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The exterior of the 100 by 80-foot Greenhead Lobster processing building in the Buckstown industrial park is nearly complete.

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Initial school budget up 4.3%

Personnel, bus costs to rise dramatically

BUCKSPORT — The superintendent of schools this week previewed a draft version of the 2019-2020 budget, one that would require spending \$15.8 million, 4.3 percent more than this year's \$15.16 million.

Supt. of Schools James Boothby, as usual at this point in the budgeting process, was cautious about predicting what the final figure will be.

Significantly, RSU 25 has to reach a new contract with the union that negotiates on behalf of the 99 people on the faculty. That's why Boothby inserted a personnel figure that is \$289,000 more - 5.2 percent - than this year's number.

Raising minimum teacher salaries is expected to be a hot topic in this year's budget, with some seeking to move the starting pay to \$40,000 and others to \$50,000.

The superintendent knows there will be a strong effort here to bolster faculty salaries as some nearby districts pay more.

Boothby's numbers show a 14 percent increasing in busing costs. Some of the \$115,000 increase in the transportation line to \$1.2 million is the result of more rides needed to accommodate those receiving special education services, he said.

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL, PAGE 2.

IN THE WORKS . . .

Tidbits about things yet to come

MUNICIPAL labor union contracts — The contracts between the Town of Bucksport and the unions representing the workers in EMS: fire workers, the police and the public works all expire on June 30. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said she wants to resolve the new contracts in time to include up-to-date payroll numbers in the town's budget.

The manager's draft municipal budget will be distributed next week, and she expects the final version to be ready by mid-June.

DOWN THE DRAIN! — The new parking lot and drainage system behind several Main Street businesses should go out to bid shortly, the town manager said. Susan M. Lessard said the project will get a final review by the infrastructure committee this month and the work will be done this spring.

Also on tap shortly will be the installation of a diesel fuel pump at the municipal marina so it will be ready for recreational boaters.

THE PRICE OF WATER — While no increase is expected in water rates through June 30 of next

year, the water infrastructure charge will go up by 2 percent to 13.2 percent on Jan. 1, 2020.

That'll cost the town \$4,100 more in fire hydrant rentals alone.

WIRED! — Thirty two homeowners - some seeking cable-TV and internet service for years - are about to get it. With \$62,000 from the ConnectME program, cash from the town and an in-kind or cash contribution from the cable companies the homes on sections of the Bucksmills and Millvale roads will get cable.

The installation cost works out to about \$4,500 per home.

CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR? — As expected the council has approved buying a \$167,000 2020 Freightliner 110SD truck to plow snow. The Bangor dealer, Freightliner of Maine, predicts the dump body truck and plow will arrive in December or January of 2020, according to Jay Lanpher, the public works director.

The town got \$28,000 for a trade-in truck. The rest will be paid in three annual payments.

PLEASE SEE IN WORKS, PAGE 2.

Mayor wants road work plan

You can't get there from here . . . smoothly

BUCKSPORT — While making allowances for what's been a very tough winter - one that has produced potholes within potholes, the mayor is making it clear he wants the town to take a detailed look at the roads, especially those "out back," or beyond the village district.

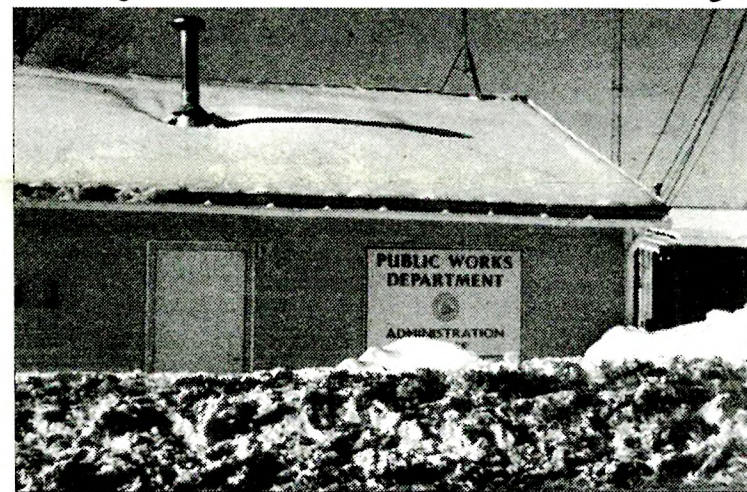
Jay Lanpher, the public works director, acknowledged to the Town Council, "We're falling behind." Mayor Peter L. Stewart responded, "we've fallen way behind."

As the council prepares its annual detailed review of all municipal budgets, Stewart said he especially wants to look at the highway improvements budget.

To do that the council will need a detailed plan so the town can recover the most-deteriorated surfaces while keeping some of the other roads from falling into the same shape, he said.

He suggested the road situation be considered one of the town's top priorities.

