



*Ice work, if  
you can get it!*

Freezing temperatures couldn't keep Josh Geagan from putting down a fresh layer of ice at the municipal rink off Miles Lane. The recreation department needs volunteers to clear the ice after storms.

## Whole Oceans challenge nixed by DEP official

BUCKSPORT — A Belfast woman's challenge of a wastewater discharge permit issued to Whole Oceans LLC on Nov. 21 for an indoor salmon farm here got turned down by the chairman of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

James W. Parker, the DEP chief, in effect sided with Whole Oceans, and ruled Holly Faubel's property in Belfast is too far from the outfall the salmon plant plans to use in the Penobscot River. As a result he said she lacks sufficient legal standing to intervene in the matter.

Faubel has until tomorrow (1/25) to appeal the decision to the full DEP board, and if turned down there she can take

the issue to court. However, Whole Oceans is moving ahead with plans to break ground on the multimillion dollar Atlantic salmon farm in the spring.

According to Whole Oceans, Faubel's property with 250 feet on the frontage on the river is some 14 miles from its planned site at the former paper mill on River Road here.

Faubel had argued her family swims in the river and harvests scallops, mussels, seaweed and other items from the river.

However Parker ruled she failed to show enough evidence of specific harm to her interest in the river.

PLEASE SEE WHOLE, PAGE 8.



*Season's over!*

It's safe to come out of the woods now so these two does appear more curious than worried. Photo by Rick McHale of Bucksport.

## IN THE WORKS . . . Weekly tidbits about things yet to come

**ON THE ROADS AGAIN!** — The much-discussed effort by some residents to impose new weight limits on vehicles using certain key roads will come to a head again tonight (1/24) at the 6 p.m. meeting of the Town Council's Regulatory Review Committee.

*The last time the topic surfaced the council chambers were nearly full, and split with those operating heavy trucks and gravel pits and those who wanted fewer trucks travelling by their homes.*

**HE'S BACK!** — Paul Gauvin will return to the Town Council tonight (1.24) to serve out the year remaining on the term of Mayor David Keene, who abruptly resigned two weeks ago.

**RATS!** — Town officials had to deal with a rats' nest along the Penobscot River Walkway after the rodents chewed through cables and caused a short circuit that doused several streetlamps for several days. The nest was located between Hoffman's Point and the Edward Teagan Bridge linking Bucksport with Verona Island. A

rat problem was detected early last summer between the Gazebo and the former paper mills.

*The town hired an exterminator to treat the rip-rap embankments along the walkway, but that ended a decade ago.*

**IT'S MAINE!** — Half of the ten storms that required Bucksport Highway Department attention last month were of the icing and freezing variety, Jay Lanpher, the highway director, reported. And this month hasn't been much better, so watch for the impact on the road salt account.

*The department also hauled four loads of trash to Southwest Harbor, for later re-hauling to a landfill because the Fiberight trash-to-energy plant in Hampden is behind schedule. A load of tires was taken to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Corp. plant in Orrington.*

**CRUISING** — The town's economic development director, Richard Rotella, and the municipal marina manager, Michael Ormsby, are trying to arrange a meeting with a representative of American Cruise Lines to keep

Bucksport on its list of ports of call this summer.


**WILSON HALL** — The Town Council is expected to vote next month on real estate investor Larry Wahl's offer to buy Wilson Hall - if the town kicks in \$65,000 worth of forgivable financing.

**LAY OFF OUR LOGOS** — The names and logos associated with the schools in RSU 25 now are off-limits, unless the prospective user gets advance permission from the superintendent of schools. The names and logos - like other brands - have monetary value and need to be protected. The RSU 25 School Board last week agreed.

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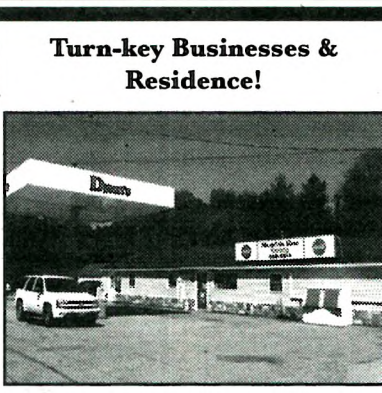
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**Building Lot**




**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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**New Price!**



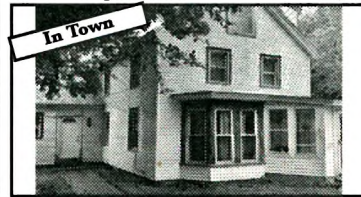
**Verona Island**—Centrally located, this 3 BR ranch has great sized bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, attached 2 car garage and sliding door that opens to large back deck and large back yard that already has a little fire pit for those late night gatherings. Multiple heating sources, pellets stove or hw baseboards. This home is move-in ready.  
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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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**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 Riverwalk.  
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**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$184,500**

