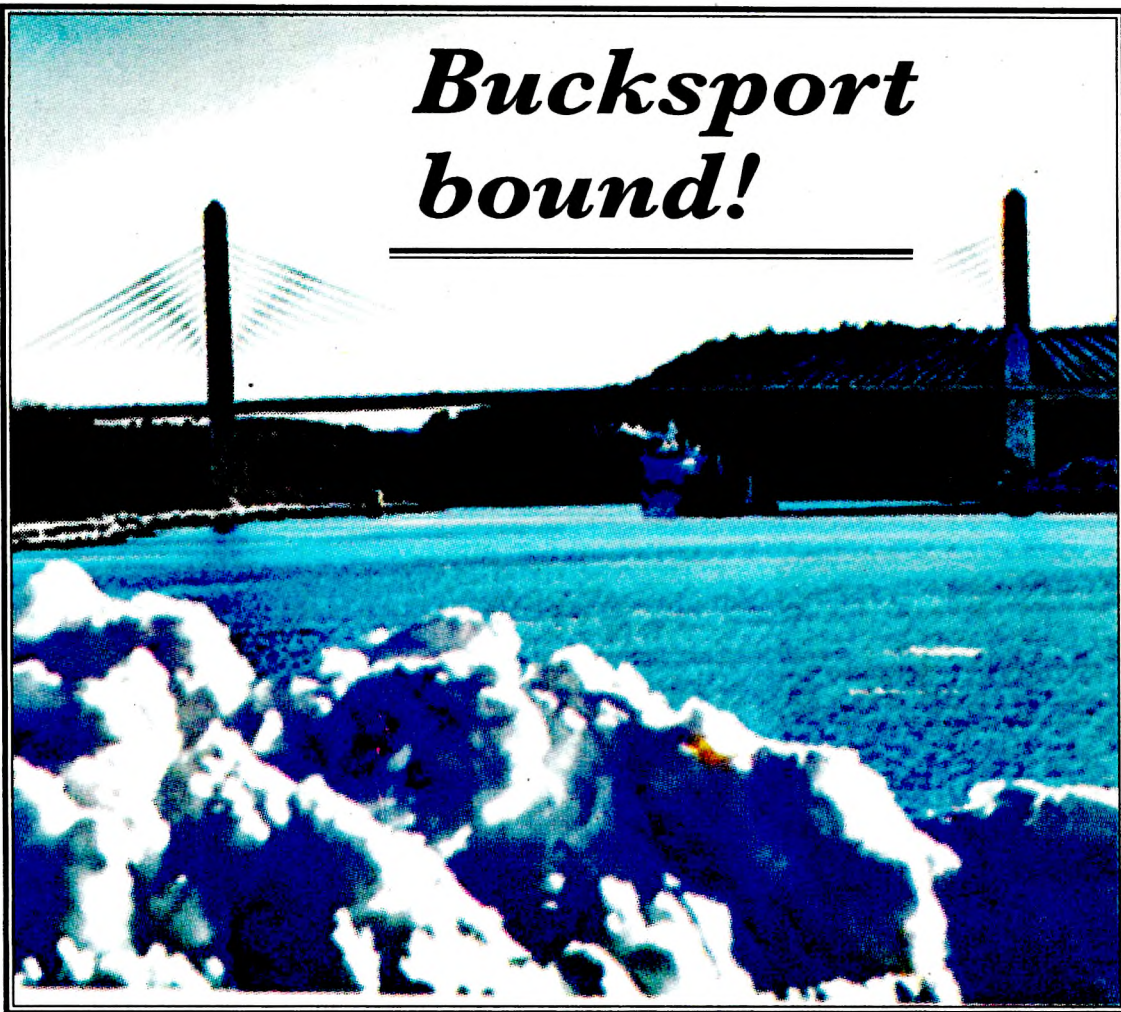


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## Bucksport bound!



A tanker, nudged by two tugs, makes the final turn up the Penobscot after passing under the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. Its destination, a few hundred yards away, is the Bucksport pier where thousands of gallons of fuel can be pumped ashore.

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## Water issue fixed; Miles Lane open

BUCKSPORT — A key part of the water system at the Miles Lane School failed, resulting in an early closing on Monday and no classes on Tuesday.

However, the repairs have been completed, and the water has been tested and found safe to drink, according to Supt. of Schools James Boothby.

Yesterday (3/13), the students were drinking bottled spring water. That practice will be phased out as the bottles are used up.

The problem was the failure of the bladder inside the pressure tank that serves the school. That failure resulted in a complete breakdown of the bladder and pieces of the deteriorated system were flushed through the system.

That yielded discolored water throughout the school.

The huge tank, which dates to the school's opening nearly 30 years ago, had to be dismantled to get it out of the building. That tank now has been replaced with two smaller ones, allowing the staff to switch off a tank without losing water pressure should repairs need to be made to one of the units.

