retire on April 4 after over 26 years with the town. That's the longest tenure of any clerk in Bucksport's history. She has offered to assist Grant and the town manager after her retirement.

Grant and his wife, MacKenzie; their son, Israel; and their dog, Flora, will remain in Winterport. A driver with his town's volunteer fire department, he enjoys golf and playing the piano.



**BUCKSPORT'S new town clerk, Jacob Grant, of Winterport. With him are his wife MacKenzie, and their son, Israel.**

## Fire chief retiring

*Bowden won't return from leave of absence*

BUCKSPORT — Fire Chief Craig Bowden will retire for the second time, effective April 9.

Bowden has been on a medical leave while recovering from some major surgery, but he said his decision was not based on his health but an acknowledgement that he has spent more than 36 years with the department and has other things he now wants to do.

Bowden, who said he's been contemplating the idea of stepping down for some time now, said he will remain an on-call firefighter and will stay active here.

He also can be expected to be spending more time on the shore on Prince Edward Island in Canada, one of his favorite spots, and enjoying his grandchildren.

He informed Town Manager Susan M. Lessard of his decision last Thursday (3/14).

Lessard has begun advertising for a new chief.

During his leave, Lessard has divided the management of the department between Deputy Chief Michael Denning and Chris Connor, the deputy director of the emergency medical service.

Bowden has been the chief for 18 years, and worked as the assistant chief and has spent over 75 percent of his career in the top spots at the department.

Lessard said Bowden, "has certainly earned the right to retire."

PLEASE SEE FIRE CHIEF, PAGE 6.

Revitalized Methodists preparing . . .

## Spiritual fitness center?

BUCKSPORT — Many of the area's Methodists are preparing for a Palm Sunday procession to their new home in the fitness center that once served the paper mill's employees.

Their years-long and now-successful effort will be marked by the walk after the Palm Sunday service at the Franklin Street church to the new site. Members of the church will carry some of key religious objects from the second floor sanctuary to the new site is a single-story building that easily is accessed by those with handicaps or other mobility issues.

Many boxes of church items have been packed, some headed for storage elsewhere, while others are being moved to the new site now that

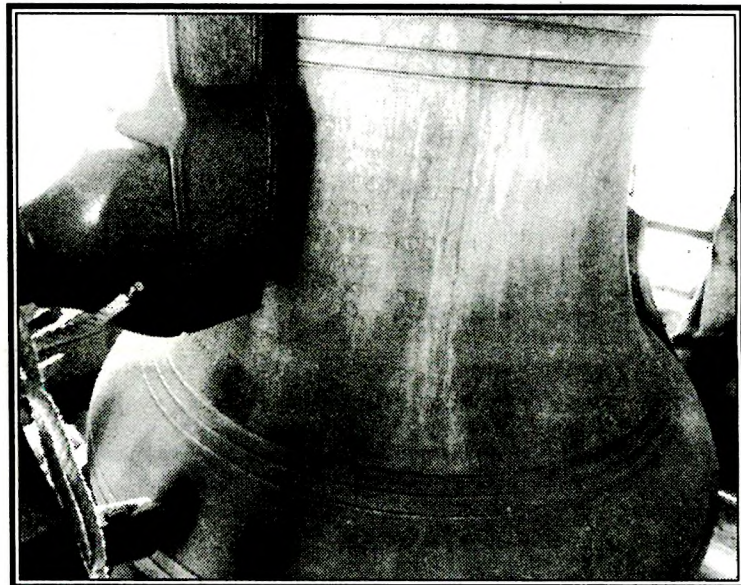
the purchase has been signed and sealed.

The move allows the congregation - a combination of those who worshipped at the churches on Franklin Street and in East Bucksport - to concentrate on renovating the more practical space. The cost of maintaining the other churches grew expensive with the passing years, especially for a small congregation.

The venerable church bell was removed long ago, in anticipation of the move and the need to take down the deteriorating steeple.

Once the renovations and the transition to the River Road site is complete, the church will decide how best to upgrade and use the East Bucksport church, Pastor Peter Remick said. He noted the traditional Easter sunrise worship service will be held there.

*The four-faced clock atop the Franklin Street United Methodist Church - a fixture here since the 1800s - has been sold, and the Canadian man who bought it purchased the church as well. See details on Page 7.*



**READY TO TOLL . . . The ancient bell that has marked major occasions for decades has been removed from the Bucksport United Methodist Church and will be installed in a place of honor at the church's new home on the River Road.**

## Students came to play - and win!



— THE ONE Y jazz combo

SOUTH PORTLAND — For the first time ever two Bucksport High School jazz combos advanced to the state jazz festival last Friday (3/15) at the South Portland High School.

The Bucksport High jazz combo, Wet Paint, received an honorable mention, and bassist David Hileman earned a "1" rating as a soloist. The other members of Wet Paint Combo are Jordyn Stacy, alto sax,

Brookelyn Knowles, tenor sax, Ethan Lozier, tenor sax, Tim Holcomb, trumpet, Tyler Winchester & Alexis Leeman, percussion, and James Palkie, guitar.

The BHS senior combo, One Y, earned a silver medal, narrowly missing gold by a mere three-tenths of a point, and came in third place in Division III.

The members include pianist, Olivia West; trumpeters Hannah Ferrell and Zoe



— THE WET PAINT jazz combo

Hosford; guitarist, Rigo Perez; bassist, Rhianna Billings; and drummer Haley Connor;

Olivia West, Hannah Ferrell, Rigo Perez, and Haley Connor each earned "1" ratings as soloists. Haley and Hannah each earned an "outstanding musician" award. Only five outstanding musician awards are given per division, and Bucksport students received two of the five.