The mayor said the work is vital for the condition of the roads plays a large part in determining property values. If the town wants people to buy and sell residential properties or invest in



homes here, the town also must invest in its roads.

Some of the other councilors were sympathetic and noted that this winter has produced frost heaves in pavement where none had been experienced in many years. The severe cold, followed by milder days, have wreaked havoc on many roads in Bucksport and in other communities in the region, they said.

Road and sidewalk improvements were high on the council's list of town goals for 2019. Those goals were drafted at the Feb. 21 council meeting, but they now

will be prioritized by the council and the town manager.

Stewart said he wants to work road improvements into the current budget process, which will begin next week when Town Manager Susan M. Lessard offers a draft of her budget for the 12 months that begin July 1.

Lessard acknowledged the town traditionally has spread its road improvement money to projects around the town each year. Lately, this has not been done as part of town-wide plan of road construction and re-paving, Lessard said.

Manager leery of proposed aquaculture law

BUCKSPORT — A bill apparently spawned by the efforts to locate a Norwegian-owned on-shore fish farm in Belfast is being opposed by Bucksport officials.

The proposal would give the commissioner of agriculture, conservation and forestry the power to deny aquaculture licenses or to cancel existing licenses if he finds evidence the operations harm or could harm the environment.

Bucksport officials say passage of the bill could hurt Whole Oceans LLC as it continues with its planning of an on-shore

salmon farm on the River Road.

The bill was introduced by state Rep. Janice Dodge, D-Belfast and is backed by, among others, state Sen. Geoffrey Gratwick, D-Penobscot County.

Closely watching the bill as it moves through public hearings are Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic development director.

Rotella attended, but did not speak, at the initial public hearing and now plans to attend a second.

Lessard told the councilors she cannot get personally involved at the hearing level

because of a potential conflict.

She serves on a state Department of Environmental Protection panel that might become involved.

However, in her routine report to the Town Council, Lessard last week wrote, "We will continue to monitor the bill's progress, and work to insure it is not successful."

The town manager said the bill, "could have negative impacts" on Whole Oceans.

Whole Oceans executives also have expressed concern about the measure, which drew verbal support from some resi-

dents of the Belfast area at the first public hearing.

The measure would require the commissioner to refuse to issue a land-based aquaculture license, and require that such operations be monitored annually when there are issues.

It also would allow canceling an existing license if the fish farm becomes "an unreasonable risk to indigenous marine or freshwater life or its environment."


If passed, the bill would impact projects near a body of water in combination with the aquaculture activity of any other land-based aquaculture operations

using the same body of water."

It would require the commissioner to refuse to issue a license if the aquaculture operation is a threat to marine or freshwater organisms, either intentionally or accidentally. This would include risks such as introducing or spreading disease.


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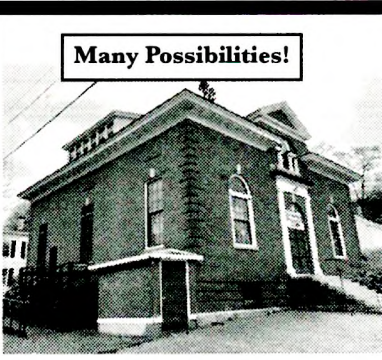
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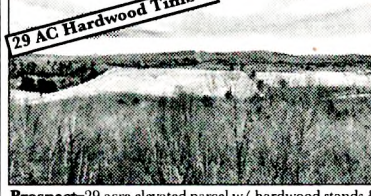
In-Town



Bucksport—Enjoy this in-town home on a corner lot with a fenced back yard. Home has 2 bedrooms on the 2nd floor and a 3rd bedroom w/office area on the upper level. Updates include kitchen cabinets and counters, replacement windows, & vinyl siding. Conveniences include first floor laundry and a large garage with direct access to the home. Close to shopping, schools, playground and the town Riverswalk.
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Building Lot



Frankfort—Wooded 2+ building lot with electric pole at the road. Build your dream home in this private wooded setting convenient to Bangor, Belfast and Bucksport.
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11 Acres!




Bucksport—Private, wooded building lot on dead end road with desirable Southern exposure. This 11 acre parcel is close to the public boat ramp to Jacob Buck Pond and conveniently located near downtown Bucksport and about 1/2 hour or less to Bangor, Belfast, Ellsworth & Blue Hill. Build your dream home!
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Price Reduction! 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 SS appliances, quartz countertops with a open concept feel while the dining/living area enjoys natural light and views of the pond. Quality materials throughout with Maine Red Oak floors and ceramic tile in the kitchen and baths. Additional amenities include a large composite deck for summer entertaining, an oversized garage with storage above paved driveway and potential for additional living space in the basement. Utilities in place across the road could allow for a guest cottage or a place for family or friends to park the RV for the weekend!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$499,999


13 Acres! On Hancock Pond!



BUCKSPORT—Interesting find! This 13ac parcel has approximately 1000' of frontage on spring fed Hancock Pond. Bring your development plans or enjoy the privacy of this large waterfront lot. No long camp road or costly infrastructure costs here. Located a short ride from the village of Bucksport. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$149,000


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


River Views!



