

Downtown gaining two retail shops

Rosen building may be leased

BUCKSPORT — Negotiations aimed at relocating an Eastport gift shop to the former Rosen's Department store are nearly completed with the goal to have the store open by mid-to late-May. Meanwhile, a local artist has purchased the former Sheehan's Florist shop on the other side of Main Street for a gallery and studio space for artists, and that could open in a month or two.

An Eastport couple want to lease the entire Rosen's building from Richard and Kimberley Rosen, and relocate their gift shop.

The couple, Margaret and Daryl Keay, will relocate their Port O' Call gift shop from Water Street in Eastport to the Rosen building at 72 Main Street.

Their current shop, now closed for the season, offers long daytime hours in the summer and shorter hours in the spring and fall, in keeping with the pace of tourist traffic.

Artists' studio

The empty floral shop was purchased on Dec. 27 by Joyce Greco of Federal Street. and will reopen as soon as possible as, "The Black Butterfly."

Greco, an artist and art restoration person, now operates Renaissance Fine Arts from her home. As that business expands, she sought additional room to accommodate other artists and to give visitors a chance to see art being created at the Main Street location.

She and her daughter also will expand their personal art studio space at their home at 9 Federal Street.

Greco, who resided in Florida for 38 years, has held a

number of jobs in the graphics field, some of them working for others done on a free-lance basis. She began as a store window dresser for a major retailer.

Her plans now call for attending to some major improvements at the downtown shop immediately, including a new roof in April and extensive interior work. She will continue to improve the site in a phased series of projects as time moves on, she said in an interview this week.

The installation of a gas line to the business will be done in the spring.

Locally, she worked with Kathryn James of Bucksport, the owner of the Lighthouse Arts Center here, to open that business.

While James initially planned to close down the Lighthouse center, at least for a time, she now has resumed weekend hours and is repackaging the enterprise in an effort to sustain its place in the developing arts community here.

The renovation of the formerly empty structure represented the largest single investment made in downtown retailing in decades.

PLEASE SEE SHOPS, PAGE 5.



FIREFIGHTERS stand by on Sunday as another Central Street meth lab is dismantled.

Same Central Street location Second meth lab found

BUCKSPORT — For the second time in six weeks, drug enforcement personnel were called to 396 Central Street, where they again confiscate items used in a methamphetamine manufacturing operation.

This time, they arrested Megan Patten, 28, and charged her with unlawfully operating a meth lab.

Bucksport police had went to the home Sunday morning in response to a disturbance, and while there they saw items they suspected had been used to make methamphetamines. They summoned the drug enforcement agents, who arrived later in the day.

The local police also charged Patten with assault, theft by unauthorized taking or transfer and engaging in disorderly conduct - fighting.

She was booked into the Hancock County jail in Ellsworth about 9:45 a.m.

Back in November, Adam Wade Staples, 49, who was living at that address, was arrested, having earlier been visited there by a probation officer making a random and unannounced visit as part of the man's release in an earlier case.

There have been five meth lab cases brought in this area in recent months, roughly a tenth of those located in the state by enforcement personnel.

The earlier charges, including one alleging Staples was involved in a meth lab at the Central Street address, remain pending. Staples apparently has been released after posting bail.

The MDEA Lab Response Team searched the home on

Sunday afternoon, and samples of various chemicals were taken for analysis.

Also some hazardous materials were turned over to Maine Department of Environmental Protection personnel.

The drug agents filed the meth lab charge while Bucksport police added the other charges.

Patten was not charged in connection with the earlier alleged methamphetamine lab operation at that address in November.

The Bucksport operation was the second for the drug lab response team last weekend.

Early Saturday morning, the Penobscot Nation police were called to a home on Indian Island after a 38-year-old woman was found dead.

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After more than 26 years . . . Town Clerk ready for her 'next adventure'



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BUCKSPORT — A lot of people knew the announcement was coming, for she's been considering retiring for some months, but Town Clerk Kathy Downes now has made it official.

Her last day at the Town Offices will be April 4.

She reluctantly is relinquishing the job she will have held for 26 1/2 years, the longest tenure of any town clerk in Bucksport's very long history.

In an interview this week, Downes said she still loves the job, and, in fact, has loved coming to work each day during all of those years even when some of the days were especially long and some of the challenges very frustrating.

Downes long has been known for taking her work very seriously, and yet she also views her career as, "a blessing for it allowed me to serve the community I grew up in."

Said Downes, "I've always tried to help my citizens in any way I could, no matter who they were."

Now, she's plotting out what to do next, to what she terms, "my next adventure." High on that list is spending time with her two daughters, their spouses and her four grandchildren. She has three granddaughters and a grandson, a lively mix of youngsters ranging in age from 4 to 11.

PLEASE SEE CLERK, PAGE 2.

Wilson Hall . . . Councilor offers strategy for evaluating landmark

BUCKSPORT — With the fate of historic Wilson Hall teetering on what could be one final Town Council vote, one councilor is proposing a new way to evaluate whether the current

building can become a productive asset for the town.

Councilor Mark Eastman has submitted a one-page proposal which asks the council to delegate the evaluation of the building's potential to a committee composed of councilors and others.

Specifically, he is suggesting the council - either tonight (1/19) or at its meeting on Jan. 24 - appoint a panel, "to investigate the feasibility of carrying out a marketing campaign in

order to sell the building or identify other possible other uses."

Tonight's council agenda calls for a review of the arguments to save vs. demolish the landmark, which dates to 1851. However, it now is listed under the "discussion" rather than "action" portion of the docket.

The final vote on the issue could come as soon as the Jan. 28 meeting unless Eastman's suggestion or some other alternative agreement is reached.

Under Eastman's plan, Councilor Robert G. Carmichael Jr. and he would be appointed to the new committee, and any of all of the other councilors could attend or vote at any of its meeting.

Eastman also suggests five others be named to the group:

- Chris Closs, of Maine Preservation.

- Brook Ewing Minner, Eastman's wife, representing Main Street Bucksport.

- Larry Wahl of the Buck Memorial Library and the Bucksport Historical Society. (Wahl also heads the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce, which is launching its own \$110,000 capital campaign to buy its Main Street building.)