## Trash plant ready for use, manager says

BUCKSPORT — The town's first load of rubbish will be sent to the new Hampden trash-to-energy processing plant on April 5, according to the town manager.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, under pressure from the repeated delays in the start-up of the Fiberright operation, previously said if the plant wasn't open by next month, she'd recommend an alternative be sought.

Still up in the air is the issue of what to do with recyclable items. Because the markets for most of these materials have cratered, the town might enter into an agreement to take them to a Casella Waste site in Hampden, Lessard said.

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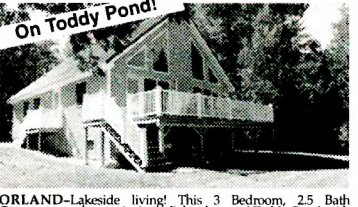


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**On Toddy Pond!**



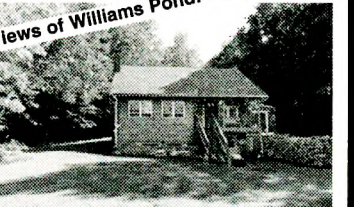
**ORLAND**—Lakeside living! This 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Contemporary home sits just off the shores of Toddy Pond with exceptional craftsmanship and attention to detail. The kitchen boasts 50 appliances, quartz countertops with an open concept feel while the dining/living area enjoys natural light and views of the pond. Quality materials through out 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 **\$499,999**

**Price Reduced!**



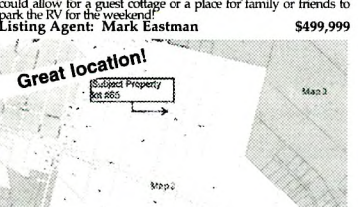
**BUCKSPORT**—Good bones! This 2/Bedroom 2/Bath Cape sits on an oversized village lot within walking distance downtown as well as all of the schools in town. Amenities include a newer boiler, wood floors throughout the house as well as a detached 2 car garage and a barn. Nice private yard with plenty of sunshine!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$99,900**

**Views of Williams Pond!**




**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**

**Pending!**




**Great location!**  
This property is located on a quiet street in the heart of Bucksport. It is a perfect location for a business or a home. The property is currently being sold as is.  
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter **\$85,900**

**Pending!**



**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!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$132,500**

**Pending!**

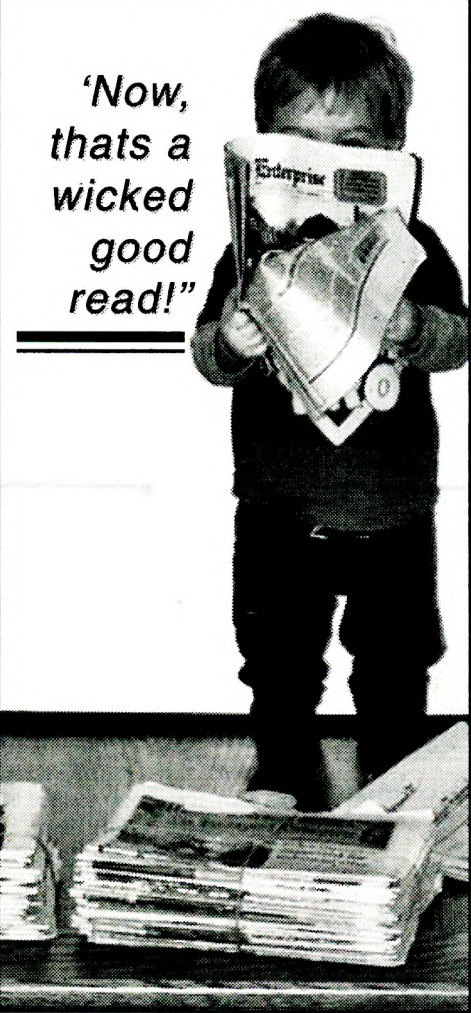


**BUCKSPORT**—Originally listed as a home on leased land, this new listing includes the home and seven acres all for \$53,000. The land is now included in this sale, unlike before. The rustic home includes an open first floor, with a kitchen, eating area, and living room. The second floor has 3 bedrooms and a full bathroom. Lots of privacy, since this home is the very last one on a dead end road. This listing is definitely worth a look.  
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter **\$53,000**

## Property transfers

- BUCKSPORT Here are the latest real estate transfers recorded in the office of J.E. ("Jef") Fitzgerald, the town's assessor:
- 418 Millvale Road, from the State of Maine to Davenport Rentals, LLC on Dec 28 for \$26,500. The 1.5-acre developed lot was assessed at \$79,600, was sold in a liquidation sale.
  - 148 U.S. Route 1, from Jessica Russell to John Ives and Angela Swainson on Dec 27 for \$315,000. The 17.29 developed acres are assessed at \$349,950.
  - 43 Central Street, from David Hildreth to Carlos Herrera on Dec. 31 for \$130,000. The quarter-of-an-acre developed property is assessed at \$133,170.
  - 18 Pine Street, from Diane O'Connell to HDO, LLC on Jan 1 for \$0. The 0.09-acre developed lot was sold to a relation. It is assessed at \$96,810.
  - Town Farm Road, from Oak Leaf Realty Inc. to M & H Land Holdings, LLC on Dec 31 for \$16,940. The 8.67 acres land was part of an estate sale. The sute is assessed at \$44,560.
  - Thurston Pond Road, from Dale Henderson Logging, Inc. to M & H Land Holdings, LLC on Dec 31 for \$22,385. The 36.7 acres sold as an estate sale, and is assessed at \$49,770.
  - Upper Long Pond Road, from Land Investment, Inc. to Daniel and Karen Teague on Dec 3 for \$13,900. The 1.38 acres of land is assessed at \$13,750.
  - 224 Central Street, from Robert A. Howard to Sydnie I. Howard on Nov. 20 for \$0. The 1.22 developed acres were transferred within a family. The land is assessed at \$79,320.
  - 22 Franklin Street, from Guy and Aimee Abbotoni to TRA Management on Jan 10 for \$148,000. The 0.57-acre developed property was sold in a flip transaction. It is assessed at \$135,250.
  - Nason Hollow, from the Town of Bucksport to Troy Sheehan on Jan 10 for \$5,007. The quarter of an acre was originally acquired in a tax taking and is assessed at \$24,230.
  - 8 Central Street, from Donna Lemieux to Nichol and Brian Chandler on Jan. 18 for \$57,000. The 1.83 acres and a mobile home are assessed at \$52,010.
  - 225 Central Street from Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. to BAB Real Estate LLC on Jan. 16 for \$44,100. The three-fifths of an acre developed lot was sold in a liquidation. It's assessed at \$90,830.
  - 327 Williams Pond Road, Weeda & Rizzo to Michael and Tracy Sturtevant on Jan. 25 for \$299,000. The 21.9-acre lot includes the Williams Pond Lodge and a developed waterfront. The commercial and residential site is assessed at \$315,580.
  - 132 School Street from Midfirst Bank to the HUD Secretary on Nov 24 for \$53,182. The 0.29-acre developed property was sold in a liquidation. The deed actually was dated in 2014, but only officially was recorded in November of last year. The property is assessed at \$75,270.