ORLAND—A true gem with a historic past! This 3 Bedroom 1.5 bath Colonial is set on a charming sun filled lot with expansive views of the river and all of the activity along it. You can watch the wildlife on both the fresh river side of the dam as well as the saltwater side from closer to the water than any new build would allow! There are bald eagles, seals, coveys, and deer! The house was owned for over 60 years by the family of Captain Fred Woods, the owner of the Stephen labor, which still sails out of Rockport.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$184,500


Sold!



HERMON—This lovely 4 bedroom, two and a half bathroom, newer home has all the features that today's homeowners are looking for: an open floor plan, kitchen with granite counter tops and new appliances, hardwood and tile floors on the first floor. The over-sized master bedroom has its own bathroom and large closets. It is possible to have four bedrooms or one could be used as an office or a den. The laundry room is on the second floor, close to the linen closet and each carpeted bedroom. Large, private back yard. This home, both inside and out is in perfect condition. Move right in!
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$289,900

Great Investment!



BUCKSPORT—A very unique opportunity awaits the new owner of this home! The land is owned by the Covenant Community Trust that provides a 99 year lease, providing affordable housing for qualified buyers. In addition to 3 bedroom, main house, sale also includes abutting house that is being sold as an "out building". Lease includes 14 acres, 7 per building. Home is very private, on a dead end road. Lots of wildlife to observe, photograph or hunt. Sample lease is available upon request.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

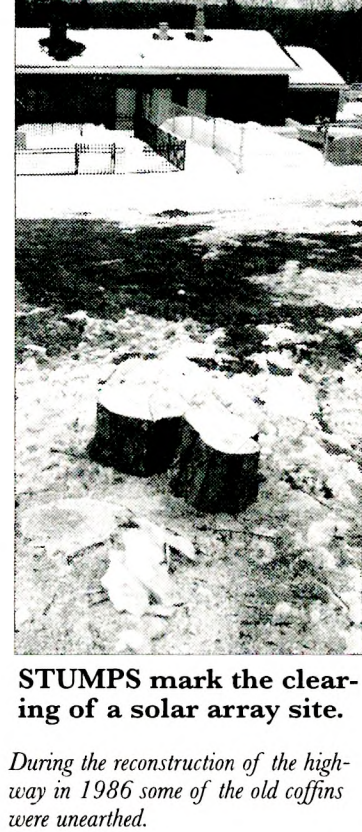
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— In the works

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SOLAR SAVINGS? — The town manager said she's unable to report what, if any, savings the town may be gaining from the installation of a solar power array atop the highway garage last year. Susan M. Lessard told the Town Council last week that while the arrays were completed on Nov. 15, bureaucracy and other snafus the municipal electric bills have failed to reflect the power the arrays are providing to the Central Maine Power Co. The manager, noting "it's been less than an enjoyable situation" in getting the proper bills, added that, "we should know by June."

Last week, trees along U.S. Route 1 were cut down for the installation of another array near the sewage treatment plant. Some solar panels now are being shifted because the first design put them near or atop an old graveyard.



STUMPS mark the clearing of a solar array site.

During the reconstruction of the highway in 1986 some of the old coffins were unearthed.

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— School budget

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Other budget areas rising by 3 percent or more in the initial draft budget are:

- Special education, up 3.9 percent to \$3.1 million.
- Other instruction costs are listed as \$433,000, 3.35 percent more than this year.
- Student and staff costs pegged at \$1.36 million, 4.36 percent more than this school year.
- Facilities and maintenance expenses of \$1.65 million, or 3.9 percent, are included. Some of this is the result of underestimated fuel expenses this year.

The only line item in the RSU draft budget shows a decline in career and technical education, which at \$174,000 is down 21.28 percent from this year.

The only staff increase proposed by Boothby is a half-time mathematics teacher at the high school. The cost of that, including benefits, is about \$50,000-a-year.

The RSU 25 School Board received the initial numbers on Tuesday, and now will hold a series of workshops to go over the entire proposal line-by-line.

While Boothby offered some very rough calculations on the impact of the budget on each of the four member towns - Bucksport, Orland, Prospect and Verona Island - it is still too soon to accurately predict the final outcome.

The School Board can act on any budget line, the Legislature could adjust the preliminary numbers distributed by the state Department of Education and the union contracts talks must be resolved.

Municipal officials will review the final proposal and can make recommendations but not adjustments to the RSU budget. There also will be a four-town public meeting and ratification votes in each community.

Town's reserves total \$6.5 million

BUCKSPORT — The Town of Bucksport currently has about \$6.5 million in unallocated funds, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

That's roughly \$2 million less than it had before the paper mill - which at the time was paying 40 percent of the town's taxes - closed. (At one point, the mill paid a much-larger percentage than that.)