- Judith Frost Gillis, a Bucksport resident and history buff.

- And Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic development director.

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New Listing!



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

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12 AC by Silver Lake!



Bucksport—Check out this excellent surveyed and private 12 acre building lot. Located near Silver Lake, this land lot is heavily wooded and already has a driveway in place and just over 1000' of road frontage. Close to the boat landing, this property is less than two minutes from the water and local snowmobile trails. Less than 5 minutes from town and only 25 minutes from Bangor, Belfast and Ellsworth. Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 **\$64,900**

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 & 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 Riverwalk. Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 **\$84,900**

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Hancock—This property offers a rare opportunity to have a home, business, and rental income. Home is currently being renovated. It features 2 BR, 1 BA, new flooring in living area, and hall. Upstairs has newly painted BR and huge bonus room. Views of Cadillac Mt. and ocean. All with paved drive, and metal roof. Property also has an antique business that is full of treasures. Above there is a 2 BR apartment that can be used as rental income. Just minutes to Acadia, Schoodic, and all it has to offer. Priced below assessment. Call Damon Holmes 460-1600 **\$170,000**

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! Call Kathy Coogan 469-9930 **\$29,900**




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



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 BIA heating system and a 1 car detached garage. Easy commute to Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport. Listing Agent: Mark Eastman **\$59,900**



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**

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**

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 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 **\$599,000**

On Toddy Pond!



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

Rhodes joins realty firm

BUCKSPORT — Two Rivers Realty has added Michelle Rhodes pf Bucksport as a sales agent.

Michelle and her husband, David Doane, own Silver Lake Stables on the Silver Lake Road in Bucksport. There, they care for rescued horses, including three Clydesdale draft horses. The Rhodes searched for the perfect location before relocating from Texas to the home and equestrian center on Silver Lake Road.

Rhodes now wants to assist others with the tasks of selling or buying their perfect property.

Michelle serves on the Senior Resource Committee and the Gardner Commons Senior Housing Board, and volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. She also teaches YMCA senior strength training. She earned a degree from the El Centro Community College, and worked for some years as a legal assistant.

Michelle can offer assistance to buyers and sellers of equestrian, residential, commercial, land and waterfront properties.

She can be contacted at 702-9276 or email her at mrhodes1218@gmail.com.



Michelle Rhodes

— Town Clerk Kathy Downes

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The former assistant bank branch in Brewer was recruited by Bucksport Town Manager Roger R. Raymond, and began working here in September of 1992.

Since then, she's compiled the minutes of just about every Town Council and subcommittee meeting. ("I could count on one hand the number of meetings I missed," she said.)

She also has overseen every municipal election during that long period. ("I never missed one," she added.) Downes always has known who can be recruited to work at the polls, for friendliness, courtesy and accurate tabulation skills are vital.

Service to the community, in fact to everyone, has been her driving force, whether notarizing a document or working the perplexed through the regulatory hurdles of registering a vehicle.

The clerk and the four woman she works with are the front line of Bucksport's government, the people everyone sees when they enter the building. Downes lives and breathes Bucksport; there are few in town whose name she does not know. Chances are good she can tell you who their father and grandfather are, too, and if she doesn't she knows someone who probably knows the family well.

No matter how trivial the inquiry the information is received politely and processed, and the matter isn't resolved

until the inquirer says so.

Downes is not one who thrives on strife or discord, for she much prefers harmony, collaboration and cooperation.

The town clerk also has been - and will continue to be - a familiar face about town. She's been there in the freezing rain at midnight on New Year's Eve when the ball drops; she's been there pushing a lawn mower in the graveyard because the meager maintenance budget doesn't cover all the expenses; and she's been at or involved with more benefit suppers and other fundraisers than she can recall.

While she knew she'd be retiring, Downes recently renewed her notary public certification for, after all, that's a service a lot of people appreciate.

She's especially proud of her lifetime appointment as a *dedimus justus*, a person who under Maine law, can swear in various public officials, including notaries public. That honor required the governor's signature.

In the notice she sent the town manager on Tuesday, Downes said, "It was not an easy decision to make, and I am thankful for the opportunity to have served the citizens of Bucksport. I truly value and appreciate the experience, knowledge and training I gained over the past 26 1/2 years. It has been a pleasure working for the citizens of Bucksport."

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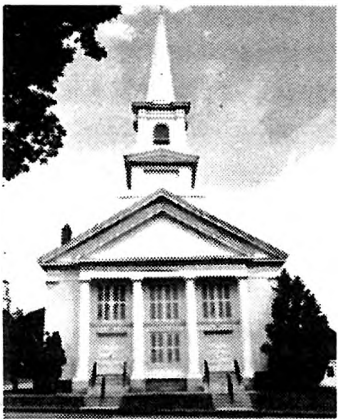
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Friends & Family

ON THE MEND — Fire Chief **Craig Bowden** remains on an extended sick leave as he recuperates after some serious surgery last month.

Bowden is recovering at home, and is receiving benefits under the town's short-term disability insurance policy, according to Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard**.

She said Bowden's leave began Dec. 12, and it's not yet clear when he will be able to return to work.

In the interim, she has endorsed a splitting of the leadership duties at the fire department between Deputy Chief **Michael Denning** and Capt. **Chris Connor**.

HISTORY RE-VISITED — **Judith Frost Gillis** of Bucksport has offered two free public presentations on the history of Wilson Hall, and she has two more sessions scheduled.

She's offering to take the program "on the road" for anyone interested in learning more about what occurred here throughout the 167-year life of the building.

Tomorrow (Friday, 1/11), the public program will be at 10:45 a.m. at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway. On Thursday, Jan. 31, the under an hour program will be at the Orrington Public Library at 6 p.m.

Anyone who would like to book the program - "scouts, classrooms, three friends for a private viewing" - can leave a message for Gillis at orringtonhs@gmail.com.

IN AUGUSTA — State Sen. **Kimberley Rosen** (R-Hancock) has been appointed to the Senate Standing Committee on Conduct and Ethics and as she remains the ranking member of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal

Justice and Public Safety (CJPS) for the 129th Legislature.