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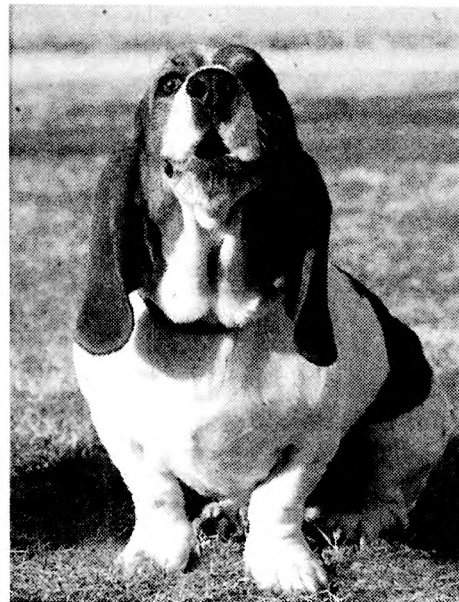


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A wine expert will be on hand, and, yes, there'll be some nice munchies to clear the palate. 469-8992.

**MAN ON BOARD** — The Bucksport town clerk's position for many decades was filled by men.

But that changed in 1936, and women have held the office ever since.

Next week, **Jacob Grant** of Winterport will become the first man to head the office since 1936. The last man to hold the title, **Davis B. Clay**, served from 1933 to 1936.

**NEW OWNERS** — The **Williams Pond Lodge**, which long has been billed as being, "in the woods, on the pond and off the grid," has new

owners: **Michael and Tracy Sturtevant** of Australia,

The former bread-and-breakfast was sold early this year by **David Weeda** and **Dominic Rizzo**.

Last month, a notice was posted by Weeda, "I am so grateful for the many joyful and beautiful moments I have experienced at my sweet property. . . . I have loved my time there for the past 15-plus years, and I will cherish countless memories for the rest of my life."

Weeda this week said he has not decided what he will do next, but is looking forward to whatever that may be.

**HONORED** — At its annual meeting at the Bucksport Golf Course Tuesday night, the **Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce** honored these individuals:

- Chamber Volunteer of the year: **Courtney Swazey**.
- Not-for-profit group of the year: the **REACH** alternative high school
- Long-standing chamber member:

**Bob's Small Engine.**

• Hans Honders award for public service: **Larry Wahl**.

• Business person of the year: **Wayne Hand**, Bucksport Golf Club.

Super supporter: **Colleen and Mike Gross**, Verona Wine & Design.

**RSU 25** — These personnel changes were endorsed by the **RSU 25 School Board** this week:

- **Ben Crocker**, the junior varsity baseball coach, has resigned.
- Joining the athletic programs staffs are: **Corey Bires**, varsity softball; **George Watkins**, junior varsity softball; and **Lori Dorr**, high school softball.

**TO YOUR HEALTH** — There will be a free "health literacy" presentation at **H.O.M.E. Inc.** in Orland for those with questions about their health and wellness.

Learn where to find accurate and reliable health information online without being exposed to advertisements, misinformation or personal risk.

Everyone is welcome to bring a friend or family member to the free talk from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, at H.O.M.E. at 90 Schoolhouse Road in Orland. 469-7961.

**ATTN: THEATER CREATORS!** —

Those who want to share their passion for bringing imagination to life are being sought by **The Grand Theatre** in Ellsworth. The group needs directors, music directors, costumers, scenic designers, lighting designers and choreographers for the 2019-20 season.

Applicants should be experienced leaders and be creative, passionate, collaborative and kind. Stipends are available for all of the positions. The theater also has opportunities for part-time volunteers to paint a set for a day or sew costumes and more. If you want to help, there's a job for you, big or small.

For artistic positions, send a letter and resume to [artisticdirector@grandonline.org](mailto:artisticdirector@grandonline.org) or mail The Grand, 163 Main Street, Ellsworth ME 04605, Attention: Artistic Director. All others should send a short note.

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# Leaving reluctantly

You can take a Bowden out of firefighting, but you can't take firefighting out of a Bowden - at least not the Bucksport Bowdens. For years, Chief Craig Bowden has lived his dream: fighting fires and keeping people safe in his hometown. Now, after many years he's decided he's reached the point where he wants to do other things.

As chief, he's developed a 21<sup>st</sup> century department, one that routinely values far-more-than-just-adequate training in firefighting and emergency medical skills.

EDITORIALS He's seen people's lives saved as a result of his department's prompt response to every call, whether to a fire or an ambulance run, whether in summer heat or amid the worst of winter blizzards.