In answer to a question from Town Councilor Paul R. Gauvin, Lessard estimated the amount still in the cookie jar at \$8 million.

There also is a lengthy list of other major reserve accounts, money set aside for specific purposes like buying trucks or other big ticket items.

Councilor Gauvin's response was, "we're thriving, and without the taxes from the mill."

The council can opt to use a portion of those reserves for projects that fulfill the town's needs, such as increased road-work or holding the line on the tax rate.

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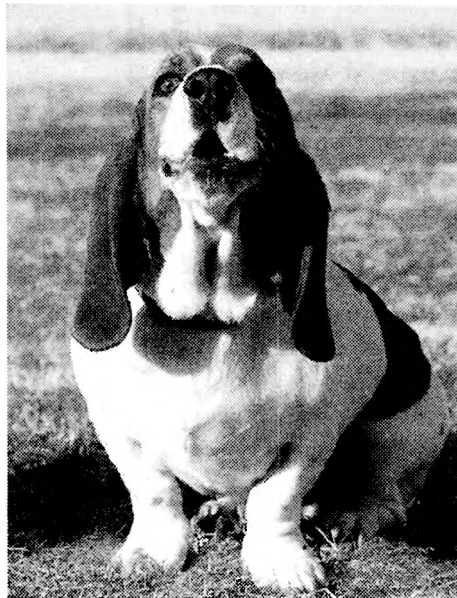


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FOR A GOOD CAUSE — The **Bucksport High School Drama Club** will stage Alan Haehnel's production of "Nora's Lost" on Saturday, March 16, at 6 p.m. at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center.

Afterward, the cast and crew will host a reception to benefit Alzheimer's care, support, and research.

"Nora's Lost" is a one-act play depicting the experience of a woman living with Alzheimer's disease when she wanders away from the assisted living center where she lives.

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in this country, and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or even slowed. More than 15 million family members and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer's and other dementias in the United States. In Maine, there are more than 28,000 people living with the disease and 69,000

care for them.

"We produce a play ever year for the Maine Drama Festival, but the content of this production inspired the students to do more than spread awareness after learning about what it is like to live with Alzheimer's or love someone who does," **Tara Woods**, the director said.

She said, "The students chose to use the reception as a chance to raise money for *The Longest Day*, an Alzheimer's Association event held each year on the summer solstice, symbolizing how every day seems like the longest day when Alzheimer's is a part of your life."

Admission is by donation and there will be desserts and beverages available, also by donation, at the reception.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1355356591274066/>

BAG 'EM! — A Bucksport group seeking to get the Town Council to enact a local ban on the use of plastic bags here — the **Citizens Initiative for Reducing Plastics** — will hold a public

meeting on Monday at 4 p.m. at the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce Office at 54 Main Street.

READY TO RUN? — Roughly 500 have signed up for the 7th annual **Bridge the Gap** road race on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m.

The annual race from Fort Kox across Verona Island to Bucksport's Main Street, will be limited to 600.

Main Street Bucksport is seeking volunteers to help at water stations along the course, registration and bib pick up, and more.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact **Brook Minner** at 479-3933 or brook@mainstreetbucksport.org

The day includes a three-mile and a ten-mile race, and finishes on Main Street after crossing the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. <http://www.crowathletics.com/bridge-the-gap>.

TREES — Perhaps Joyce Kilmer's most famous poem was "Trees," the one

with the oft-quoted opening lines, "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree." Here in Maine where many have long sung the praises of trees, others have celebrated their value as a perpetuating commodity.

As a result **Main Street Bucksport** is embarked on a series of poetry readings focused on trees, including the logging of them and this state's long-held reputation as a leading converter of logs into paper and other commodities.

With money from the Maine Humanities Council, the group will stage a series of tree-related poetry events in the fall at the *Buck Memorial Library*.

The Downeast Business and Professional Women are offering a \$500 scholarship to an area senior heading to post-secondary education.

Applications are available from **Jeri White** at the Ellsworth office of the Bangor Savings Bank at 59 Foster Street, or call her at 667-4626 or 667-5429.

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One voter; one choice!

Take a bad idea, expand it, and it's still a bad idea. The president of the State Senate, Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, has the nugget of a good idea - replace the state's caucus process with an open primary for the presidential nominating process. Then, his proposed measure demonstrates what it's really all about: expand Maine's first-in-the-nation "ranked choice voting" so that it would be used to decide the state's primary and general elections for the president of the United States.

Many Republicans still aren't happy with the outcome of the recent four-way race in the Second Congressional District, a first-in-the-nation test of ranked choice voting. Many Democrats remain severely bent out-of-shape with the time-tested electoral college system for selecting our presidents.