The cost of the repairs has not been determined, Boothby said.

In other news, the RSU 25 buildings and grounds met yesterday to review several major projects that already have been authorized, and to consider some projects that may end up being sent to the School Board for action.

The RSU has \$155,000 in unallocated funds, plus \$75,000 earmarked for part of the expense of installing a new floor this summer at the Bucksport Middle School. Boothby said it's important to maintain a healthy balance in the reserves for all sorts of major projects in the future.

Among the projects under consideration are:

- An upgrade to more efficient LED lighting at all the schools, a four- to six-year effort, that would begin at the middle school. Next in line for a similar project would be the Miles Lane School, Boothby said.

- A new gymnasium floor at the Miles Lane school.

- An upgrade to the telephone system at the middle school, similar to a project recently completed at the high school.

## Miles Lane School tackling math teaching deficiencies

BUCKSPORT — The principal and faculty at the Miles Lane School are working on changes aimed at improving the teaching of mathematics at the school.

The work will continue even though this week RSU 25 received word some aspects of the current "need for improvement" standards may be scrapped.

It was the school's mathematics test results on a single round of testing last spring that got Miles Lane placed on the state's list of "schools that need improvement."

Christina M. Ellis, the principal of the school, recently told the RSU 25 School Board that, "we are taking a positive and

optimistic look at our Tier 3 status. We are looking forward to making some wonderful changes for our students."

Nonetheless, the school will remain in that "need improvement" status for three years, regardless of any improvement in the math test results in the interim.

Because of its designation, the school will get \$7,500 to underwrite some of the initial work, and Kenneth Warden has been designated the manager for the process. Miles Lane also has been assigned a coach, Al Pfeifer, to monitor the school's progress. Later, the school could get \$30,000 in each of the three years for math projects.



*It's a pretty picture...*

... until you have to shovel it!

This is the scene one encounters coming up from the waterfront next to the Rufus Googins Park.

That's the top of the MacLeod building in the background.

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## Gentlemen (and ladies) ... start your robots!



**GO'IN FOR GLORY** — Bucksport High's "Buck's Wrath" robotics team: front row, from left, Kacey Theobald, Alex Atheron, Matt Sargent, Megan Leveille-Jellison and back row, Caleb Varnum, Jack Foster, Nick Prins, Caleb Lawrence, James Terrill, Justice Hazelwood, Jakob Donnell, Cait Jerome, Abrina Patterson, Emma Howard. Coaches John Boynton and Mike Gross.

SALEM, NH — Bucksport High School's robotics team competed in the first robotics competition - the Northeast District Granite State event here earlier this month, and their skills they put into their robot outshined a number of their competitors.

The event is an international high school robotics competition. Each year, teams of high school students, coaches, and mentors work during a six-week period to build game-playing robots that weigh up to 125 pounds.

This was the third year of the Bucksport team's participation in the competition and, based on the team's

record of qualifying at the world championship during their first two years, they're on their way to another great year.

This year's challenge, "Deep Space", requires the teams' robots to complete tasks such as collecting and then scoring with large rubber balls, tossing them into targets both low and high; collecting and placing discs on vertical surfaces using an elaborate elevator system; and climbing up multiple levels of platforms. The Granite State drew nearly 40 teams to Salem High School.

The Bucks' Wrath expertly played through the qualifying matches, ending with a tie on the last one. This yielded a rematch, which they ultimately lost.

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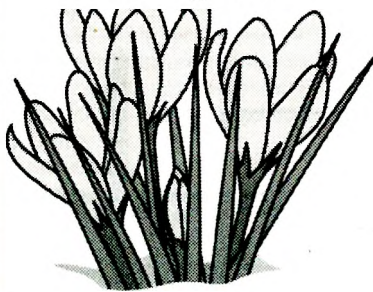


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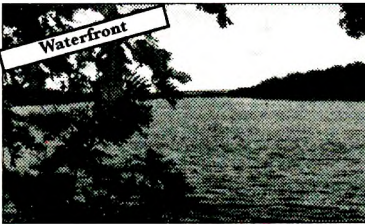


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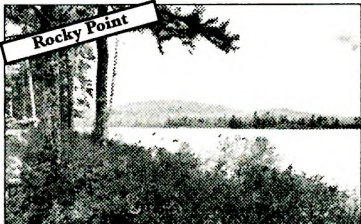
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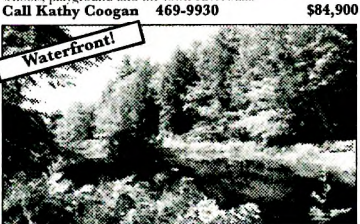
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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$132,500**