He also has experienced the aftermath of serious, sometimes fatal, occurrences. Those events impact entire families. They also are rough on those called to render aid. Some losses through the years have been especially personal to Bowden.

In small communities, victims are not anonymous. They and their family members often are friends or at least passing acquaintances. Each has a name, and the first responders know it. Firefighters in large metropolitan departments seldom serve people they know - or will ever even see again. That's not true here.

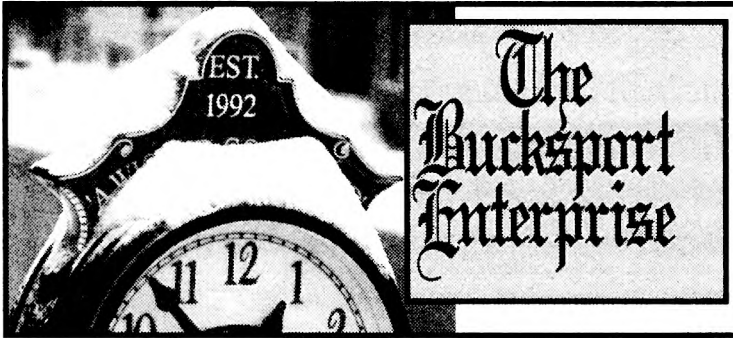
Bowden is proud of the equipment his department has available, whether it's the used aerial ladder that avoided paying nearly \$1 million for a new one, or the three ambulances that occasionally all are in use at the same time. The chief never saw a government grant he didn't want, and often his department's requests have been granted.

Bowden also has that grin of pride when he shows off the antique fire apparatus that so lovingly has been maintained. Much of that legacy can be traced to Bowden's mentor, the late Chief Paul McCann. With McCann as his guide, Bowden early on knew what he wanted and where he wanted to do it. Now, he's there.

## What's in a name? A lawsuit!

A Bucksport couple thought they had the perfect name for their little piece of acreage so they dubbed it, "The Hobbit Hill Farmstead." All was well - until the lawyers got involved. Kevin and Mandy Wheaton were threatened with a copyright infringement lawsuit by Hobbit Middle-earth Enterprises, the firm that guards against copyright infringements upon just about anything related to The J.R.R. Tolkien fantasy series. At first, the Ledgwood Drive residents thought it was a joke. It wasn't. The result is their acreage now is, "The Wheaton Hill Farm." They don't think Wil Wheaton will sue.

Meanwhile, an *Enterprise* reader in Cumberland suggests the couple should re-name their little piece of heaven, "The Farm Formerly Known As Hobbit Hill," and enjoy another round of free publicity. The reader may be joking. Then again, maybe he's not.



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# Let there be peace in Orrington

Just down the River Road, there's been a lot of harsh words and strife in Orrington for months now. At the center of it has been a divided five-member Board of Selectmen that hasn't been able to agree on what they should expect from the town manager, resulting in a revolving door in that office.

And a sloppily managed effort to get a \$3.5 million public safety building erected got scrapped after drawing about 500 of the town's nearly 4,000 people to a special Town Meeting. Three messages were delivered that night: \$3.5 million is too much, do more research before trying to move ahead and enough with the bickering already.

Rather than dwell on who may have said what to whom, it's enough to note that a broad-based committee of residents had set in motion a petition to recall two of the selectmen.

### — News analysis —

However, at the end of last month there appeared to be a consensus to bury the hatchet, and not in one another. The citizens' committee withdrew its petition, the selectmen hired yet another town manager (for six months with annual reviews thereafter) and a temporary budget consultant was hired. Both votes were unanimous.

And a committee is taking an initial pass at designing a new, more modest, building for the police and fire departments.

This not to suggest that everyone's bought into some sort of kumbaya moment, but it's now clear that some with deep concerns got their chance to express them. Norman Rockwell could have transformed the scenes at the town meeting and the selectmen's meeting in late-February into fine magazine covers.

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Representatives of the Selectman Recall Committee, recently told the selectmen, "We have spent the last month or so speaking with many citizens who have reached out in regards to the petition to recall two selectmen. . . . As we have met, we have come to the conclusion that there are several areas of concern most worth trying to address. The question has been whether or not

those issues were fixable, or if they were simply insurmountable. We have given a tremendous amount of thought to finding ways to heal some of the rift and bring some peace and clarity back to the town we love."

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"Orrington is one of the last truly small towns. It is uncommon nowadays to have a place like this, where politics don't matter as much as being neighborly and kind to one another. Our goal at this point is to try to help stop the bleeding, not to keep picking at the scabs created by others."

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"Some of the things that we have asked to consider are as follows:

1. Mandatory . . . yearly workshops at the state level with the purpose of ongoing training for the electmen. We believe that these will help our public servants continue to learn and grow in their capacities, and to help them gain the tools they will need to maneuver the minefield of serving in the social media age.
  2. Instituting a written and practical chain of command that would take away the often-chaotic approach to governing happening now. . . . There should be a set chain of command to address issues. . . . When there is no set-in-stone process for dealing with issues as they come up, nothing gets done until it has reached a fever pitch, and then everyone is feeling unheard and the town manager is feeling attacked. . . .
  3. Our current code of ethics should be updated, specifically outlining what constitutes a conflict of interest would have eliminated the biggest problem in this case. . . . We feel strongly that in any matter currently before someone in his selectman's role, being absolutely transparent about his participation would likely have been less troublesome. . . . For the sake of the selectmen, and for the citizens, a code of ethics should clearly delineate the need to always be upfront about participation in a campaign either for or against something before the selectmen vote.
- It is our intention to withdraw the recall petition. . . . It is our hope that doing so will begin the process of healing the divide. We appreciate the many people who have reached out and shared their concerns. We hope that we have represented them well."