While ranked choice voting is aimed at keeping anyone who does not achieve more than 50 percent of the votes cast from being declared elected, it however is not what it's backer claim it is: "simple, fair and easy."

When voters can rank candidates in their personal order of preference, voters are entitled to have their top choice count, especially when no other candidate has any appeal to them.

Under ranked choice, ballots are counted in rounds where last-place candidates lose until one candidate reaches a majority and wins. It takes days, even weeks, in some cases to determine the outcome. The lawyers love it.

A person even can get elected by being bland enough to qualify as the second most-worthy person in a crowded race.

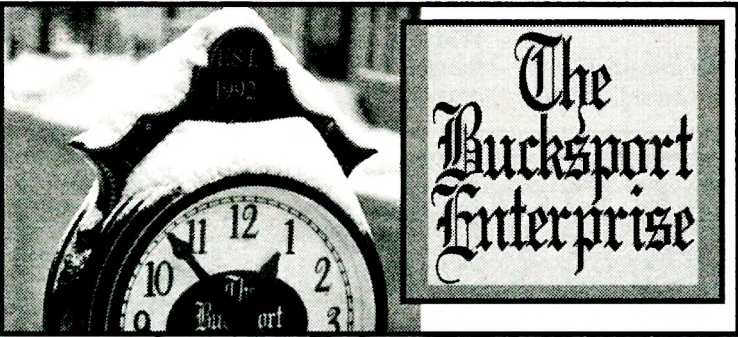
What's next . . . the handing out of participation trophies to everyone in the race?

Congress & anti-semitism

U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar's comments about Israelis, the nation of Israel and those of the Jewish faith are reprehensible. They go beyond the bounds of free speech, especially when uttered by an elected member of the Congress, a person sworn to serve all of the people.

If there is one tenet most thinking people can agree on in this tumultuous political climate, it is that this nation is going nowhere while it is bogged down in name-calling that stirs division, not rational conciliation.

We all should condemn discrimination in all its forms. Religious bias, too, leads only to strife and discord. Those who truly live their faith, whatever that faith may be, should recognize that.



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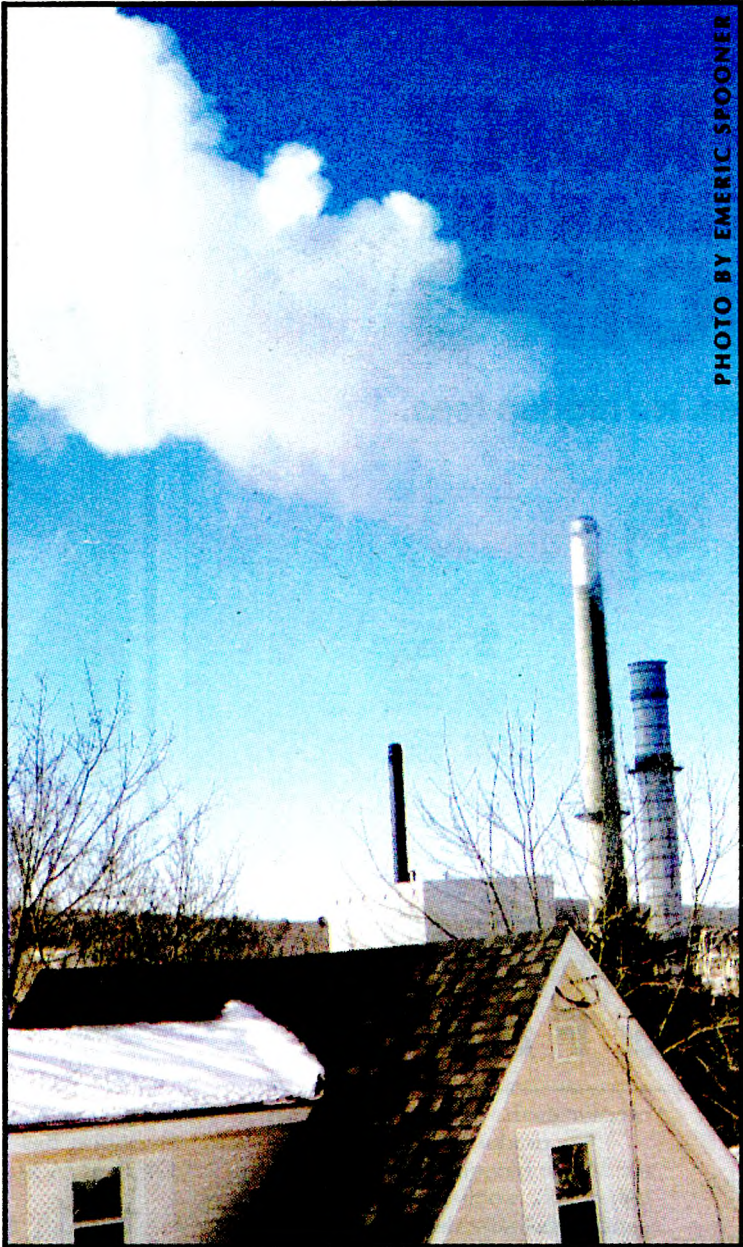


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Letting off steam!