The Bucksport Republican was the chair of the CJPS panel during the 127th and 128th Legislatures. She also previously served on the transportation and the natural resources committees.

MORE MONEY! — **Main Street Bucksport** has received \$2,500 from a Maine Office of Tourism program that supports smaller or focused tourism-marketing projects run by permanent, non-profit organizations promoting tourism in Maine. The cash will help stage the fourth annual International Maritime Film Festival Sept. 27-29.

Recently, the Bucksport group received additional money from an area foundation to help buy some up-to-date office equipment and programs as well as to hire a consultant to work on its strategic programming for the future.

Main Street Bucksport also has received money from the town to help pay a part-time executive director.

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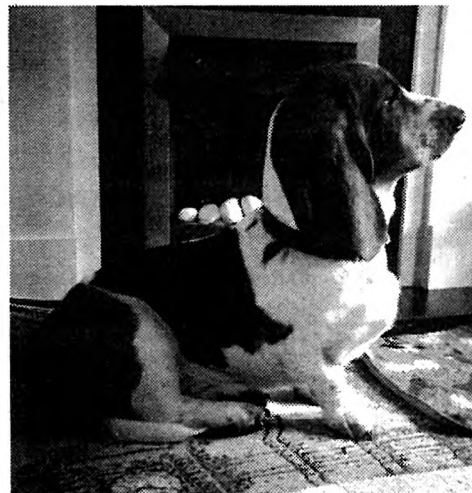
I am so thankful for the best 80th birthday party ever at the Rod & Gun Club on Saturday, January 5th hosted by our daughters Diana and her husband Kyle, and Molly. Also so thank you to our grandsons David and Keith.

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Child's play?

How old were you when you learned that if someone had the only bat and someone else had the only ball there'd be no baseball without some cooperation. In the end, the game was on, for playing and watching baseball is far more fun than two kids playing catch or one swinging a bat through the empty air.

While most everyone learned this simple lesson as tots, too many of those who seek to govern us seem to have lost sight of the importance of civility, compromise and common sense when it comes to serving the public good. This seems especially true at the federal and state levels, where lock-step party loyalty is revered more than the resolution of true problems.

Who among those in both major political parties has not known that our border control and immigration policies long ago ceased to serve the interests of either the republic or those we want to join us as fellow citizens?

Immigration - a melting pot of cultures and traditions - was and is the basis for one of the great governmental experiments of all times: the United States of America.

Still, our politicians talk and talk and talk, and nothing significant has gotten done in shaping a sensible and fair policy that protects both those seeking to join us and those already here. This is especially true for those who are here as a result of the bold commitments made by their ancestors to cut their ties with other nations so they might join and prosper in this one.

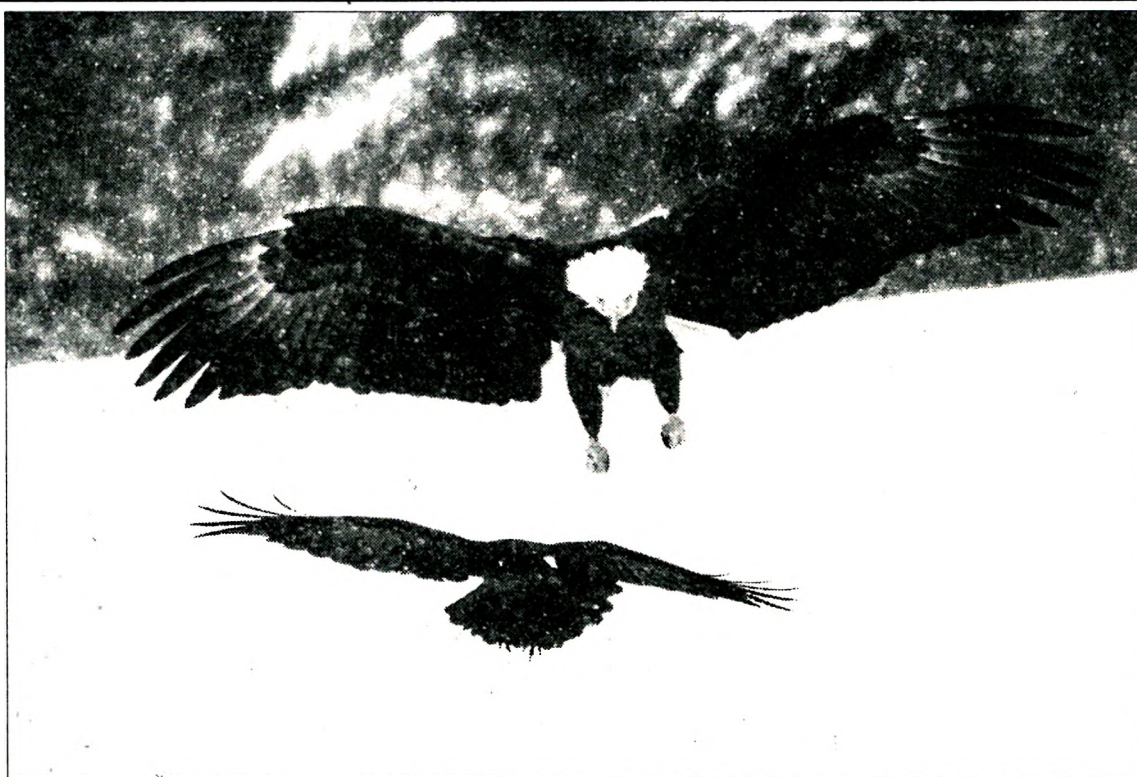
Instead, the partisanship - the key roadblock to progress - has reached new levels. Too frequently, the din has descended into pettiness and name-calling when civility, dialogue and compromise might better accomplish what's best for our nation.

The current, soul-sapping politicking is not about a wall, a fence or whatever the latest word for a barrier may be. It is more than separating the legal from the illegal. It is about correcting the decades of government inaction that produced the current mess and confrontations.

Insulting, including the spewing of venomous terms upon those hired to carry out the policies enacted by our leaders over the years also is counter-productive.

What's needed is that old-fashioned common sense, a return to cooperation and compromise over mindless party or political bickering and, yes, a renewed sense of civility in our public discourse.