## LETTERS . . . to the editor

### A fine production!

To the editor,

We found *Nora's Lost* by Alan Haehnel at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center last Saturday night (3/16), but had no idea what to expect from Bucksport High School's Drama Club.

What a superb production of a very complex play with interwoven themes and time periods! The actors pulled us into the world of a person suffering from Alzheimer's with grace and conviction. It blew us away.

Congratulations on a tight, well-produced and well-projected emotional experience we wish more people around the state could witness. Bravo Bucksport High School Drama Club!

John and Katie Greenman  
Orland

### Warmly received!

To the editor,

The volunteers of the

Bucksport Community Concerns Food Pantry would like to thank Johanna Dorr and the members of the Seaboard Federal Credit Union for a very large donation of new socks. The socks were originally slated to be donated to the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter, but the shelter recently had received a substantial donation of socks, including 1,000 pairs from a single donor. After speaking with Johanna and hearing of the earlier flooding of the food pantry and our slow recovery from the flooding, the shelter graciously agreed the socks should come to us.

A big "thank you" goes out to all parties involved from the Bucksport Community Concerns volunteers and the recipients of the socks.

Marsha Murrall and Linda Hayward  
Co-Presidents  
Bucksport Community Concerns  
Bucksport

### Two-state solution

To the editor,

Your editorial lambasting Rep. Ilhan Omar added fire where calm is needed.

There is a difference between being anti-semitic and criticizing the current policies of the State of Israel and the supporters of those policies.

J Street President Jeremy Ben-Ami states that, "using the discussion of anti-Semitism is an attempt to silence the debate by focusing the discussion on the question of anti-Semitism rather than the underlying issue that really needs to be discussed, which is our American policy toward the region."

J Street promotes the "two-state solution:" a peaceful democratic Jewish homeland living side by side with a peaceful Palestine.

Joyce Schelling  
Orland





# OBITUARY

## Timothy J. Wardwell, 1954 - 2019

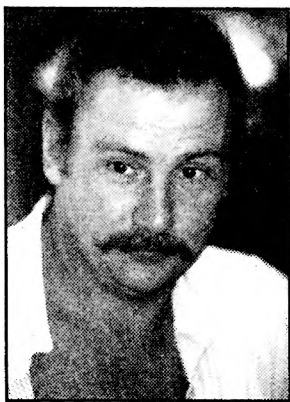
BUCKSPORT — Timothy J. Wardwell passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully, on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in Bucksport.

He was born on May 8, 1954, the son of William and Ruth (Colby) Wardwell.

Timothy had a great love for his family and enjoyed visiting family and friends. His great sense of humor often was mischievous but always coupled with a smile and a glint in his eyes.

Timothy loved spending time on his land, whether cutting wood or caring for his blueberry fields. In the summer, he loved swimming and sitting outside in the sun.

Timothy is survived by his mother, Ruth Wardwell; his loving wife, Patti Rump; his daughters: Kelsey Wardwell and partner, Gerry Worster, and Keegan Wardwell and her husband, Aaron



Timothy J. Wardwell

Burgus; a sister, Ellen McElvain; and brothers, Dana Wardwell and wife Paulette, and Frank Wardwell and partner Elaine White; brother-in-law Jerome Andrews, brother-in-law Ben Rump and wife Karen and sister-in-law Jacque Rump, along with many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father William Wardwell; a sister, Joyce Andrews; a brother, James Wardwell; and brother-in-law William McElvain.

A celebration of his life will be held on May 11 at noon at the Orland Community Center on Schoolhouse Road in Orland.

Please send any memoirs, stories or photos to [timothywardwell@gmail.com](mailto:timothywardwell@gmail.com).

Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

• [mitchelltweedie-young.com](http://mitchelltweedie-young.com) •

# PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO

## PUBLIC EVENTS

### Saturday, March 30

REPUBLICANS — Hancock County Republicans will hold a "game day, beginning at 3 p.m., ay the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Ellsworth. Those attending should bring a board or card game or just come ready to play. The event and a spaghetti dinner at 5:30 is open to everyone. There is no charges. *Sandi Blanchette of Orland, chairman, 944-8444.*

### Tuesday, April 2

READ ON! "The Tuesday Readers," a book discussion group, meets at Ellsworth Public Library meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. *The Spy* by Paulo Coelho will be discussed, and coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served. 667-6363.

### Saturday, April 7

IN CONCERT — At 7:30 p.m., the First Congregational Church of Searsport will open its 2019 Concert Series with a classical guitar performance by Charles Motokoff. Prior to setting in the Washington, DC area in 1991, Mokotoff resided in New England where he was widely recognized as an active guitarist and flutist. His career included two Far East tours and a well-received New York City debut at Carnegie Hall in 1987. Most recently he played two performances at the Lincoln Center Performing Arts Library in New York City. Doors open at 7:00, and light refreshments will follow the Searsport concert, which will benefit the church's building fund. 548-0327.

### Tuesday, April 9

CONNECTING — The Blue Hill Public Library's new free, public book group, "Shelf-Care", will have its second meeting at 5:30 p.m. The group is led by clinical social workers Dede Ragot, and Patty Bergstrom, and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. April's book is *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone* by Brené Brown. In the book the author argues that society is experiencing a spiritual crisis of disconnection, and introduces four practices of true belonging that challenge everything we believe about ourselves and one another. Copies of the book are available to check out in advance. 374-5515.