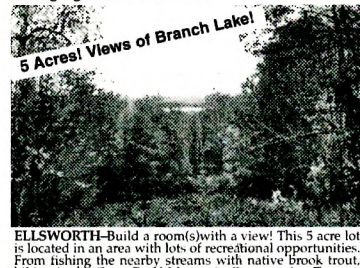
**ORLAND**—Looking for a project? This 2 Bedroom 1 Bath New Englander has a solid house needing some finish work. Septic was updated in 2000 has a FHA heating system and a 1 car detached garage. Easy commute to Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport.  
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**BUCKSPORT**—A lot with a view. This .77 acre lot is located within walking distance of the village of Bucksport. Public utilities are already on site. An old garage exists on the lot as well. Great southern exposure and potential for a walk-out basement. Commercial possibilities!  
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**BUCKSPORT**—Get away from it all yet only minutes to the village of Bucksport. This 29 acre parcel is wooded, has a decent seasonal road into the property. Great area for hunting or just getting back to nature. Priced to sell!  
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Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$49,000**

## Chamber posts award-winners

**BUCKSPORT** — The Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and awards presentation on Tuesday at the Bucksport Golf Club on State Route 46.

This year the Hans Honders award for community service will be given to Larry Wahl, the owner of Wahl's Dairy and several rental properties in the area. The "volunteer of the year" award will be received by Courtney Swazey.

The not-for-profit organization being recognized this year is the REACH School, the alternative high school in Bucksport.

The award for being a "long-standing chamber member is going to Bob's Small Engine on the River Road.

The "business person of the year is Wayne Hand, the owner of the Bucksport Golf Club.

Designated as "super supporters" are Colleen and Mike Gross of Verona Island, the owners of Verona Wine & Design in Bucksport.

The Tuesday festivities will begin with a cash bar reception, a 6 p.m. buffet catered by the Ming's Garden restaurant and some games beginning at 7 p.m. The awards will be presented at 7:40 p.m.

## Orland resident visits State House

**AUGUSTA** - Ian Ramsay of Orland visited the State House last Friday (2/8) to learn more about the legislative process by "shadowing" his state senator, Kimberley Rosen, R-Hancock.

Ramsay attended a number of public hearings in the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee on which Sen. Rosen serves.



**STATE Sen. Kimberley Rosen of Bucksport and Ian Ramsay of Orland.**

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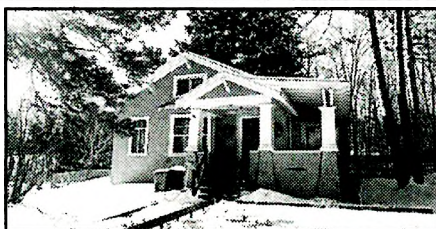
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**Bucksport:** Priced to sell! Great location, this cape is situated on a 2 acre lot which borders Tannery Stream. 4-5 bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Home needs some TLC but would make a great investment! Call to see today!  
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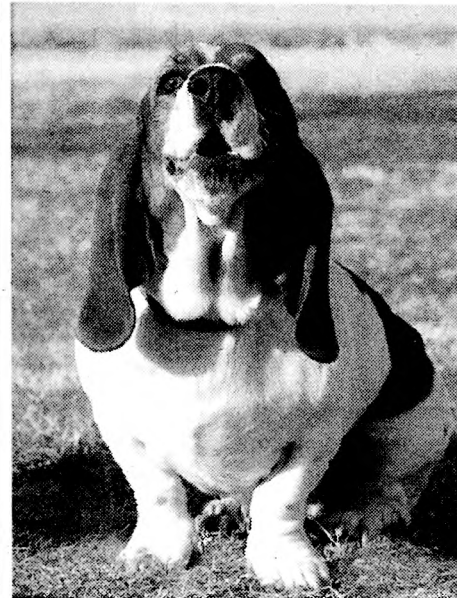


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## Friends & Family

**ENOUGH'S ENOUGH!!** — After 26 years of overseeing municipal affairs in Penobscot, **Paul Bowen** quietly gave up his seat on the Board of Selectmen to devote himself to other things, most notably his 30-foot cruiser. He also assured his friends that aside from some cruising, he's not going anywhere but home.

Bowen, the former owner of the Island Automotive garage on Verona Island, and his wife reside on the Back Ridge Road.

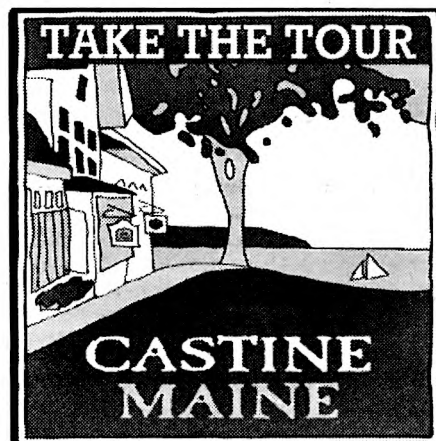
**CASTINE IN LINE** — The **Castine History Partners** have launched an on-line free tour of the town, the first of its kind in the Down East Acadia region.