Wishful thinking? Naive? Perhaps, but we draw strength from having seen how the owners of the bat and the ball came together so everyone could play ball. Life's challenges were resolved on the playground at recess by good children, not by adults who too often play like selfish children in Washington, D.C. and Augusta.



Fright flight?

A crow seeks to escape the talons of an eagle as both soar through a snowstorm here last week. The two were captured by the lens of Rick McHale of Bucksport.

— From the margins of the editor's notebook —

You can't escape your roots!

In a very small New England town far, far way, the three selectmen gathered for their Monday night confab, a sort of cracker barrel affair without the checker board.

They were there to do whatever needed to be done to keep peace among the citizenry while keeping state and federal bureaucrats from ever discovering how things got done in "our town."

The selectmen's gatherings often brought brief appearances by the town clerk, the town treasurer or the tax collector, at least until those offices were combined into one. This wasn't done to achieve efficiency; it's just nobody stepped forward when the treasurer and collector jobs went vacant.

The selectmen's meetings usually drew but one spectator: Ralph Witherspoon. Ralph would walk in a few minutes early to assure that nobody was sitting in his chair. Nobody ever did. There, behind three rows of empty folding chairs, Ralph would doff his coat and mittens (only the mittens were optional, and then only during the warmest months). Ralph would sit there and take in all of the talk that swirled around the three selectmen's desks arrayed in the front of the room.

From his vantage point, Ralph would absorb all of the gossip and other municipal clap-trap he could glean, slowly processing and, sometimes, re-processing each morsel in his head.

Then, when he'd heard enough he'd put his coat back on over his sweater (the sweater remained part of his wardrobe throughout the year), don his well-worn hat and shuffle on home.

In unison, and often without even looking up from the matter at hand, the selectmen would offer a hearty, "Good night, Ralph!"

Ralph's departure was a sign for one of two things: either the selectmen would decide they'd probably palavered enough for this week or, alternately, they'd immediately move to the topic they'd wanted to talk about all night - but not while Ralph was there.

Then, they, too, soon would bid one another "Good night", usually without any emotion being conveyed, and return to wherever they'd come from as well.

There were only two topics that were likely to draw a "crowd": the traditional ones that have bedeviled selectmen in tiny New England towns for centuries: roaming dogs and the condition of the town's roads.

But, there also was what now has become that infamous night when the selectmen found themselves confronted by a "crowd" of but two very angry citizens. Both were hell-bent on exploring the lineage of the three members of the road crew while also dabbling in the equally questionable

parentage of the selectmen. After all, these fellows had allowed those three men on the crew to continue in the town's employ for too long.

It was a well-known "secret" in the town that the road crew didn't have a lot going for it.

The highway boss was illiterate (his wife did the paperwork, and signed his name to it), and let's just say the road crew boss had a thing for hops.

But, that road crew boss sure could plow snow! He could come within a fraction of an inch of a mailbox and not hit it. He could turn a huge plow with the wing extended a full 90 degrees on a patch of black ice without stopping, dinging a fender or spilling a grain of sand from the heaping load of the stuff behind his cab.

The proof of that came the year when the road boss lost his license just before snow season in an incident known even years later as "driving while plowed." That was "the year of the new guy", the year the selectmen paid more than two dozen claims for mailboxes damaged beyond recognition, a record that continues to this day. Some of the debris wasn't found until the spring melt.

The road boss's accomplices also weren't Mensa scholars, but, like their boss, they worked cheap. Each knew their job prospects elsewhere were, well, let's just say they were considerably limited.

Now comes the two critics, one a woman who, succinctly but powerfully made the point that most of the town's roads were becoming trails more suitable for goat herders than drivers. Then, as quickly as she began, she shut up and left the building, knowing her message had been delivered.

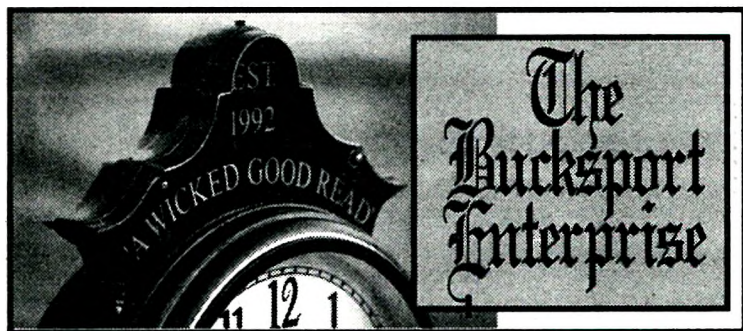
The other critic, however, dawdled, and was not in the least diplomatic. Fueled with more than a little alcohol, he had plenty to say, and he said it. Unfortunately most of his arguments were delivered loudly and in language that would have made a sailor blush.

The new chairman of the selectmen thought the best course was to let the man say his piece. Then, when the fellow calmed down he'd reason with him. The gentleman with the vast and colorful vocabulary had other plans.

Once he'd unloaded his tractor trailer of complaints, he abruptly stopped, turned 180 degrees and stomped out. He slammed the outer door hard enough to loosen it from its stout hinges.

The chairman didn't know what to say, but, fortunately, Ralph did. For the first time in recent memory, from the back of the room came Ralph's immortal words delivered in that Yankee emotionless monotone of his: "You know, his father wasn't too bright either!"

— DON HOUGHTON



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PLACES TO GO

PUBLIC EVENTS

Thursday, January 10

SHOW TIME! The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library's second-Thursday-of-the-month film series continue at 7 p.m. with the *Ox-Bow Incident* (1943), directed by William A. Wellman and starring Henry Fonda and Dana Andrews. Set in 1885 in a small western town, the film follows two drifters who are passing through when news comes in that a local farmer has been murdered. The townspeople, joined by the drifters, form a posse. All of the films are free. 374-5515.

Friday, January 11

SCORE 101 for opera buffs — The Bagaduce Music Lending Library and Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library will preview Francesco Cilea's opera, *Adriana Lecouvreur*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 1 p.m. A live performance will be simulcast at The Grand in Ellsworth on Saturday, Jan. 12, from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Linda Lesko and David Porter will summarize the plot, and offer ideas of special ways to enjoy the simulcast. All are welcome, and no previous opera knowledge is needed. Admission is free. 374-5515.