**Oversized In-town Lot!**




**BUCKSPORT**—Good bones! This 2 Bedroom/1 Bath Cape sits on an oversized village lot within walking distance of downtown as well as all of the schools in town. Amenities include a newer boiler, wood floors throughout the house as well as a detached 2 car garage and a barn. Nice private yard with plenty of sunshine!  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$116,000**

**Great Location!**




**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**

**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 an open concept feel while the dining/living area enjoys natural light and views of the pond. Quality materials through out with Maine Red Oak floors and ceramic tile in the kitchen and baths. Additional amenities include a large composite deck for summer entertaining, an oversized garage with storage above, paved driveway and potential for additional living space in the basement. Utilities in place across the road could allow for a guest cottage or a place for family or friends to park the RV for the weekend!  
**Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$599,000**

**Lake Views!**



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

**ORLAND**—Looking for that waterfront lot to build your dream home or seasonal property? This .5ac lot has 100' of frontage on Toddy Pond a deepwater lake with great fishing and boating. Come take a look!  
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# Real estate transfers

BUCKSPORT — Here are the latest real estate transfers recorded in the office of Bucksport Assessor J.E. ("Jef") Fitzgerald:

- 1224 River Road, from Ralph E. Norwood on Oct 31 to Edward & Cynthia Carrara, for \$196,000 The 2.6 developed acres were assessed at \$179,000.
- 12 Rosen's Lane, from Myron A. Tupa on Oct. 23, to Keren R. McGinty, for \$85,000. The 0.58 acre developed waterfront was assessed at \$85,780.
- 442 Bucks Mills Road, from the heirs of Jesse Rollins on Sept. 25, to Josh and Shelby Agalka for \$0. The developed 9.3 acre parcel was split in a transaction among relatives.
- Turkey Path, from the heirs of Jesse Rollins on Sept. 25 to Barbara Grindle for \$0. The 19 developed acres were split in a transaction among relatives.
- 9 Heritage Park Road, from Robert Wardwell & Sons Inc. on Oct 19 to Northeast Cable Construction. Inc. for \$20,000. The 1.06 commercial acres were transferred in a private sale. The land was assessed at \$40,240.
- 122 Heritage Park Road, from Town of Bucksport on Oct 17 to Hugh Reynolds for \$0 The 2.7 acres of land were transferred under terms of a forgivable loan. The property is assessed at \$56,800.
- 502 Millvale Road, from Floyd & Shirley Gowan, on Oct 30 to Barbara Grass, for \$135,000 The half-acre and double-wide trailer are assessed at \$112,620.
- 18 Pine Street, from Chris and Erika Clayton, on Oct 31 to J.P. Morgan Chase National Assoc. for \$35,880. The developed 0.09-acre was transferred in a liquidation. The property is assessed at \$96,810.
- 30 Bucks Mills Road, from David and Heidi Goodwin on Nov. 9 to Zachary and Courtney Ivers for \$135,000 The 1.42-acre property is assessed at \$137,280.
- 1025 Bucks Mills Road, from Michael Noonan on Nov 16 to Cyr R. Burningham, LLC for \$219,000. The developed acre, sold in a private sale, is assessed at \$236,280.
- 143 Millvale Road, from HOME, Inc. on Nov 27 to Robert and Brenna Youngblood, for \$107,000. The developed 19.9 acre property is assessed at \$117,150.
- Bucks Mills Road, from Bruce Clement on Nov 28 to Eric Ray for \$17,750. The 2.19 acres of land are assessed at \$20,400.

# Building activity slow during December

BUCKSPORT — There were only three building or land use permits issued here last month, two for mobile homes and the third for a non-conforming single-family home.

As expected the Planning Board endorsed a Christmas tree farm on the River Road and allowed a previously non-conforming accessory use of a U.S. Route 1 property to become a permanent non-conforming use.

During the month, Jeffrey Hammond, the code enforcement officer, was on vacation for two weeks.

Hammond expects to go to court this month to resolve a code enforcement case. He recently visited the property in question to take photographs in preparation for going to court.

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## Friends & Family

**ANOTHER TERM** — The incumbent up for re-election to the board of directors of the **Seaboard Federal Credit Union** are **Wendy Haslam** and **Tony Manzo**.

The nominations closed last week, making the nominations tantamount to re-election.

### BUCKSPORT'S FUTURE

There's a new committee in town, one with the task of deciding what should be done when, as Bucksport officials determine how to best use the recommendation of its latest planning consultants.