The tour covers 27 places in the town and spans four centuries of the town's history.

Using the latest technology, as users wander through town people can read and hear about places while viewing gal-

eries of historic images and documents.

The tour is a free program, or "app," that can be downloaded anytime to a



mobile device from the Google Play or Apple App store. People can visit [www.castinehistoricalsociety.org/castine-virtual-tour](http://www.castinehistoricalsociety.org/castine-virtual-tour). If tour-goers don't have a smartphone or tablet, they can take the tour online at [www.castine.oncell.com](http://www.castine.oncell.com).

The partners are a coalition of Castine's not-for-profits and the town government. They worked for over a year to produce the tour.

**Alvion Kimball** of Orland, Chairman of DownEast Acadia Regional Tourism, said the downloadable app provides a fun, easy-to-use history tour of Castine.

The project was paid for by the Hancock County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, the Maine Humanities Council and support from the partners. The partners meet monthly to provide a new tour for 2020.

**FENCE THE BRIDGE?** — State Sen. **Kimberley Rosen**, R-Hancock, last week testified in support that would put fencing on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

She's a co-sponsor of a bill to try to reduce suicides, which have had a 100 percent rate of mortality on the bridge since it opened.

There have been at least 10 suicides

from the bridge since the bridge opened on Dec. 30, 2006.

A number of other deaths were logged at the Waldo-Hancock Bridge, which stood for more than 70 years before being replaced by the Penobscot Narrows span.

Rosen is suggesting fencing similar to that installed in 1983 on the Memorial Bridge in Augusta. There hasn't been a suicide there since the fence was erected, the legislator noted.

An earlier bid by an area Democrat to get fencing installed at the bridge failed after it was found the cost would be more than \$1 million.

**HELPING OTHERS** — The Opportunity Fund of the **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Castine** has given the Families First Community Center a third installment of \$10,000.

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# Your help is needed

In but three years, Bucksport High School has built a crackerjack robotics team. Like any superior team, they work together to achieve the goal: building and deftly operating a better robot than most of the teenagers across the country can fabricate.

Unlike some of their competitors, Bucksport's Team 6329 has no major corporate sponsors its challenges has accomplished on a comparative financial shoestring. Now, the team is seeking those over 18 to lend a hand. The team needs people willing to share their engineering or metal working skills . . . those who can raise some money or do basic public relations tasks . . . those who can write a business plan or encourage management or personal skills or help connect the team with the community.

You don't have to have any knowledge of robotics to become part of a winning educational team that prepares students for the real world - before they graduate from high school. Even someone who can help get the robot to where it needs to be would be big help.

## Teens face issue head-on

It's been called "the nation's largest under-recognized public health crisis." The "it" is Alzheimer's, and the number of those struggling with the disease is growing dramatically.

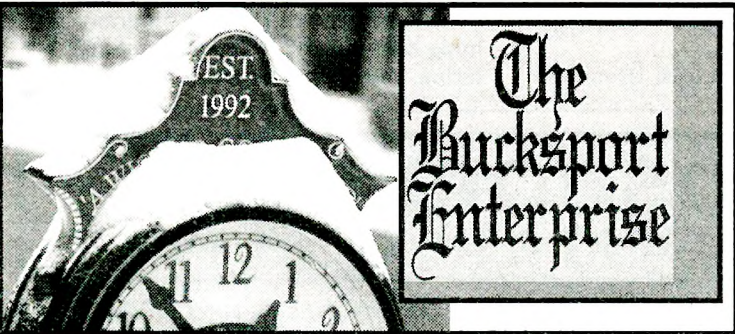
The impact is everywhere, but it's especially obvious in a region like the one in which we reside, an area with a growing number of older people in a state with the highest percentage of elders in the nation.

An estimated 5.8 million are living with Alzheimer's, and this number may rise to nearly 14 million by 2050.

The horrible disease impacts far more than those living with Alzheimers for their families and friends also increasingly find themselves coping with the often slow but inevitable and unstoppable mental deterioration that is Alzheimer's.

On Saturday, at 6 p.m. at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center, the Bucksport High School Drama Club will stage a one-act play, *Nora's Lost*, that gives insights into a crisis that is difficult to talk about - but one we all should know more about until a cure is found.

The students will be raising money for research into the disease and the support systems available to those coping with it. That's also a powerful statement about the young people in this community. We urge everyone to attend, and support a very good cause in the process.



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## The Bucksport lineman?

The view of Penobscot Bay was terrific from the bucket of a utility truck, but the temperature was a mite chilly, as a Spectrum worked made a repair. The lineman was standing tall, but the utility pole has a definite lean.