Just like in the old days the power plant at the former paper mill was fired up the other day, producing plumes of vapor from atop one of the stacks.

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— *From the margins of the editor's notebook* —

Snowplowing: It's a matter of priorities

In a very small town far enough away it can remain nameless the highway crew - like highway crews everywhere - frequently took a beating in the course of public discourse and general gossiping. Still, there was one thing they were great at: moving snow.

They would hit the main road at the first flake and move on to the many miles of secondary roads. Finally, they'd slip in and out of the many roads - some of them still dirt - where only one or two families reveled in their almost complete seclusion.

Still, complaints would reach the selectmen, for in the winter there was little else to do, and the tiny road crew in their big yellow rumbling trucks was a very visible target. Whenever their trucks rumbled at all hours of the day and night yielded grumbling complaints from the citizenry.

Why did they go out so early? Why didn't they start plowing sooner? Why did it take 'em so long to get to (fill in the blank) road?

Thus it was wasn't strange when a woman called the second selectmen one evening to voice her support for the "wonderful work" of the road crew.

She was new to town, and had worried about being isolated in the winter, what with living back of beyond. She had feared the crew would never reach her driveway, but by golly they had done a bang-up job. Not only was her road plowed promptly and often, the crew even managed to back about and open the drifts that inevitably result at the point where driveways meet the public way.

The selectman thanked her, and so rare were compliments he made a point of stopping by the garage the

next day to share the woman's kudos with the men.

The crew, taciturn fellows if there ever were any, took the rare compliment totally without comment, and returned to chatting about the impending storm, storms past and what lay ahead for the Red Sox in the spring.

Almost a year to the day later, another late-night call to the selectman. The same woman was on the line. She proceeded to unload with amazing gusto on that bunch of slugs we called the highway crew. She claimed to have waited days to have her road cleared, and what was the board of selectmen going to do about it.

Another early morning visit to the highway garage. There, after ten or fifteen minutes into the obligatory pleasantries and the chatter about the storms past and present and the Red Sox, the selectman revealed the purpose of his visit to the garage.

What had happened in a year, why had things soured so badly with this woman, and why weren't they giving this woman the same fine snow-clearing service they had provided the year before?

Much shuffling of feet and blank stares. Then, one member of the crew stated it simply: "Well; he said, "She's not pregnant this year."

The selectman called the woman that night to let her know what she'd have to do to get better snow-plowing.

It seems the highway crew would do anything to avoid delivering a baby.

—DON HOUGHTON

LETTER to the editor Nix plastic bags

I am a member of a Bucksport citizen's initiative to decrease/eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags.

We have been educating ourselves and others, have put together a fact sheet, and have purchased two CD's for showings.

There will be some upcoming activities for sharing our findings publicly.

Meanwhile, all are welcome at our meetings and the next one is Monday, March 11, at 4 p.m. at the chamber of commerce building.

Approximately 20 Maine towns have banned the use of these plastic bags and for some form of plastics, and several are in the process of deciding if they will do so.

We have contacted nearby municipal officials for information and advice. They report no negative effects on their economy, and businesses and consumers have been able to adapt as needed.

We have developed a questionnaire and will be canvassing our local businesses for their input.

We have also been updating the Bucksport Town Council on our process, and at some point will ask them to take action on this issue.

Plastic bags are not biodegradable and most are not recycled, eventually finding their way into landfills and the ocean.

According to marine researchers in Maine, most plastics found in dead seabirds come from single-use plastic bags.

Additionally, marine animals die painful deaths from stomachs filled with plastics.

Please help.
Donald White
Bucksport

PLACES TO GO

PUBLIC EVENTS

Saturday, March 9

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

Sunday, March 10

AUTHOR — The Stockton Springs Community Library will host an "Author Talk" with former *Waldo Independent* staff writer and retired educator, Jeff Shula, at 2 p.m. Almost 30 years ago, photographer Peggy McKenna and Shula, working for the *Independent* newspaper, produced a series of interviews and photos called "Fireside Chats," focusing on Waldo County residents whose lives spanned most of the 20th century. Those interviews and photographs now have been republished. 3

Tuesday, March 12

HEART & SOUL — The Bucksport Heart & Soul Stewardship Group will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce office at 54 Main Street. (The winter weather date is Thursday, March 14.)

Wednesday, March 13

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

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

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 savorys, draft horse and bobsled rides. The all-inclusive admissions for adults is \$10; while 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

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.