Saturday, January 15

HEART & SOUL — The Bucksport Heart & Soul group is about to move into the next step of its community development efforts. There'll be a brown bag lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce office at 54 Main Street to launch the all-volunteer group's new stewardship group. The organizers of the session say the public is not just invited, they're encouraged to attend, whether or not they've been involved with any of the groups working on local concerns and ideas in recent months. (*While the time in last week's Calendar was listed correctly, the wrong time was included in a separate news item. The session is at 11:30.*)

Wednesday, January 16

THE PLAY'S THE THING — The public is invited to participate in the Blue Hill Public Library Play Reading Group from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the library, and on every third Wednesday of the month until summer. This month, the group will read *You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running*, four one-act comedy by Robert Anderson. The group welcomes inexperienced and experienced readers alike. The only criteria are a love of plays and the joy of reading them aloud among theater fans. 374-5515.

Thursday, January 17

DEMOCRATS — The focus of the next meeting of the Hancock County Democratic Committee will be preparing for the 2019 and 2020 election cycles. The meeting at 7 p.m. at the Moore Center on State Street in Ellsworth, will include an election of officers for the committee. chair@hancockdems.org.

BLUE HILL — Capt. LeCain Smith will host a showing of his inspirational documentary film *Far Away*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 6:30 p.m. The documentary showcases the adventures filmed during his six-year sail around the world on the *Perelandra*, his custom-designed, 44-foot ketch. Light refreshments will be served at the free public event. 374-5515.

Saturday, January 19

ATTN: BOOKIES! The Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library will hold a book sale on the main

floor of the Ellsworth Public Library from 9 to 1. Youth and adult fiction, as well as some non-fiction and craft books will be available. Most are \$1 or less. In case the library is closed by inclement weather, the sale will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Sunday, January 20

BACK TO THE PAST — The Orrington-based 19th century Curran Homestead Village's annual meeting and recognition luncheon will feature some thoughts from television chronicler Bill Green of "Bill Green's Maine" fame. The event will be held at Jeff's Catering in the East-West Industrial Park, 15 Littlefield Road in Brewer. The fundraiser dinner is free to 2019 members, and \$20 per person (Under 12: \$10) for non-members. The public is invited. Reservations are required by calling Irv at 745-4425 or Bob at 205-4849 before Jan. 15. Music will be by Jim Leighton and Friends, starting at noon. The lunch is at 12:15, and Green will speak at 12:45. There'll be a silent auction at 2, and a 50/50 drawing at 2:15. www.curranhomestead.org.

FOR YOUNGSTERS

Friday, January 18

NO NEED TO SPELL THIS ONE OUT! — The Blue Hill Public Library will host the annual National Geographic Bee for fourth through eighth grade homeschoolers from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every year thousands of schools participate in the contest to increase public awareness and student interest in geography and to encourage teachers to include the subject in their curricula. The event is free but registration is required. Contestants can register at www.bhpl.net or by calling 374-5515. The winner will advance to a written examination to determine who will compete at the state level. For tips on preparing, visit <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee>. Claire at 374-5515.

ON DISPLAY

Through March

ALL ON PAPER — *Paper and Light*, an exhibit featuring lampshades made by Brooklin papermaker Gigi Sarsfield, with lamps made by several local artists, is on display in the Blue Hill Public Library's glass cases. Sarsfield has been making paper since the 1990s after working in computer coding and data processing. 374-5515.

HELP OFFERED

Mondays

CANCER — The Cancer Support Group is for anyone living with cancer: the patient, survivor, family members, caregiver, friend, or those interacting with persons touched by the disease. The group meets on the second Monday of each month at the Bucksport Regional Health Center from noon to 1:30 p.m. Bring a lunch if you like. Cancer Support Center of Maine at 322-0960.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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



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— Two shops to open here soon

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James remains committed to keeping the flame alive that she has been a major force in igniting. This week she reported the reorganization of the enterprise, perhaps as a not-for-profit

group, is continuing.

Gift shop

The Keays' opened their gift shop in 2006, as part of the resurgence of that town to use the community's nautical past to bolster the tourist portion of the

local community

A number of older buildings were upgraded and repurposed to house new shops and restaurants.

The Keays' now-closed shop offered jewelry, scarves, sweaters, books, games, toys and a variety of other gift and souvenir items.

A LITTLE OLDER, A LITTLE WISER

Inside Wilson Hall

A program outlining the long history and local significance of Wilson Hall will be presented free tomorrow (Friday, 1/11) from 10:45 to 11:25 a.m. at the Bucksport Senior Center.

Judith Frost Gillis of Bucksport will offer a history of the East Maine Conference Seminary, a program she is continuing to offer free of charge to groups throughout the area.

Those who would like to stay for the \$5-per-person chicken dinner luncheon, which begins at 11:15, are being asked to call 469-3632 to reserve a spot.

In the swim of things

The initial forays to the YMCA pool got snowed out, but the great - and free - deal is continuing. The goal is to get more older people to take the plunge into the soothing water in the wintertime.

According to Nick Tymoczko, the local "Y" operations director, "exercis-

ing in the water provides a total body workout that gives a person cardio and strength-training while having less impact on one's joints. The resistance of the water against your body helps strengthen and tone muscles while providing a fun and unique environment to exercise."

To help make that happen here for more area residents, each Tuesday a group will get into the pool each Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through Feb. 21. Area residents will get free use of the pool at the Down East Family YMCA in Ellsworth. They also can get free round-trip rides to the pool, with a pick-up at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway at 8:30 a.m.

Bring a towel, swim attire and a zest to take the plunge. The senior aqua-aerobics is free, and the transportation is being provided by the Bucksport YMCA.

SENIOR CENTER

• HE'S BACK! Scott Grindle, the pianist, will entertain at the Senior

Center on Jan. 18 about 10:30 a.m.

• **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** — Here's the latest weekly schedule of events:

Thursday
• 12:30 to 4 p.m. — Bridge players.
• 5:30 to 9 p.m. Poker and Scat/31 card games.