**Letters to the editor**

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— From the margins of the editor's notebook —

## The cannon that went to church

Like many small towns—one far from here had a cannon. The lineage of that cannon was unclear. Still, most everyone locally liked to think it was war surplus from the North-South unpleasanties.

The problem with this cannon was nobody ever did much to decommission it, or even cement it in place. It just sat there on the front lawn of the Town Hall for years, ready to be returned to service.

Then, the cannon began to disappear. It would turn up in some unlikely places about the village, at the church, the Grange hall, even in the main road.

Apparently some sports back in the 30s eventually thought the town's cannon deserved to fire a final salute . . . and the Fourth of July was looming so . . .

Under the cover of darkness and fortified with some fine cider, the lads gathered at the cannon and slipped, tugged, pulled and manhandled it all the way to Cy Witherspoon's sand pit. That pit was ideal for what was about to happen. It hadn't been used for years and it was dug into a hillside, yielding a natural amphitheater so any blast would reverberate down the long valley.

The cannon barrel was stuffed by people who couldn't tell a stick of dynamite from a road flare. The wait began, for this little party wasn't to begin until the exact stroke of midnight, the precise moment of the Fourth. BOOM! That little cannon slid five feet deeper into the back of the pit, its reverberation causing exactly the anticipated effect.

Unfortunately, the cannoneers only saw the flash and heard the boom, for they were running as fast as their cider-filled bodies would permit.

The police officer and more than a few spectators

descended, drawn by the noise.

Remarkably, the cannon survived; it's barrel only slightly scorched, and its carriage deemed easily repairable.

The cannon was returned to its place of civic pride. However, when word got around the next year that the lads were anxious to see if they could make an even bigger bang, something had to be done.

Imagine the expressions - facial and verbal - when the fellows showed up late at night on the second of July. They thought they'd outsmart any folks who might be on cannon stakeout duty the next night.

In the darkness, their flashlights found nothing on the Town Hall lawn. The cannon was gone, and it remained that way for nearly 50 years. Nobody talked about what happened; it was as if the cannon never had existed.

Finally, one night a group of fellow who liked to dress up as Civil War soldiers for parades and such showed up at a selectmen's meeting. They wanted to borrow the town cannon for a patriotic shin-dig.

The selectmen said the town didn't have a cannon. The boys in blue said, "Yes, you do." An older resident who sat in on the selectmen's meetings for he found them entertaining, agreed.

That yielded a closed-door confab of the selectmen with the old timer, who told them the cannon now was buried in the dirt crawl space under the church across the street. He reported the barrel had been filled with cement, and then the whole kit-and-kaboodle was buried for safekeeping.

How did he know this? "I can't tell you," he said.

— DON HOUGHTON

## LETTER

to the editor

### The wonder of snow - in Georgia!

To the editor,

Ring those bells! In the wee hours of morning . . . 1:40 a.m., to be exact . . . I looked out the kitchen window and beheld swirling snow!

With those snowflakes "dancing in my head," and a huge smile on my face, I scooted between flannel sheets for a "long winter's nap!"

Upon awakening, I rushed to the bedroom window, only to find a residual "dusting" in the shaded areas. That's okay . . . for having seen the "driven snow" my day is complete!

Viola (Mercer) Middleton Griffin, GA

### Senators seek to ban privatization of postal service

WASHINGTON, DC — Maine's senators - Susan Collins and Angus King - have joined 23 of their peers to reintroduce a bipartisan resolution opposing privatization of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

The resolution notes the USPS is a self-sustaining establishment, and claims privatization would result in higher prices and reduced services, especially in rural communities.

The postal service, "is funded entirely through its own products and services, employing hundreds of thousands of hard-working Americans and serves communities big and small all across our nation," Collins and King said,

"We are committed to working with our colleagues, and with postal workers throughout the country, to ensure the postal service remains an institution in American communities for generations to come."



# PLACES TO GO

## PUBLIC EVENTS

**Thursday, March 14**

**FREE FILM** — The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library's second-Thursday-of-the-month film series will continue at 7 p.m. The comedy combines live action and animation. All of the films free and shown on the library's "pretty big" screen. 374-5515.

**Saturday, March 16**

**ALZHEIMER'S** is the focus of the one-act play being present by Bucksport High School's Drama Club at 6 p.m. The high school students are staging Alan Hachnel's "Nora's Lost" at 6 p.m. at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center. The cast and crew then will host a reception to benefit Alzheimer's care, support and research. The play is focused on the experience of a woman living with the disease when she wanders away from the assisted living center where she lives.

## — Robot

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The team played strong, and was awarded the "Quality Award" sponsored by the Motorola Solutions Foundation for their "well-constructed robot with clean wire management."

Also, one of the team's two mentors, John Boynton, was nominated for the Woodie Flowers award, which is awarded at the end of the season. It celebrates effective communication in the art and science of engineering and design.