FOR THE KIDS

Saturday, March 16

ROBOPOTS — Those 10 to 18 years of age are invited to a three-hour workshop with "Gizmo Garden" to learn how to make a "Robopot," at the Blue Hill Public Library on Saturday, March 16th at 1:30 p.m.. Each participant will design and construct an artistic plant pot, and then attach and wire the mechanical parts



PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

The 11th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Seuss - Theodor Seuss Geisel - was celebrated in schools and libraries across the country on Saturday. Here's who showed up last week at the Buck Memorial Library. (Any resemblance to Valerie Sulya is not coincidental.)

that will make the pot automatically self-watering. It's free. Registration required at www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515.

ON DISPLAY

Through March

PHOTOGRAPHY — The Blue Hill Public Library's gallery during March will feature the photography of Lisa Looke. The photographer lived in Blue Hill for 15 years before moving to Camden. Her photographs have appeared in magazines and books. 374-5515.

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 on Thursdays beginning next week 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. Those interested must speak with Joel Wiggin at 973-8269 to reserve a spot.

Mondays

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

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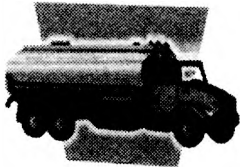


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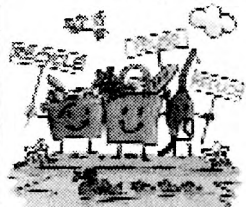
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A LITTLE OLDER, A LITTLE WISER

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

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

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

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

More information is available at 469-3632.

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:

Public meals

Saturday, March 9

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

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

• **CORNEB 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.

• Friday, March 8 —

Lasagna with meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic bread and chocolate cream pie.

• Monday, March 11 -

Baked stuffed haddock rice pilaf, peas and carrots and a cookie.

• Wednesday, March 13 -

Pot roast, mashed potato, baby carrots and a whoopie pie.

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

• Monday, March 18 -

Haddock casserole, green beans and ice cream.

• Wednesday, March 20 -

Meatloaf, baked potato, carrots and a cookie.

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

• Monday, March 25 -

Baked haddock, rice pilaf, green beans and fruit.

• Wednesday, March 27 -

Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic bread and cake.

• Friday, March 29 -

Chicken pot pie with stuffing, cranberry sauce and fruit crisp.

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

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New England event fires up Bucksport squad

ROXBURY, MA — For the six Bucksport High School athletes who competed at the New England indoor track championships at the Reggie Lewis Center here last weekend, the road to getting there was a long and winding one.

For Carter Tolmasoff and Nate Sawyer, both seniors, it was the culmination of intense training and big dreams. Both were inspiring in a field of New England's best track and field athletes.

For the relay team of Addie Morrison, Victoria Watkins, Mikayla Tripp and

Britney Bussey, all but Morrison were new to the relay event.

Learning to coordinate handoffs is challenging for even the most experienced teams, but this group of talented athletes were up to the task.

Faced with the loss of a starting member of the squad to injury and an impressive field of competitors at the state championship, the young women quickly adapted. They also avoided many of the pitfalls that doomed some of their competitors - dropped batons, zone violations,

timing breakdowns.

Taking these talents to the regional level was a welcome challenge for this group who just barely missed beating their previous school record, one they had established at the states competition just two weeks before.

Heading into the spring season, the Bucksport's track and field team will look to add new members and welcome familiar names.

With the 100 meter, 4x100 meter relay, discus, and javelin now in play, the

Golden Bucks are in pursuit of even more success in the warmer weather.

The team would like to express their appreciation to athletic director Jared Foster, principal Josh Tripp, superintendent James Boothby, the School Board, Dr. George Skala and George Watkins. Those individuals provided vital behind-the-scenes support throughout the season.

Thank you to all for your continued support of Bucksport High track and field.

— MATT MORRISON, COACH



No small job!

Workmen struggle to free a giant piece of equipment at the north entrance to the former paper mill on River Road.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Booked at jail

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

- Donald Alphonse Smith, 44, of 954 Castine Road, Orland was booked at the jail about 6 p.m. on Tuesday after he was sentenced to seven days for driving while under the influence. He had prior convictions on that charge.

- Wayne Douglas Hanscom Jr., 27, of 24 Pine St., Bucksport was booked into the jail on Saturday morning after being arrested for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol with prior convictions on that offense. He was sentenced to six months in jail. Hanscom also was found to be a habitual offender, having had his license suspended or revoked in the past.

- Marc R. Sparks, 33, of 869 River Road, Bucksport turned himself in about 5 p.m. on Friday (3/1), knowing he was wanted for a violation of the terms of his probation in an earlier case.

- Dylan E. Eldridge, 32, of 4 Noel Way, Apt. 301, Bucksport was booked about 9:30 p.m. on Sunday after being arrested by a Bucksport police officer for reportedly engaging in a domestic violence assault late Saturday night.