Here's the roster: Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard**; **Jeff McGlin** of American Iron & Metal (AIM); **Michael Ludwig** of the Bangor-based Eastern Maine Development Corp. (EMDC); **RSU 25 Supt. of Schools James Boothby**; **Richard Rotella**, the town's economic development director; **Jennifer Fortier** of Whole Oceans LLC; **Leslie Wombacher** of the Bucksport Bay Chamber of Commerce; **Nancy**

**Minott** of Bucksport Heart & Soul; **Brook Minner** of Main Street LLC; **John Paul LaLonde** of Heart & Soul; **Larry Wahl** of the Bucksport Historical Society; **Jef Fitzgerald**, Bucksport assessor and Bucksport NEXT; representative harbor master **Michael Ormsby**; Town Councilor **Mark Eastman**; and **James Morrison**, a frequent candidate for the Town Council.

**David Keene** originally was included in the listing, but the former mayor this month resigned from the Town Council.

**BHS**: Check us out! As part of an effort to attract new students to **Bucksport High School** from other school districts to come here, the school is holding "Step-Up Night" on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m.

The 90-minute program will include tours and displays of programs available to those already enrolled at the school, and it's also open to any student from the region and their parent or guardian.

**WANTED** — The Bucksport

town clerk's position, which will become vacant on April 4, already has drawn some inquiries.

The job has been posted publicly, and applicants can submit their resumes to Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard**. Lessard said she already has had some inquiries.

**Kathy Downes** will be retiring after more than 26 years, and has offered to help orient her successor to her myriad town office and voter registration duties.

### STUFFED ANIMALS stay home!

The pre-kindergarten tots used to be allowed to bring stuffed animals to school to have a reminder of home nearby. No more.

Kids being kids, the teachers found some youngsters were losing their favorite stuffed friends while others were reluctant to share their toys.

**COLUMBUS DAY** has sailed! — At their first meeting of the year the

**Hancock County Commission** voted two-to-one to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous People Day.

Newly elected Commissioner **John Wombacher** sided with Chairman **Antonio Biasio** to make the change, while Commissioner William Clark dissented. Clark suggested that if a new holiday is needed it should be in addition to - and not instead of - Columbus Day.

At the beginning of last year, the commission received a petition signed by 75 residents suggesting the change.

**ELECTED** — **Brian MacDonald** has been elected as the chair of the **Bucksport Planning Board** for 2019. **Steve Feite** will continue as the secretary.

**TALK IS NOT CHEAP!** — The **RSU 24 School Board** got the word last week about the increase in the hourly rates at the Drummond Woodsum law firm.

PLEASE SEE FRIENDS ON PAGE 5.

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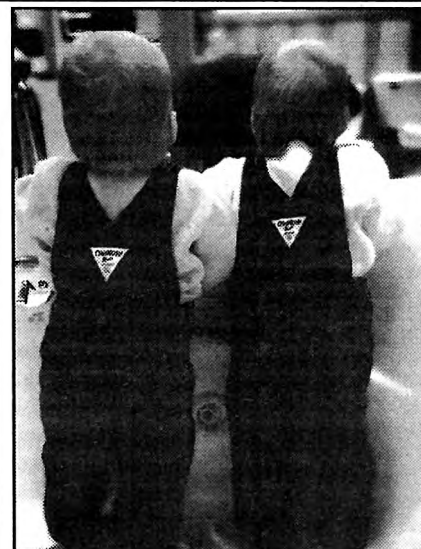
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# Public service

The sudden resignation this month of Mayor David G. Keene stunned many. The community knows it's losing the services of someone who truly cares deeply about Bucksport. Keene has shown his love of his hometown virtually every day of his adult life. He has lived that dedica-

**EDITORIAL** tion in all sorts of ways, beginning with his days at sea softened by the knowledge he always knew he would return to his roots here. His service has ranged from years of coaching the Golden Bucks to victories and, yes, through some agonizing defeats, too. Like all good coaches, he knew there would be another game, another challenge.

Not known as a public speaker, as mayor he followed in the footsteps of the late Mayor Robinson, always making time to be where he needed to be. If that meant a trip to Augusta to meet with the governor or just standing by as the lights were lit on the town tree each Christmas, Keene was there. He also did his own research, for he long has known who knows what here, and who he can trust.