Friday
• 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
• 11:30 a.m. - Luncheon.

Monday
• 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
• 9:30 - Knitting, crocheting.
• 11:30 a.m. Luncheon.
• 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders..
• 6:30 to 9 p.m. - Bridge
• 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Poker, hand and foot card games.

Tuesday
• 5:45 to 8 p.m. - B-I-N-G-O!
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month from 9 to 3.

Wednesday
• 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
• 11:39 a.m. - Luncheon.
• 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Scrabble.
• 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders.

Lunch menus

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

• **Friday, January 11** - Baked chicken, long grain rice, carrots, fruit crisp.

• **Monday, January 14** - Baked stuffed haddock, mashed potatoes, snap peas and cake.

• **Wednesday, January 16** - Roast turkey dinner, stuffing, scalloped potatoes, carrots and a cookie.

• **Friday, January 18** - Baked ham, baked potato, corn and chocolate cream pie.

Call 469-3632 no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to reserve your spot.

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Foster appointed to seniors' post

BUCKSPORT — William Foster of North Bucksport is the town's new part-time senior services coordinator.

The town manager made the appointment after interviews with three candidates.

He will succeed Sue Ann Craig at the beginning of February.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said Foster has been a "stay at home dad" and part-time ambulance transfer worker in Bangor.

Foster holds certifications in dental hygiene and art and design. Lessard said that while the other two candidates were impressive, Foster impressed the board of the Bucksport Senior Center and her with his enthusiasm and willingness to introduce new ideas into the town's efforts to support residents of the area as they grow older.

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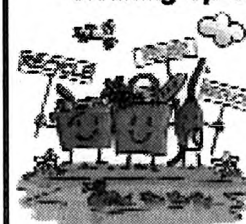


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Booked at jail

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

• Sherry Angel Runci, 38, of 43 Hillside Drive, Bucksport, was arrested on Monday and booked at the jail about 9:15 a.m. after being arrested in Ellsworth on multiple charges.

Those charges include allegedly violating the conditions of release in an earlier case, three counts of possessing a Schedule G drug, the possession of hypodermic apparatus, the theft by unauthorized use of property, trafficking in prison contraband and driving while under the influence of drugs or a combination of drugs.

• Heather Sue Mitchell, 30, of 30 New Road, Penobscot was arrested in Orland on Tuesday for driving while under the influence of alcohol. She was booked at the jail about 10 a.m., but later posted bail and was released.

• David Allen Maxcy, 19, of Gardiner was arrested at the Spring Fountain Motel on U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport early last Thursday (1/3). He was taken to the jail, where he was booked about 4:15 a.m. for reportedly engaging in a domestic violence assault.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT — These recent arrests were recorded in the police log:

• Ryan Grindle posted bail after being arrested on a Waldo County warrant claiming he owed court fines and fees. He was arrested during a traffic stop on U.S. Route 1 about 2:15 p.m. on Friday (1/4).

• Theresa Murphy, 50, of Bucksport was arrested on Dec. 2 for allegedly having a hypodermic device and other drug paraphernalia.

The deer report

BUCKSPORT — Here's the latest tally of deer encounters on local roads:

• Morgan Slayton, 26, of Orono hit one on the River Road about 2:30 a.m. on Sunday.

• Somebody struck one on the River Road early last Friday (1/4) morning. No details were available.

• Colleen Leclair, 44, of Bucksport encountered a deer on the River Road about 5:45 p.m. on Friday (1/4). The resulting damage was estimated at over \$1,000.

• Dustin Wentworth, 28, of Bucksport hit a deer on the Church Road shortly before 4:40 p.m. on New Year's Day.

Accidents tallied

BUCKSPORT — These accidents were reported to police:

• Vehicles being driven by Ronald Moulton, 79, of Searsport and George Wells, 63, of Winterport collided in the parking lot of Ming's restaurant on U.S. Route 1 about 5:45 p.m. on Friday (1/4).

• A C.N. Brown fuel delivery truck was backed into a ditch on the Bucks Mills Road but no damage resulted in the mishap last Thursday (1/3) morning.

• Another vehicle slid off the Mast Hill Road shortly before

11 p.m. on Saturday, but no damage was reported to police.

• A vehicle being driven by Kristen Appleby, 25, of Levant slid on icy or snowy pavement on the River Road about 6:15 a.m. on New Year's Day.

• Casey Jerome, 19, had a skidding accident on State Route 46 about 7:15 a.m. on New Year's Day. The damage was estimated at some \$300.

Drivers ticketed

BUCKSPORT — These drivers received summonses:

• Chase Halley, 28, of Orland was cited for driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on Hinks Street just before 10 a.m. on Saturday.

• Phillip Russell, 40, of Bucksport was issued a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on Main Street shortly after 2 p.m. on Dec. 31.

• Jason Poitras, 30, of Penobscot was given a summons on Dec. 30 for driving after a license suspension or revocation.

• Nanette Boutin, 53, of Orland was cited for failing to provide proof of liability insurance. She was stopped on State Route 46 about 9 a.m. on Dec. 30.

• Justin Bangelo, 33, of Orland was issued a ticket for reading while driving after a traffic stop about 2:25 p.m. on Dec. 30.

— Meth labs

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Her identity and further details related to the death are not being released, although there's no evidence of foul play, the police said.

Just as in the case on Central Street here, items consistent with meth lab production were found in the home on Indian Island.

The response team gathered the items found at the scene.

The investigation into the meth making operation and the circumstances surrounding the death remain under investigation.

These were the first two responses in 2019 for MDEA's hazmat/evidence recovery team. Last year, the team was used 52 times; five of them responding to incidents in the Bucksport area. There were 58 labs uncovered state-wide in 2016.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS

Track team displays its growth this year

CARIBOU — For a senior to be sidelined by an injury in his best event presents both an emotional and mental challenge. When senior Danny Bunker started suffering from achilles instability during an indoor track session, he thought his successful triple jump career had come to an end.

This spring, however, while training exclusively for the 100-meter dash he saw an opportunity at the top of the standings, and he jumped at it.