The team is growing each year, with several dozen waiting to join it next year, thanks to the "farm robotics team" at the middle school.

**TEAM 6329** will compete in the 2019 Pine Tree District Event, at The Androscoggin Bank Coliseum in Lewiston April 4-6. The public is welcome. [www.pinetreedistrict.org](http://www.pinetreedistrict.org)

**TO LEARN MORE** about TEAM 6329, visit Facebook at TEAM 6329: Bucksport High School; YouTube FRC Team 6329 Premiere Night Reveal 2019

**TO VOLUNTEER** to assist the teams a person must be 18 or older. Contact Mike Gross or John Boynton at Bucksport High School at 469-6650.

**DONATION CHECKS** toward the project can be made out to "Bucksport Robotics," and given or sent to Bucksport High School, 102 Broadway, Bucksport, ME 04416.

**SYRUP & A LOT MORE** — From 10 to 3 the Curran Homestead in Orrington will off a maple syrup event and an Irish celebration. There also will be an egg hunt, Craft demonstrations, sweets and savories, draft horse and bobsled rides. The all-inclusive admissions for adults is \$10. Children can attend for free.

**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.

**Wednesday, March 20**

**PLAY TIME?** — The public is invited to the Blue Hill Public Library Play Reading Group, this time at a new earlier time: from 4 to 6:30 p.m. The group will read *Absurd Person Singular: A Comedy*, by Alan Ayckbourn. The group well-inexperienced and experienced readers alike are welcome. 374-5515.

**HOOKED ON TROUT?** — The Georges River Trout Unlimited will host a Downeast Chapter meeting at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth at 5 p.m. Jeff Reardon, the New England conservation director for Trout Unlimited, will speak at 7 p.m. about, "Salters in Freeport," a coastal brook trout restoration project in an urban stream. The business meeting begins at 5 p.m. and will be followed by conversation and a casual meal. Meetings are free and open to the public. [www.georgesrivertu.org](http://www.georgesrivertu.org).

**Thursday, March 16**

**DEMOCRATS** — The Hancock County Democrats will talk about the refugee crisis in Central America at 7 p.m. at the Moore Center on State Street in Ellsworth. All are welcome. [chair@hancockdems.org](mailto:chair@hancockdems.org).

## FOR THE KIDS

**Saturday, March 16**

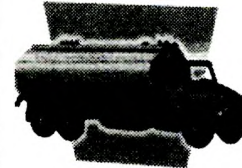
**ROBOPOTS** — Those 10 to 18 years of age can attend a free three-hour workshop with "Gizmo Garden" to learn how to make a "Robopot." The Blue Hill Public Library session starts at 1:30 p.m. Each person will construct an artistic plant pot, and then and wire the mechanical parts to make the pot automatically self-watering. Registration required at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or call 374-5515.



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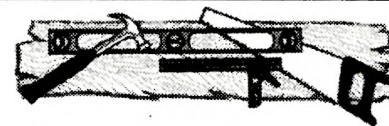


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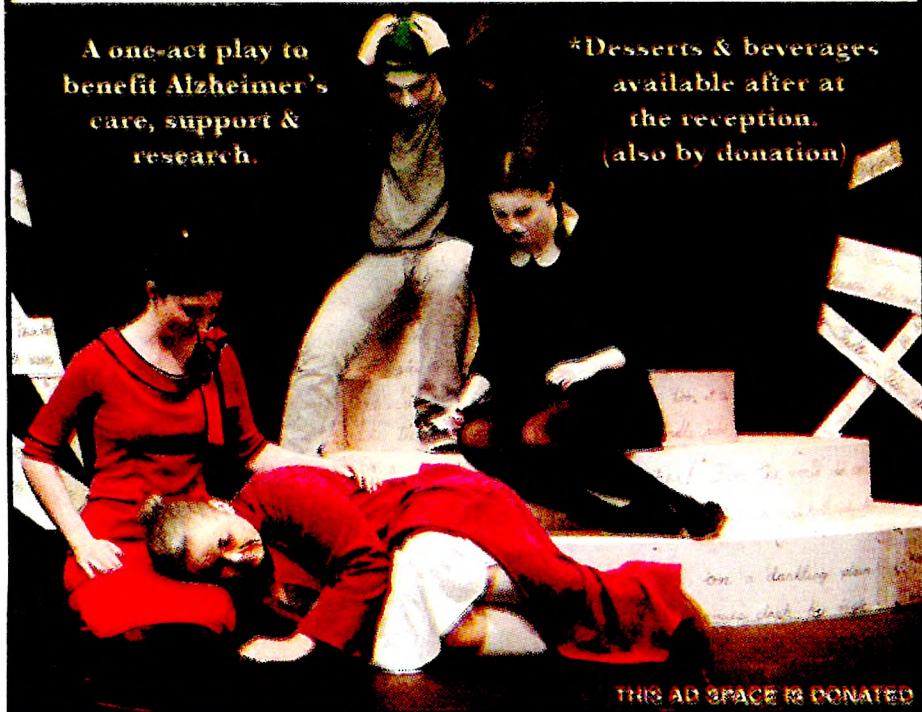
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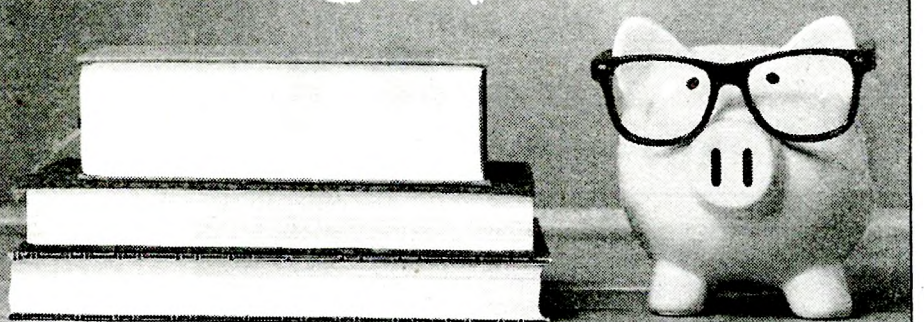
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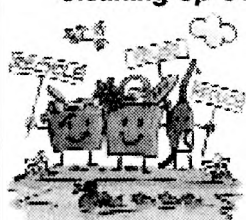