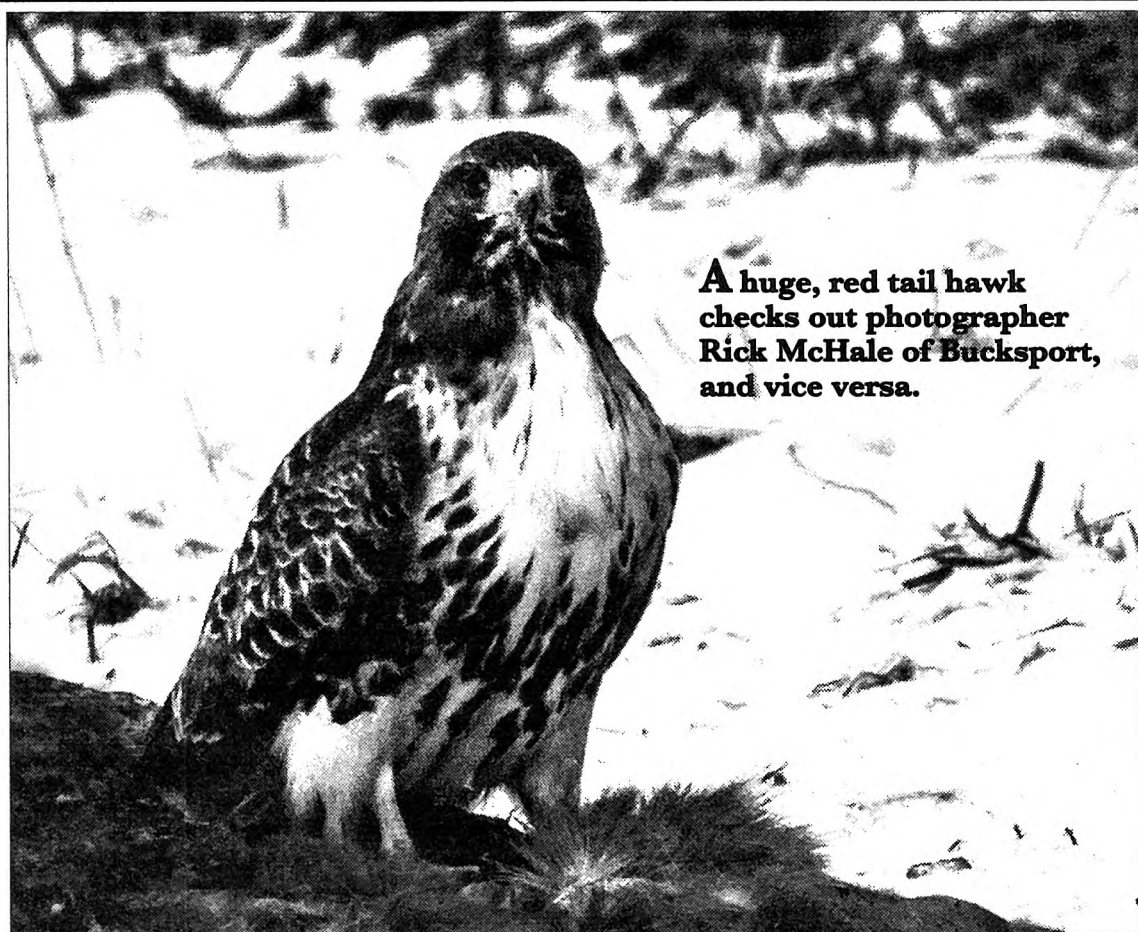
We salute David, for we honor those who serve the public because they're drawn to do it, not to benefit from it or to bolster their egos. The decision to step aside for a while runs deep. It's very personal and based on many factors. Characteristically, the former mayor has opted to not speak publicly about his myriad current concerns. This newspaper won't intrude on his privacy, but it will say his departure is a sign that not all is well in Bucksport.

## 66 days and counting

The town manager made it clear this month: the people behind the Fiberight trash-to-energy plant under construction in Hampden are running out of time. The plant needs to be processing rubbish by April 1, the manager's new "drop dead date" ultimatum to Fiberight. Otherwise, Bucksport - like a growing number of Maine communities - needs to find another place to dispose of its trash, the manager said this month.

The manager, Susan M. Lessard, has been a stalwart supporter of the Fiberight plan from the outset, but delay after delay have drained public confidence in Fiberight's attempt to transform rubbish into energy on a scale never before attempted in this country. The firm also has a track record of promising but not delivering in other communities.

Like Lessard, we would welcome successful results in Hampden by April. In the meantime, Bucksport's trash is being buried in a landfill, and that's a step backward in the effort to improve the planet.



**A huge, red tail hawk checks out photographer Rick McHale of Bucksport, and vice versa.**

—From the margins of the editor's notebook —

## Medicine and pigeon poop!

Seeking rest, comfort, perhaps even a smile or two? The new lobby of the Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor is the place for you - and the visit is free.

There, in this Taj Mahal tribute to pain, suffering and the healing arts, a visitor can sit ensconced in a super comfy chair, the springs of which still have as much spring as they did when they were coiled.

Sitting in the two-story, super brilliantly lit atrium just inside the electric doors, there's plenty of time for people-watching and reveling in what the donated millions of dollars have made possible.

Winding through the long lobby are "paths" in the polished stone floor, providing sort of curvy "yellow brick roads" to where all manner of tests and treatments are no doubt lovingly inflicted and just as patiently endured. (*You're not in Kansas any more, Toto!*)

The trees in the planters are real, as is all of the ground cover, the staged greenery reminiscent of that found in the finest food courts. There's no dim, no clatter, just muffled voices and footsteps.