### Saturday, April 13

RAILROADIN' — At 10 a.m. at the Ellsworth Public Library, the Hancock County Genealogical Society will host Liz Ashe and Ronda Savage for a free public slideshow and talk about "Walking the Old Veazie Railroad". One of America's first railroads, it was a maor construction project for the Bangor, Piscataquis Canal and Rail Road Co. Service began in November of 1836, and provided continuous service for 33 years. It later became the Bangor, Old Town and Milford Railroad after it was acquired by Gen. Sam Veazie. (*Rocks labeled "V" remain through the towns marking the route.*)

## 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. 374-5515.

## HELP OFFERED

### Monday, March 25

BUILDING COMMUNITY — Healthy Acadia's "Building a Recovery Community" initiative, invites people to join them from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a free potluck supper, discussion and showing of *Anonymous People* at the Your Place Recovery Center at 8 Old Mill Road in Ellsworth. *Anonymous People* is adocumentary directed focusing on the over 23 million Americans living in long-term recovery from alcohol and other substance addictions as they try seeking to find solutions. People can bringsnacks and a dish to share if they like, and , and popcorn will be provided. Building a Recovery Community helps bring together people who wants to give in giving back to their communities and help others on their recovery journey.

The group meets on the fourth Monday of each month. Committees meet from 4:30 to 5:30p.m., and there will be a potluck supper at 5:30. The movie will begin promptly at 5:45. *Denise Black at 667-7171 or [denise@healthyacadia.org](mailto:denise@healthyacadia.org).*

### 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. *Janice Ronco at 667-2531.*

### Thursdays

GRIEF SUPPORT — AA week Northern Light Home Care & Hospice rief support group on Thursdays begins tonight and ends April 18. It meets from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the hospice office at 885 Union Street, Suite 220, in Bangor. This free group is for those18 or older dealing with a death. Those interested must speak with Joel Wigin 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 p.m. Those who want to bring a bag lunch for themselves are welcome to do so.

# THANK YOU

## Thank You

*The family of Sam Colby Crawford would like to express our thanks and appreciation to all the family, friends, neighbors and people we did not know, throughout this time of our loss. It has touched our hearts to see how many people's lives he was a part of and the outpouring of help and support.*

*Special thanks to Pastor Remick and Pastor Chaffee for a wonderful service, and to the Orland Methodist Church for the benefit dinner and all who supported it.*

*Paws, Wings and Things and all their clients, for all the donations and being a collection site. The help for the animals was so thoughtful.*

*Thank you all again, Steve, Darla, Denika, Mike, Riley, Negan, Mariah, Alex, Casey, Lillian, Ella and all the animals.*





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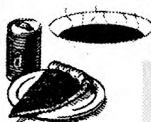
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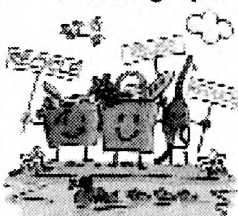


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# LITTLE OLDER & LITTLE WISER

## 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 8pm - Bingo
- 8 a.m. to 3p.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.

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## Hospice offering support groups for those in grief

ELLSWORTH — The Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County will offer several free grief support groups.

• A group for those who have lost someone will meet on Mondays, from April 8 to June 3 from 11 to 1 a.m. at the St. Francis by the Sea Church in Blue Hill, or on Thursdays from April 11 to May 30 from 5 to 7 at the hospice office in Ellsworth.

• A group for widows, widowers, and partners will meet on Mondays from April 8 to June 3 from 11 to 1 at the hospice office in Ellsworth.

• A group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide will gather on Wednesdays from April 10 to May 29 from 11 to 1 at the hospice office in Ellsworth.

• A workshop on aging and loss will be held on Mondays from April 8 to May 20 from 11 to 1:00 at the Friends in Action Senior Center in Ellsworth.

The groups are free but require registration by a week prior to the start date.

For more information or to register for any of the groups, call the Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County office at 667-2531.

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

• **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.*

## Public meal

**Saturday, April 6**

• **BAKED BEAN SUPPER**

— The East Orrington Congregational Church at 38 Johnson Hill Road will host a public supper from 4:30 to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

## — Fire chief

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

Lessard was to meet with the full-time firefighting staff yesterday (3/20) and with the on-call firefighters today (3/21). She said she wanted to hear the thoughts of the staff before sitting down with any of the candidates for the chief's job.

The town manager is faced with whether to promote one of the existing officers or to go further afield to find a suitable candidate.

One of the current officers is not interested in the position, while another may be considering seeking the top spot.

Bowden has been a strong and continuing advocate for enhancing the region's ambulance service and encouraging extensive training in all aspects of safety while fighting fires.

He became chief after some uncertainty about whether the Town Council might hire someone from outside the local fire service to manage the department.

Bowden first retired when he

was eligible to do so in September of 2017, but he then was rehired to fill the post by Lessard.

While that is not unusual in government, the chief's change in status was not reported publicly for several months, and then only when a resident raised the matter at a Town Council meeting.

During his career, the Bucksport department received more than \$1.5 million in federal and state money for various pieces of equipment and projects.

During his tenure as chief, ambulance call revenues have nearly tripled to \$400,000, reflecting in part an increase in the use of the ambulance by the increasing population of older people in this region.

Bowden joined the department as an on-call firefighter, and three years later became a full-time firefighter here. He then worked his way through the ranks.

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Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County is a state-licensed, independent non-profit agency with strong community collaborations.

**Review of resumes will begin March 28.**

Mail resume and cover letter to:

Jody Wolford-Tucker, Exec. Dir.

Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County

14 McKenzie Avenue, Ellsworth, ME 04605

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## BACK ISSUES

**BACK ISSUES** — Yes, we've got some back issues of *The Bucksport Enterprise*. Drop in or give us a call at 469-6722 \$1-a-copy. ufn



## MMA posts dean's list

**CASTINE** — The Maine Maritime Academy named 400 students to the dean's list, recognizing their academic achievements during the first semester. Students named to the list earned a grade point average of 3.3 or above on a 4.0 scale.