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### Calendar

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.

### Luncheon menus

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Public meals

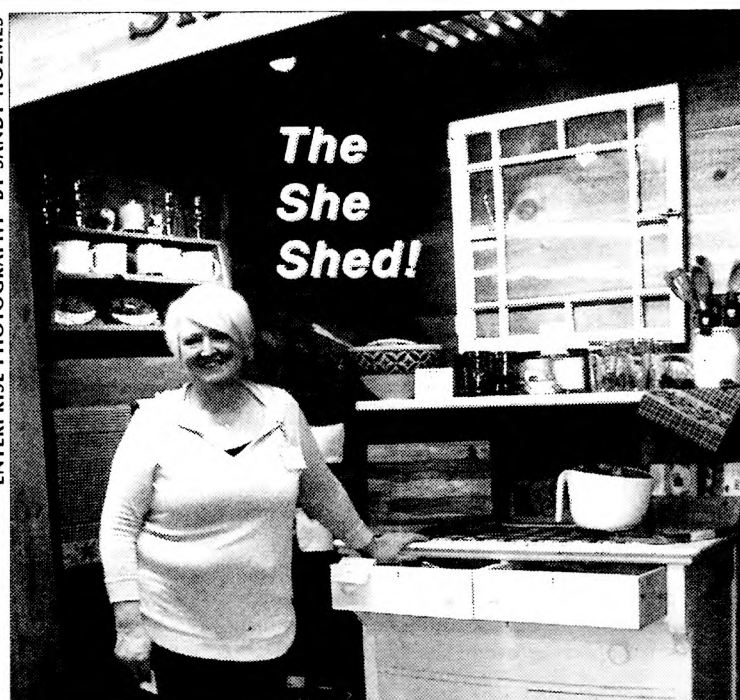
**Saturday, March 16**

• **BENEFIT FISH FRY** —

Council #3756 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a fish fry at the St. Vincent de Paul Church hall at 60 Franklin Street, beginning at 5 p.m. The meal is 9 for an adult and \$5 for a child, and the proceeds will go to the Priests' RSVP program

• **CORNER BEEF** . . . and you-know-what will be the fare at the St. Patrick's Day supper at the East Orrington Congregational Church at 38 Johnson Mill Road from 5 to 7. The meal is \$10 per person.

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HERE IN "The She Shed," Leslie Wilson shows off a new line of products at Osborne's Plumbing & Heating's renovated showroom in the industrial park. Osborne's hosted an "after hours" gathering for chamber of commerce members in the showroom last week.

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ELLSWORTH — Shane Christopher Gray, 47, of 384 Town Farm Road, Bucksport was sentenced to 10 days in jail for violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case.

Gray also was charged with driving while under the influence

of alcohol asfter having had prior convictions on that charge and with driving beyond the conditions or restrictions on his license.

He began serving his sentence on March 6.

## Other arrests

BUCKSPORT — Local police arrested Melissa Brooks,

40, of Ellsworth as a result of three warrants alleging she had failed to be in court to answer earlier charges.

Brooks was taken into custody just before midnight last Friday (3/8). She was located at a U.S. Route 1 address, where she was staying temporarily.