Chances are you can be the only one sitting there for most of the time the ten chairs in the lobby and the four gathered behind the eternal flame fireplace ordinarily are empty.

On two visits, there was but one magazine to distract, a slick, hardly page-turned, multi-color tribute to upscale retirement communities and those wise and wealthy enough to live in them.

No matter, for this is a lobby for watching the passing parade. Those traversing the lobby of a hospital fall into two categories: those who work there and those who don't.

The former are distinguished by their blue scrubs or white coats or chaplain's collars. Each is very much on a mission, walking in lock-step and at a rapid clip, a sort of Grenadier's Guards of medical pros trudging to the same parade ground sort of pace. Some, no doubt, are headed for surgery or the bedside of a patient; others are seeking a soda from the gift shop where the Christmas leftovers right now are more than fifty percent off.

They follow along unseen paths, known only to the insiders, each bearing a beverage in one hand and a cellphone all but duct-taped to the other. When the cell sounds or sends tingly sensations through the bearer, the result is instantaneous. The "called" simply stops in his or her tracks without signaling whatsoever to the poor soul parading immediately behind, also engrossed in pursuing her or his own mission.

The result is one person all but walking up the back of the person being called, to the chagrin of both. The result also is a broad smile flashing across the face of the person sitting in the lobby watching the scene play out. The first time this happened was funny, the second time hilarious, and the third gut-splittingly mirthful. (*Perhaps hospital workers should be issued turn signals and stop lights for their backsides.*)

The second group is composed of everyone else, some coming long distances to visit their kith and kin and others being wheeled hither and yon or trying to hobble their way to the registration suite at the back. The check-in area, worthy of the finest hotel, almost makes it look like fun as the patient or her or his designee signs away a first-born to assure the bill gets paid.

Back in the center of the lobby it's time to play games with the staff. Just sit there in that great chair, and try to make eye contact with anyone wearing scrubs or a lab coat. That inevitably unnerves 'em. Some look away, others look through the visitor and all of them follow a different pathway when they go through the lobby the next time.

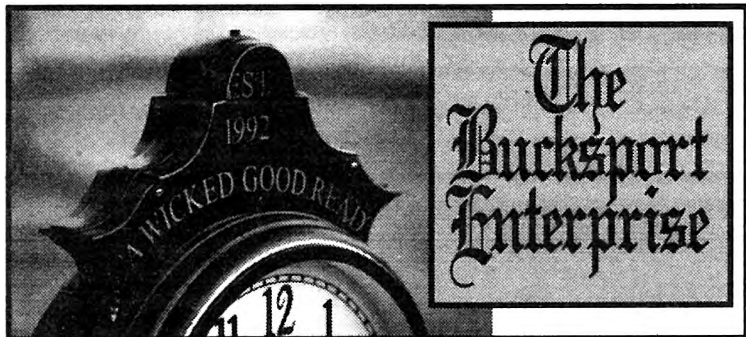
These people can dispassionately explore the most intimate areas of someone's body, but they never ever look them in the eye. It's as if they've developed stiff neck syndrome, one that keeps them from looking either left or right.

One tip: If you need directions to anywhere, don't bother with the signs. There's about a dozen of them, detailing everything, but it takes a half hour to decipher where you are, where you're going and how best to get there. It's a lot easier to just ask the nice, white-haired lady just inside the door. She knows everything, and graciously makes allowances for a visitor's confusion or just plain stupidity.

Upon leaving the sterile environment of the lobby, look up as you pass through the electric doors. There, especially on a cold New England winter night, you'll see - right there below the overhead lights - the antifreeze-filled fire sprinkler pipe.

Perched on that pipe, more often than not, are four dozen or more pigeons, each warming their toes on the pipe and reveling in the comparable warmth of the lights illuminating the parking lane below. Even if one of them didn't coo, you'd miss 'em all.

Wafting down from the pipe are goodly white mounds and streams of pigeon you-know-what. There also are enough unattached pigeon feathers to build your own flock of pigeons. Hmm, come to think of it, maybe you shouldn't look up!



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## Are you a leader?

### Here's a chance to share what you know

BUCKSPORT — Wanted: A few good leaders . . . to help local middle school students identify and develop their leadership skills.

The program, backed by RSU 25 and the local affiliate of the YMCA, is using a variety of approaches to teach and practice those skills.

In the process, the organizers are seeking to improve the climate in the local schools and the health of those who attend classes.

To make it happen the group is seeking some local men-

tors to share a little slice of their time and talents as mentors.

To participate, a mentor is being asked to:

- Communicate by telephone with a participating students on a limited basis, possibly four times a month

- Make an effort to attend one of three mentor/participant group challenge initiatives being hosted locally

- Possibly serve as a guest speaker during one of the regular programs which takes place at Bucksport Middle School on Mondays from 3 to 4:15 p.m.

The effort to link the students to mentors has begun, but more mentors are needed as soon as possible.