These area students are on the latest list:

- Tyler Brenton of Penobscot, Marine Transportation Operations.
- Dylan Bunker of Bucksport, Marine Engineering Technology.
- Justin Burgess of Orland, Marine Engineering Technology.
- Jennifer Burton of Castine, International Business & Logistics.
- Patrick Cloud of Castine, Marine Transportation Operations.
- Drew Cyr of Penobscot, Marine Systems Engineering.
- Byron Dossett of Bucksport, Power Engineering Operations.
- James Gillway of East Orland, Marine Transportation Operations.
- Tyler Heath of Bucksport, Power Engineering Technology.
- Bryan Johnson of Bucksport, Marine Engineering Technology.
- Michael Leone of Castine, Marine Transportation Operations.

## Want a clock? Buy a church!

**BUCKSPORT** — If you want to buy a huge historic clock, you need a clock tower to house it in, especially when the four faces of the clock are permanently attached to the tower.

And if you're going to buy such a large timekeeper, you have to deal with the hole in the roof you'll cause when you remove the tower. Why not buy the whole church?

That's just what a clock collector and dealer, Hugh Sinclair of Chatam, Ontario, Canada, did last year.

Once the Bucksport United Methodist Church holds its last service in Franklin Street, it will be up to Sinclair to decide what happens next to the landmark property. Sinclair already has the clock, and will return to remove the clock tower.

It's not clear what he intends to do, with what then, will be a vacant church.

The clock atop the church carries the serial number "1", placed there by E. Howard, a Boston manufacturer, a firm which remains in business today. However, it turns out Howard's clock #1 apparently was a prototype, one from which he learned much when it came to making better giant timepieces in subsequent years.

Clock #1 always has been subject to problems, almost from the first day it was hoisted into place by teams of oxen and a whole lot of manpower in the 1800s.

Keeping the clock telling accurate time has been the most-persistent problem, for the clock has been subject to the vagaries of New England weather, necessitating countless trips up the narrow stairs to the tiny clock room.

A lot of the church's and the clock's history is recorded there, for the clockkeepers left notes to others written on the walls, and every minister who ever served the church since it was built has signed the clock room wall.

The stairs up into the clock room offer a view through a hinged panel in one of the clock faces, the one facing out on Bucksport Bay.

The church, the clock and bell have been through a lot, including being raised by an entire floor when the church was jacked up so the current entry level with its meeting space, kitchen and offices could be accommodated.

However, having the sanctuary on the second floor has been a problem, too, as many through the years have had to deal with the stairs to get there, although a lift later was added as an accommodation. The new Bucksport United Methodist Church is all on one floor.

By selling the Franklin Street church, the congregation has avoided the expenses and problems of maintaining an empty building, its pastor, Peter Remick, said.

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## TOWN OF VERONA ISLAND

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The Verona Island Town Office will be closed on March 27th, 28th and 29th. The Town Clerk will be away.

The Verona Island Town Meeting will be held on April 13th at The Verona Island Town Hall at 7 P.M.

Respectfully

Marlene I. Smith, Town Clerk

03/21 & 28/19



## TOWN OF BUCKSPORT Office of Economic Development

Do you own a business that specializes in lawn care, construction, or general maintenance? Are you a plumber, electrician, or contractor? If so, please contact Rich Rotella in the Community and Economic Development office at 469-7368 or via email at [rich.rotella@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:rich.rotella@bucksportmaine.gov). Please provide the name of your business, contact name, phone number, email address, and whether or not you are accepting new clients.

03/21&28/19



## BUCKSPORT PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Bucksport Town Office, 50 Main Street**

INTERESTED PARTIES MAY SUBMIT ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

A proposed three-lot subdivision involving a parcel of land identified as lots 87, 89 and 90 on tax map 1. One lot has already been created and is identified on town tax map 1 as new lot 89. The applicant proposes to divide the remaining land into two lots. The division of a parcel of land into three or more lots in a five-year period creates a subdivision subject to town approval.

Applicant: Bucksport Mill LLC

Subdivision name: Subdivision Plan "Town Lots East of 15"

Property Owner: Bucksport Mill LLC

This subdivision requires Planning Board approval. The application review will begin at 6:30pm on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Bucksport Town Office, 50 Main Street.

The proposed subdivision application may be viewed at the Bucksport Town Office during regular business hours, or on the town's website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov).

TTD/TTY users may call 469-1178. If you are physically unable to attend the public hearing but would like to do so, please call Kathy Downes, Town Clerk, at 469-7368, so that accommodations can be made.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

## Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — These individuals were booked at the Hancock County jail here:

- Zacharia W. Herbest, 27, of 70 Cross Road, Bucksport was sentenced to ten days in jail for driving after his license was either suspended or revoked. He was booked into the jail about 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday.
- Zachary Alan Gellerson, 29, of 24 Dunbar Road, Orland last Thursday (3/14) was sentenced to 72 hours in jail by an Ellsworth court judge. He had been charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol.
- Abram J. Guay, 41, of 291 Castine Road, Orland was booked at the jail about 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday after being arrested in Orland for allegedly violating an order of protection.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Police issued summonses to:

- Sandra Bock, 18, of Frankfort was given a summons after she allegedly was found to be driving on U.S. Route 1 about 11 a.m. on Sunday after her license had been revoked or suspended.
- Desiree Carpenter, 45, of Orland was issued a summons for an alleged insurance infraction when she was stopped on the Mast Hill Road about 10:30 a.m. on March 14.
- Richard Burrell, 33, of Bangor was stopped on Main Street for reportedly driving while his license was either revoked or suspended. He was stopped about 8:45 p.m. on March 12.
- Barbara Allen, 47, of Bucksport was given a ticket for an alleged liability insurance infraction discovered after she was stopped shortly after 10 a.m. on March 13.
- Lois Kirschenbaum of Little Deer Isle was ticketed for a vehicle liability insurance infraction after being stopped on the River Road about 10:30 a.m. on March 13.
- Alexander Chadbourne, 25, of



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

Machias was issued a ticket for driving on U.S. Route about 6 p.m. on March 12. He was cited for allegedly driving while his license was either suspended or revoked.