At the Penobscot Valley Conference (PVC) championships in here on Saturday, in just his second meet competing in the triple jump this season, Bunker jumped a season-best: 39'11.75".

That earned second place. After his big jump, Bunker reflected on his history in the event: "It's exciting to return to it. Competing against Cayden Spencer-Thompson {the winner and now PVC record-holder in the event} is an additional challenge. This was my last time to jump in my high school career,

so I thought, 'I might as well pop one!'"

Like several others this year on the Golden Bucks team, Tyson Gray took up track to improve his speed in football and basketball. Finding success on the track has been a bonus. Competing in the 100- and 200-meters has enabled Gray to polish his running form, improving both his explosiveness and his top speed.

According to Gray, "I feel so much faster now, and I attribute that to my improved form and technique." A testament to his hard work this season is a sixth place finish in the 200 meters at the PVC Championship.

At the Junior Varsity PVC Championship on Jan. 2, sophomores Katlyn Cloutier and Shawn Bernier enjoyed a final opportunity to take the next step in their events.

Cloutier, who competes in all three of the throwing events, has achieved many personal bests across the year. Throwing coach Jon Geagan said, "She comes with a positive attitude, and is

always willing to learn to get better. She brings great energy and team-spirit every day."

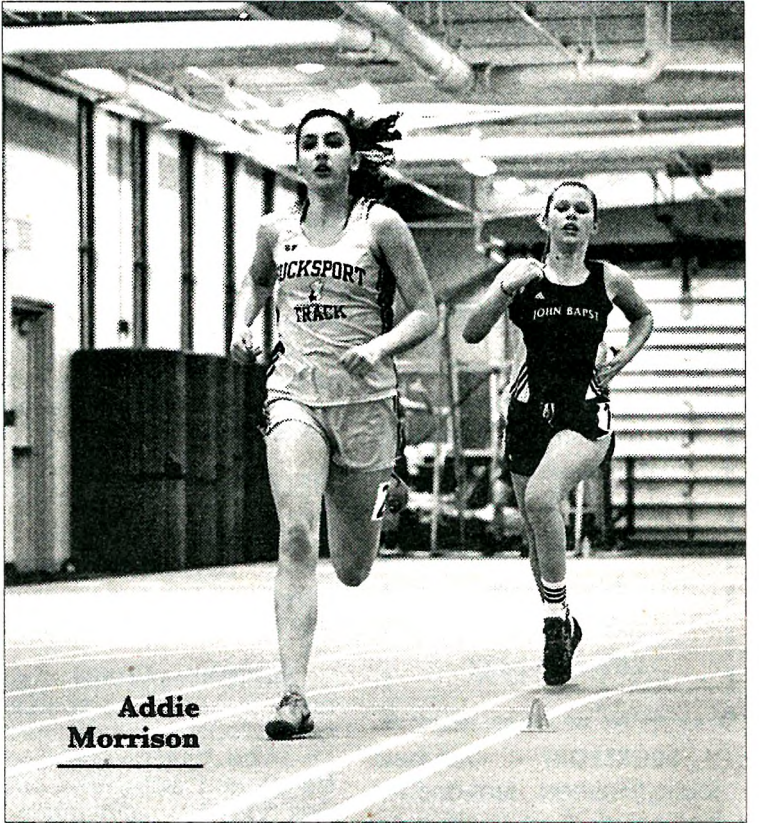
Despite placing fifth in the high jump at the junior varsity championships, Bernier is eager to get to work during the off-season. He will continue to work on building strength as he looks forward to his junior year.

Said Bernier, "I made some gains this season, but they weren't what I had hoped for. I'm excited about working hard this summer to prepare for indoor track."

The athletes earning spots on the podium at the PVC Championship were:

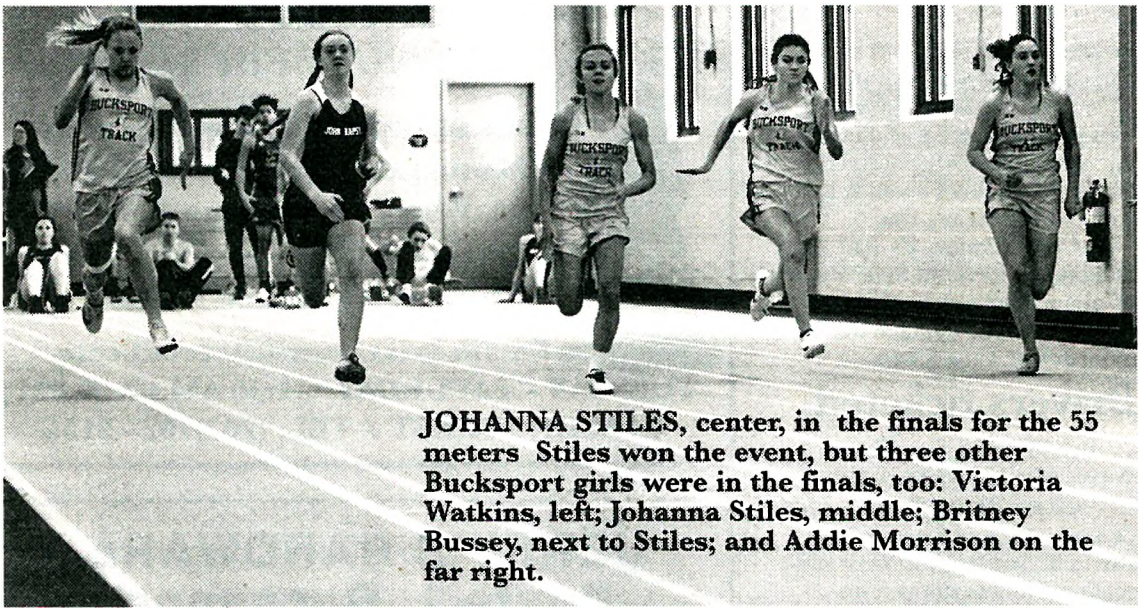
- Brooklyn Knowles, sixth in the shot put.
- Meaghan Goodine, fourth in the 200 meters and fifth in the 400 meters.
- Addie Morrison, sixth in the 200 meters and sixth in the 400 meters.
- Danny Bunker, second in the triple jump.
- Tyson Gray, sixth in the 200 meters.