Anyone willing to work with the student leadership team is being asked to contact Nick Tymoczko, the operations director of the Bucksport branch of the Down East Family YMCA. He's at the G.H. Jewett Community Center at 66 Bridge Street, where the telephone number is 469-3518. The YMCA's website is <http://www.defymca.org/bucksport>.

## — Spring Fountain Motel

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Hammond also said the boiler room did not appear to be adequately isolated or protected should a fire occur there.

The inspection team also found what one termed minor evidence of either rat or mice infestation in some of the rooms. The manager reportedly agreed to have those areas treated by a pest control firm.

A person familiar with the operation of the motel earlier reportedly told a town official about what he said were numerous safety and health issues at the motel. It's not publicly clear

if that report came before or after the initial alarm was received by the fire department, triggering the initial special inspection.

The Town Council routinely receives reports from public safety officials prior to its review of requests for some types of permit renewals. The councilors also have the authority to require documentation that any issues raised prior to the renewal requests are properly resolved before extending the permits.

The motel's ownership was transferred from one New Jersey investor to another last year,

using a Small Business Administration (SBA) guarantee. The Machias Savings Bank provided much of the financing.

Town officials were on hand for the symbolic closing of the local motel sale, with some considering the transaction a major investment in the town's future.

The two men were linked as partners and/or buyer/seller in previous real estate transactions in New York and New Jersey.

The new owner currently is facing charges of assault on a young girl. The motel also has been the scene of several police incidents, including arrests.

## — Friends & Family

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Now, the lawyers will get from \$190 to \$350 an hour, depending on their expertise. The services of their non-lawyer consultants will be billed out at \$205 to \$295 an hour.

• **RETIRING** — **Castine** is recruiting a new town manager. After five years, **Jimmy Goodson** will retire in July to spend more time on his boat.

**SAVING LIVES** — **Northern Light Maine Coast Memorial Hospital** will offer cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training on Monday, Feb. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$40 and first aid training on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$30. The classes will be in the classroom accessible via Door C at the hospital at 50 Union Street in Ellsworth. People can register by calling Carol Silsby at 664-5820.

## Bucks Mills Road trailer issue continues

BUCKSPORT — A long-simmering dispute about the living conditions in a trailer off the Bucks Mills Road appears headed to court, perhaps as soon as next month.

The code enforcement officer, Jeffrey Hammond, has cited the occupants for having no running water or adequate septic system. He allowed them to move in by issuing a permit in

September of 2016.

However, the permit was based on the residents making the required improvements within a reasonable amount of time.

Since the permit was issued, the residents have installed a power source and a temporary septic tank. However, the tank does not meet the code requirement for permanent occupancy.

A couple of months ago

Hammond met in a closed session with the Town Council to discuss what he considers a lack of reasonable progress in remedying the situation.

The council agreed with his recommendation that the matter be taken to court in Ellsworth.

The town's lawyer will present the case, and Hammond has taken fresh photos to document the current situation.

## Linnehan Homes targeted for its practices

ELLSWORTH — Linnehan Homes has agreed to change its policies after an investigation of the firm's practices under Maine's Unfair Trade Practices Act.

At issue is Linnehan Home's "American Dream Path to Home Ownership Plan." Linnehan made statements that, while not illegal, were deemed misleading to consumers, and enrolled people in the plan who couldn't afford it and lost money when they left. Some believed that they were buying a home instead of renting with an option to purchase it.

Linnehan will change its documents and promotional materials. The firm will clearly

disclose that customers will rent and not own the home, and give consumers at least a week to review any documents before being asked to sign them.

Consumers also will be entitled to a 50 percent refund of any option payments if they withdraw within two years. Linnehan also agreed to reimburse some consumers part of their option payments.

"This rent-to-own plan is a big commitment, and consumers can lose a lot of money if they can't afford it or if they have to move after several years," according to the state's attorney general. "Consumers who are considering Linnehan Homes' Plan should consult with an

attorney before enrolling."

Linnehan Homes has been renting homes, with a separate option to purchase them, to people who can't obtain a mortgage from a traditional lender because of low credit scores or inadequate credit history.

Consumers sign a lease agreement to rent the home and a four-year renewable option that requires them to make a down payment and an annual option payment. The option payments are applied to reduce the purchase price of the home if the customer decides to buy it. The down payment and the annual option payments were non-refundable if the customer backed out.



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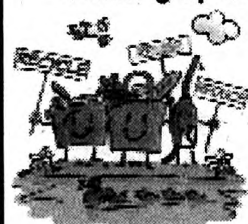


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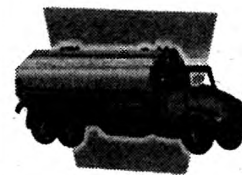
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## HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

**ELLSWORTH** — These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were handled in the Hancock County court system between July 2 and Aug. 31, according to official records.