- Joshua Smith, 30, of Orland for driving on U.S. Route 1 about 10 a.m. on March 10 when his license was either suspended or revoked.
- Erik Platt, 44, of Auburn was cited for littering while driving on the River Road shortly after midnight on March 17.

## Accidents

- BUCKSPORT — These highway accidents were reported here:
- A pickup truck being driven by Town Councilor Mark Eastman went off the River Road and rolled over just before 9 p.m. on March 16. Neither Eastman nor his wife, Brook Ewing Minner, were injured, the police said.
  - Ericka Johnson, 37, of Bucksport encountered a deer while driving on the River Road about 10 p.m. on March 15.
  - Braison Capitano, 18, of Bucksport lost control of a vehicle about 5:40 p.m. on March 10, on Forsythe Avenue, and the vehicle ended up in a ditch. The vehicle was towed out.

## Flash! Bam! Boom!

BUCKSPORT — An electricity transformer shorted out about 8 a.m. on March 10, outside the Bucksport House of Pizza. There was a flash of light and loud bang, but service was not lost at the eatery.

## Vandalism reported

BUCKSPORT — An insurance company reported vandalism occurred at a site on the Williams Pond Road. The incident was reported on March 11.

## Safety statistics

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport's emergency medical personnel handled 20 ambulance runs last week. Fifteen runs were to Bucksport addresses, four to sites in Orland and one was on Verona Island. There were two fire calls last week. The police responded to 125 calls for service.

## Garden club offers college aid to senior

BUCKSPORT — Applications are available for a \$1,000 scholarship for a senior with an average of a "B" or above who is planning on entering one of these fields: horticulture, environmental science, agriculture, landscaping design, biology, entomology, forestry, warden service or arborist. The deadline is April 1, 2019, and applications are now available at the Bucksport High School Guidance Office. This scholarship will be granted at graduation and will be paid to the school upon successful completion of the first semester and enrollment for the second semester.

## AIM affiliate asks to divide another lot at paper mill

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport Mill, L.L.C. is seeking to again subdivide the lot across River Road from the former paper mill. The affiliate of American Iron & Steel (AIM) previously subdivided the property it obtained when it bought the mill and now will be back before the Planning Board on Tuesday, April 2.

This time, the AIM-related business wants to carve out a slightly larger lot around the mill's former forest products building off Franklin Street to make that property easier to re-sell. If approved, the forest products lot will be just under an acre. The additional review is required because the dividing of a parcel of property into three or more lots within a five-year period requires the board's approval.

The AIM affiliate previously agreed to sell a 12.5-acre piece of the lot at issue - now a parking lot - to Whole Oceans L.L.C. The Portland company wants to use that property as part of its planned development of an on-shore salmon-rearing farm on the Penobscot River side of River Road (Route 15). That sale remains pending, as does the sale of a second parcel on the river side of the road to the Maine Maritime Academy of Castine for a mariners' safety school. Another portion of the lot - just over an acre adjacent to the parking lot that includes the former fitness center and older headquarters of the Seaboard Federal Credit Union - recently was purchased by the Bucksport United Methodist Church. (See article on Page 1.)

## Found & Lost Dept.

BUCKSPORT — black crocheted purse has been found and a cooler was reported lost in the Pine Street area.

# GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS

## Gross gains accolades at N.E. tourney

PROVIDENCE, RI — Bucksport's Golden Bucks were represented here early this month by David Gross III. Gross began with a pin against the Massachusetts D3 state champion, Brooks Jones of Wayland, MA. Jones will attend Brown University where he will play football in the fall. Gross followed that up with a 7-2 decision over Matt Weiner of Shelton CT. He then pinned the D1 Massachusetts state champion, Grant Laws of Xavieran Borthers High School. This pin came in the fourth overtime period, the seventh period in the match. Laws, of Halifax, MA, will be going to the University of Massachusetts. Gross then lost to Mattuez Kudra 5-4. Mattuez is attending the University of Virginia on a full wrestling scholarship. He's been recruited by many top schools' wrestling coaches. Gross could finish the year with an undefeated record in Maine and an overall record



DAVID GROSS JR. congratulates his son, David Gross III, on the young man's # 2 finish, making him the first Bucksport wrestler to place in the New England championship competition.

of 33-1. He recorded the fastest fall in Maine high school history, and was the first wrestler from Bucksport to ever place at the New England championships. And Gross still may have

room to grow in the sport, and he's already looking toward next year as the rejuvenated Golden Bucks program continues to become even stronger, thanks to its members gaining more experience and mat time.

David Gross previously is the third in his family to share the name, his grandfather passed away before he was born. Now, Gross said he'd like to honor his father and grandfather by becoming known as David Gross III.

## Bucksports middle school's wrestlers compete in Bangor

BANGOR — Bucksport Middle School wrestlers competed Saturday in the Pine Tree Wrestling League eastern regional meet at Bangor High School. The league is made up of 24 varsity teams, and independent wrestlers representing another 13 schools attached to varsity teams. The team results were: Bangor area wrestling, 152.5; Camden-Rockport, 140.5; Mattanawcook Junior High School, 117; Bucksport, 113.5; Nokomis, 86.5; Erskine area wrestling, 77; Oceanside, 48; and independent wrestlers - Lincoln Academy, 33.5; Winslow, 33; Independents - Appleton, 30; Mt View, 26; Medomak, 23; Ellsworth, 20; independents Dedham, 18; Independent - Ashwood, 4; Independent-Lincolnville. Here are some of the Bucksport-Middle School wrestlers' results: In the championship matches, Conner Fitch, 9-2 and Grayson Fernald, M-Decision. In the consolation matches, 105 Ayden Maguire; 130 Kamryn Webber, M-Decision; and 170 Wyatt Weaver, Decision.