She was taken to jail.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Police issued these court summonses:

- Joshua Smith, 29, of Orland was issued a summons for driving on Route 1 after his license was either suspended or revoked. He was stopped about 10 a.m. on Sunday.
- Jen MacDonald, 32, of Stonington was cited for an alleged inspection sticker violation after she was stopped on Nicholson Avenue shortly before 2 p.m. on Saturday.
- Laura Toothaker, 56, of Carmel was cited for speeding and an inspection sticker and liability insurance offenses after she was stopped on the River Road about 7 a.m. last Friday (3/8).
- Andrew Mills, 34, of Newburgh was issued a summons for an insurance violation after he was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 1 p.m. last Thursday (3/7).
- Jenna Barron, 34, of Old Town was ticketed for an insurance violation when she was stopped on State Route 46 about 7 p.m.



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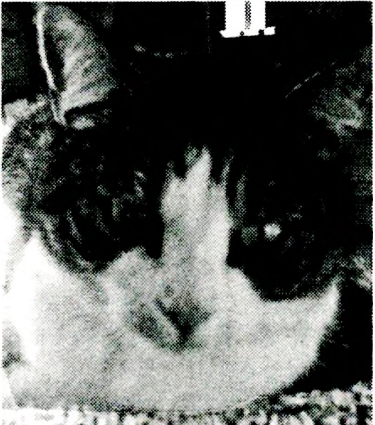


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## Accidents

ORLAND — Two accidents were reported on Acadia

Highway on Sunday:

- About 4:15 p.m., Shawna Mcardie, 31, lost control of her car while driving on Acadia Highway. The auto slid into a guard rail, causing the vehicle to careen across and then go off the road into some snow. Neither Ncardle nor her passenger were hurt. The car was towed.
- About 10 p.m., a sports utility vehicle being driven by Ann Dundon, 56, slid off Acadia Highway, near the Schoolhouse Road intersection. The bumper hit a guardrail, but the damage was estimated at less than \$1,000. Dundon was not hurt, and was able to drive away.

## Thefts

BUCKSPORT — Three thefts of items, including rugs, were reported in sparate incidents at the Gold Star Cleaners shop on Main Street. The police have a suspect.

## Safety statistics

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport's emergency medical personnel handled 21 ambulance runs last week. Fifteen runs were to Bucksport addresses, five to sites in Orland and one was on Verona Island.

There were two fire calls last week.

The police responded to 102 calls for service.

## Man jailed for raping disabled woman

ELLSWORTH - A 50-year-old Orland has been sentenced to a year in jail for aggravated assault and gross sexual assault in connection with the rape of a mentally disabled Stonington woman.

Van Morse Stevens, 50, of 361 Surry Road was convicted of gross sexual assault, a class C crime. The second charge is a class A crime.

As a result he faced up to 30 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.

Stevens attacked the woman in February of last year, when he was a bus driver for a not-for-profit agency. The rape is said to have occurred after he had dropped off all of his passengers except for the Stonington woman.

Van Stevens, who was indicted in August

by a Hancock County grand jury, apparently later drove his pickup truck to the woman's home where he offered to give her a ride to Bangor. The victim's mother intervened, and later questioned her daughter and learned what had happened earlier.

One charge was filed because the incident was not consensual and the second because his job as a bus driver for mentally disabled people prohibits him from having sexual contact with his passengers, consensual or otherwise.

Because Stevens' employer is paid by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, he likely knew the victim was mentally disabled, according to the prosecution.

Stevens was booked at the jail shortly after noon last Thursday (3/7).



**Van Morse Stevens**

## Return to drugs nets more jail time

ELLSWORTH — A 34-year-old Bucksport man violated his probation by using drugs after serving prison time for a fatality caused by his driving while under the influence of methadone.

Marc Sparks last week told a judge, "I fully acknowledge my guilt."

Sparks, who now is back in jail, was at the wheel in 2014 when his actions caused the death of Robin Rie, 59, of Brewer.

Sparks was sentenced in 2015 to 10 years in prison with all but two years of that suspended. Back then, he was found guilty of manslaughter and criminal driving while the influence.

Under the terms of his release on probation about two years ago, Sparks was to avoid illegal drugs.

At the end of December, Sparks was

found unconscious, but he was revived by his pregnant girlfriend or his grandparents or a combination of those relatives at his Bucksport home. Sparks had overdosed on heroin laced with fentanyl. He also had other drugs - methadone, benzodiazepine, Oxycontin and oxycodone - in his system, according to the prosecutor.

That was enough to cause a judge to revoke Spark's probation and return him to prison for two years. He again will be on probation after he serves his sentence..

In a four-page letter to the judge, Sparks wrote, "I'm not here to plead for my freedom. "I'm not going to make excuses or reasons for my actions. I'm here to take responsibility and face my consequences and accept whatever they may be."