- Michael Shaw, 17, of Bucksport was fined \$100 for smoking in a prohibited public place in Bucksport on March 18.
- Xzavier Botta, 18, Orland was fined \$100 for smoking in a prohibited public place in Bucksport on March 24.
- Travis Anderson, 31, of Brewer was fined \$350 for possessing a usable amount of marijuana in Bucksport on June 17.
- Cody Wayne Ames, 33, Bucksport. Aggravated trafficking of Schedule W drug at Bucksport, July 12, 2017. Dismissed. Aggravated trafficking of Schedule W drug at Bucksport, July 13, 2017. Dismissed.
- Judy Joseph, 54, Bucksport. Assault at Bucksport, Feb 14. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Bucksport, Feb 14.
- Joshua D. Allen, 24, Sedgwick. Operating after registration suspended at Bucksport, March 10, 2018. \$100.
- Jason Kenney, 45, Orland. Theft by deception, priors at Bucksport, Jan. 26. Department of Corrections 18 months, all but 90 days suspended, probation two years, restitution \$343. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, priors at Bucksport, Jan. 26. Dismissed.
- Juan P. Maldonado, 30, Bucksport. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, April 11. \$250. Failure to register vehicle at Bucksport, April 11. Dismissed.
- Gregory Edward Danico, 47, Penobscot. OUI (alcohol) at Penobscot, May 5. \$500. Jail 48 hours, license suspended 150 days. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Penobscot, May 5. Dismissed. Operating vehicle without license at Penobscot on May 5. Dismissed.
- Sally Phillips, 49, Penobscot. Assault at Penobscot, May 4. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Penobscot, May 4. \$500, susp. \$500.
- Amanda Thibodeau, 32, Orland. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Ellsworth,

- April 26. Dismissed.
- Rodney Seidell, 31, Verona Island. OUI (alcohol) at Bucksport, May 25. \$500. Jail 48 hours, license suspended 150 days. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, May 25. \$250. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, May 25. Dismissed. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Bucksport, May 25. Dismissed. Failure to inform law enforcement of concealed handgun at Bucksport, May 25. Dismissed.
- Michael B. Stanley, 58, Bucksport. Violating condition of release at Brooklin, April 16. Dismissed. Elver fishing by resident one device without license at Brooklin, April 16. \$2,000. Fishing for or taking elvers within middle 1/3 of river at Brooklin April 16. Dismissed.
- Amy L. Feener, 34, Northport. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, May 30. \$500.
- Dustin L. Herbest 35, Bucksport. Failure to comply with Sex Offender Registration Act, third offense, at Bucksport, April 30. Jail six months.
- Jimmie S. French, 65, Penobscot. Fishing violation of number, amount, weight or size at Penobscot, May 14. \$100.

- Fishing without valid license at Penobscot, May 14. \$100.
- Vicki Ayotte, 44, Orland. Operating while license suspended or revoked, prior at Bucksport, May 28. \$500. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, May 28. Dismissed.
- Justin Dexter, 31, Bucksport. Operating vehicle without license-condition/restrictions at Ellsworth, April 20. \$150.
- Adam M. Damon, 28, Stockton Springs. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, priors at Ellsworth, May 5. Jail four months. Violating condition of release at Ellsworth, May 5. Jail 45 days.
- Jesse L. Skillings, 19, Frankfort. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, June 9. \$150. License suspended 30 days. Minor transporting liquor at Bucksport, June 9.
- Storme M.J. Macomber, 25, Castine. Failure to register vehicle at Castine, May 29. \$100.
- Dylan Bowden 25, Deer Isle. Causing criminal mischief at Penobscot, May 6. \$250. Failure to notify of motor vehicle accident at Penobscot, May 6. \$150. Failure to make oral or written accident report at Penobscot, May 6. Dismissed.

- Karen E. Colburn, 61, Rockport. Failure to register vehicle at Bucksport, May 18. \$100.
- Adrian S. Appleby, 24, Bucksport. Burning prohibited material at Bucksport, June 17. \$200.
- Matthew A. Kimball, 39, Bucksport. OUI (drugs or combo)- no test at Bucksport, Oct 6, 2016. Dismissed. OUI (drugs or combo) at Bucksport, Oct 6, 2016. \$500. License suspended 150 days.
- Matai Nicholas Martin, 20,

- Rancho Palos Verdes, CA. Minor transporting liquor at Castine Aug 30, 2017. License suspended 30 days. Minor possessing liquor at Penobscot, Feb 22. \$200.
- Arthur G. Dearborn, 30, Brewer. Use of drug paraphernalia at Bucksport, Oct 12, 2017. Dismissed.
- Steven M. Salisbury, 32, Newport. Operating without safety equipment at Bucksport, May 12. \$100.