- Daria Brygida Bednarczyk, 26, of 65 Upper Falls Road, Orland was jailed about 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, after being arrested in Orland for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT — Local police recorded these arrests:

- Abby Bowden, 24, of Bucksport went to the Public Safety Building about midnight on Feb. 25, knowing she was wanted on a warrant alleging she failed to be in court to respond to a previous charge.

- Shane Murray, 43, of Bucksport was arrested on the Russell Hill Road about 2 p.m. on Feb. 24 after it was determined he was wanted on a warrant claiming he failed to be in court on a earlier charge.

Summonses issued

BUCKSPORT — Police issued these court summonses:

- Brooke Malo, 32, of Dedham faces a court date for allegedly driving on Miles Lane on the afternoon of Feb. 27 after a

license or revocation.

- Miranda Thompson, 26, of Bucksport on Sunday about 1:45 p.m. was given a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. She was given the summons while in the parking lot of the Rite-Aid pharmacy on U.S. Route 1.

Police indicated she may face additional charges.

- Constanza Book, 40, of Wiscasset was issued a summons about 10:45 a.m. on Sunday for allegedly failing to have proof of liability insurance on her vehicle. She received the citation while in the parking lot of the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1.

- Melanie Jordan of Orland was issued a summons about 11 p.m. on Saturday (3/2) for reportedly violating the conditions of her bail in an earlier case.

- Belinda Byrd, 49, of Orland got a ticket for failing to provide proof of liability insurance on her vehicle. She was stopped on Main Street early Saturday morning.

- Jonathan Brages, 43, of Saco got a summons about 11:30 p.m. on Saturday for reportedly failing to have proof of having liability insurance on his vehicle and allegedly failing to remain in his travel lane while driving. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1.

- Amy Santo-Inglesis, 39, of Bucksport was given a summons after being stopped on Main Street about 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, and failing to produce proof of having liability insurance on her vehicle.

- Joan West, 60, of Bucksport was cited last Thursday (2/28) about 8 p.m. for allegedly driving on the River Road after a license suspension or revocation.

- Charles English, 30, of Castine was cited for speeding on the River Road about 9 p.m. on Feb. 28.

- About 2 p.m. on Feb. 24, Sean Eastman of Bucksport received a summons for failing to produce a registration and for an inspection sticker violation.

Accidents reported

BUCKSPORT — These accidents were recorded here:

- Tanner Stegner, 19, of Bucksport lost control of a vehicle on the Millvale Road about 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 24. The vehicle, which struck a mailbox and a snowbank, received extensive damage, the police said.

- Someone backed a vehicle into the pumphouse operated by the water compa-



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

ny off School Street. The incident was reported on last Thursday evening (3/28). The accident resulted in a malfunction of the pumping equipment inside. No suspect has been located.

Thefts listed

BUCKSPORT — A theft of some property from a Main Street business remains under investigation.

The theft was reported early in the morning on Feb. 25.

Another theft was reported on Feb., 24, but the complainant has opted not to pursue charges, the police said.

Safety statistics

BUCKSPORT — Bucksport's emergency medical personnel handled 17 ambulance runs last week.

Eight of the runs were to Bucksport addresses, eight to sites in Orland and one was on Verona Island.

There was two fire calls last week.

During the week, the police responded to 116 calls for service.

Extra \$20,000 received to aid county inmates

ELLSWORTH — The Hancock County Commission has given \$20,000 to Healthy Acadia to support its recovery resource fund project for inmates at the county jail.

Those who are participating in the Hancock County recovery coach program and are preparing to be released from the jail, or pending induction into the Hancock County Drug Court program, can qualify for small sums to ease the barriers they face in trying to reside, work and succeed in recovery in Hancock County.

To receive support, inmates will complete an application to apply for up to \$1,000 that will be paid directly to someone other the applicant in return for spe-

In the "lost and found" department a resident reported losing a cooler on Friday (3/2), and another reported finding a black purse on Thursday (3/1).

Here a cat, there a cat!

BUCKSPORT — The municipal animal shelter off Central Street has nice selection of cats, each ready to be adopted. Call Dan Joy at 469-7952 for the details.

Bangor says: 'Pay up!'

PAY UP OR . . . The City of Bangor is warning those with three or more parking tickets to pay up this month.

The city is serious about its parking ordinances, and will tow vehicles with three or more tickets.

Tickets may be paid at the Pickering Square Garage office at 100 Broad Street on weekdays from 8 to 5, or online at www.payvats.com.

To underline the warning, Bangor officials note that the fine doubles after three or more unpaid tickets become over 30 days old.

cific recovery resources, such as housing, transport, clothing and other expenses.

These arrangements will be made before an inmate is released or enrolled in the Drug Court. The goal is increase the inmate's chance of success in maintaining their recovery, reducing recidivism, improving work readiness and getting back into the local workforce and the community.

The Recovery Resource Fund Project directly is expected to benefit up to 40 people coming out of the jail system and indirectly benefit many more, as a result of the improved recovery success of those who use the program.

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