— MATT MORRISON

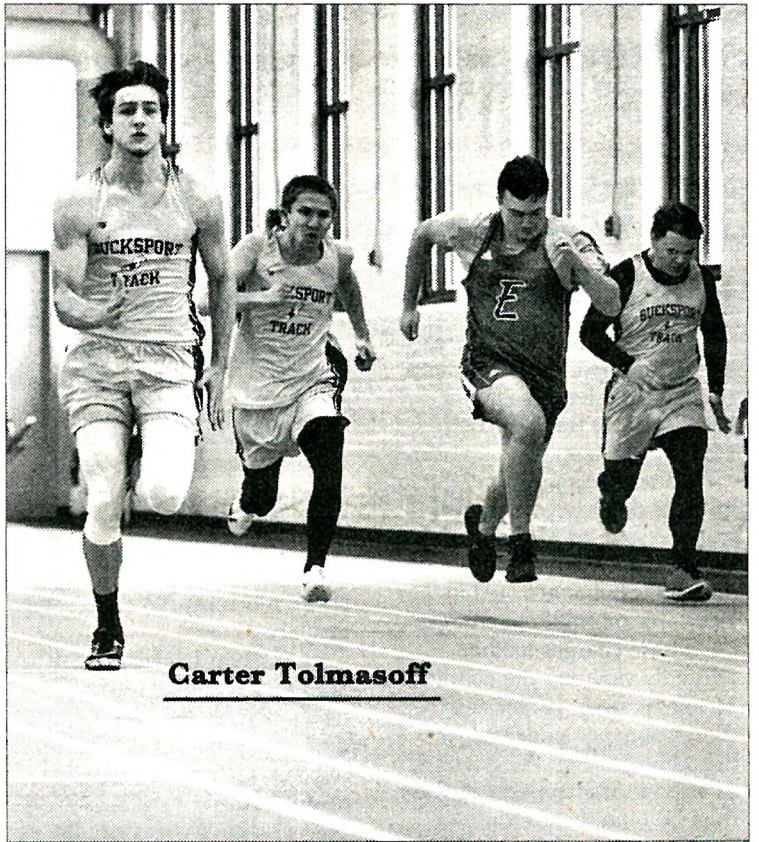


Addie Morrison

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JOHANNA STILES, center, in the finals for the 55 meters Stiles won the event, but three other Bucksport girls were in the finals, too: Victoria Watkins, left; Johanna Stiles, middle; Britney Bussey, next to Stiles; and Addie Morrison on the far right.



Carter Tolmasoff

Bucks show who's # 1 in outing in Calais; nine earn strong scores

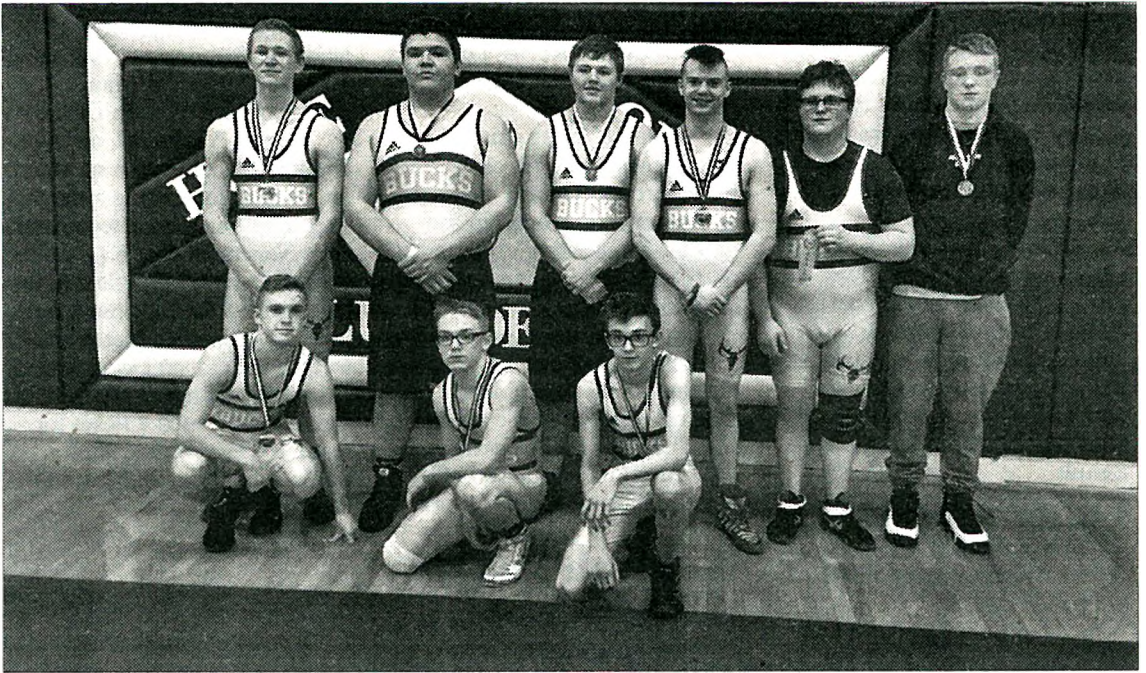
CALAIS — The Golden Bucks wrestlers took home the first place team tile here on Saturday, compiling a team score of 141.5 points.

The Bucks were on fire as they made the long trek to Calais.

The team had nine wrestlers place among the top four in their weight classes. David Gross placed first, while Hunter Robichaud, Rick Perkins, Travis Hutchinson, Kaleb Nightingale, Alex Burbank and Gavin Billings each placed second after a long day of wrestling. Skylar McNair placed third and Jacob Coghill finished fourth.

The Bucks will be traveling to Skowhegan this weekend.

— DAVID GROSS JR.



GOLDEN BUCK wrestlers achieved many top finishes in Calais on Saturday. Among the athletes were, from top left: Hunter Robichaud, David Gross, Gavin Billings, Ricky Perkins, Jacob Coghill, Skylar McNair. From bottom left are: Travis Hutchinson, Kaleb Nightingale and Alex Burbank.

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