### Three fire vehicle repairs total \$6,630

**BUCKSPORT** — The Bucksport Fire Department recently had to repair three vehicles, one an ambulance damaged in an accident late last year. The other two aluminum vehicles had corrosion that only would get worse if not repaired now, fire officials said.

The ambulance repair was \$1,450 after the \$1,000 insurance deductible. The corrosion damage to Engine 1 and Truck 1 cost \$4,180 to repair. The two firefighting vehicles aren't scheduled for replacement for eight to 10 years. A new ambulance is on order.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### TOWN CLERK TOWN OF BUCKSPORT

The Town of Bucksport is seeking applicants for the position of Town Clerk. The Town Clerk also serves as the Registrar of Voters and the Town Council Secretary. A detailed job description is available on the town website at [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov) under Municipal Employment Information and under Public Announcements. It can also be obtained from the Town Office at 50 Main Street, P.O. Drawer X, Bucksport, ME 04416, or by calling the Town Office at 207-469-7368 and requesting a copy.

Interested applicants should submit a job application, letter of interest, and current resume including three references to Town Manager, Town of Bucksport, P.O. Drawer X, Bucksport, ME 04416. Application material can also be sent via email to [slessard@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:slessard@bucksportmaine.gov).

Deadline for applications is 4 p.m. February 15, 2019. The Town of Bucksport reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Town is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer.

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# THINGS TO DO & PLACES TO GO

## PUBLIC EVENTS

### Saturday, January 26

**WILDLANDS** — Join Jennifer Riefler, a naturalist and historian and Karen Johnson, a Maine master naturalist for the first in a series of winter adventures in the Wildlands in East Orland and other local special places. The winter nature walk will start at 10 a.m. at the south gate of the conservation area off U.S. Route 1. The group will walk at a leisurely pace for about an hour, stopping for discussion and then walk back. Come prepared for the weather, although the walk will be cancelled if heavy snow makes road travel difficult or if heavy rain makes walking unpleasant. *Jennifer Riefler at 207-469-2045.*

### Wednesday, January 30

**IOLANTHE** — At 7 p.m., the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Maine will hold a preview at the Blue Hill Public Library of their production of *Iolanthe*. The preview will feature live performances of some of the music in the show and a discussion of the story by opera expert David Porter. There is no charge and everyone is welcome. *374-5515.*

### Friday, February 1

**CARMEN** — A preview of Georges Bizet's opera, *Carmen*, will be offered at the Blue Hill Public Library at 1 p.m. A live performance of the opera will be simulcast at The Grand in Ellsworth on Saturday, Feb. 2, from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Linda Lesko and David Porter will lead the discussion. All are welcome, no previous opera knowledge is needed and admission is

free. *374-5515.*



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### Saturday, February 3

**TIP OF TOES!** — The Bangor Ballet performances of "Winter Tales," a collage of bright and charming pieces to light up the winter, will include one at the Bucksport Center for the Performing Arts. The 90-minute program features two classical ballets, *Carnival of the Animals* and *The Ice Skaters*, and is rounded out by a contemporary piece, *Les Réveuses (The Dreamers)* in addition to a pas de deux from *Le Corsaire*. "Winter Tales" is a winter treat for those of all ages. Another performance will be held on Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. at the Gracie Theatre in Bangor. *Ticket prices are \$16 for adults, \$13 for seniors and students, and \$9 for those 12 and younger. Tickets at bangorballet.org, 945-5911, or at BookStacks in Bucksport.*

### February 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 & 17

GILBERT & SULLIVAN — The

Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Maine will present "*Iolanthe*" at The Grand in Ellsworth with performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8, and Friday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. with matinees at 2 on Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 10, and on Saturdays, Feb. 16, and Sunday, Feb. 17. Reserved Seating is \$20 for adults and seniors and \$15 for those 15 and younger. The society ow is in its 43rd year. Sandi Blanchette is the musical director for this production.

### Thursday, February 21

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

## FOR YOUNGSTERS

### Saturday, February 2

Those 8 and older are welcome at a workshop, "Anime Your Way" by former Simpson's artist Carlos Nieto III at 3:30 p.m. at the Blue Hill Public Library. He will demonstrate the comprehensive step-by-step drawing program that he developed. No registration is required, all are welcome and the program is free. *Claire at 374-5515.*

## ON DISPLAY

### Through March

**ALL ON PAPER** — *Paper and Light*, an exhibit featuring lampshades by Brooklin papermaker Gigi Sarsfield, with lamps made by several local artists, is on display in the Blue Hill Public Library's glass cases. *374-5515.*

## HELP OFFERED

### February 4 & 6

**CPR & FIRST AID** — The Northern Light Maine Coast Memorial Hospital will offer CPR training on Monday, Feb. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$40 and first aid training on Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$30. The classes will be held in the classroom accessible via Door C at the Maine Coast Memorial Hospital at 50 Union Street in Ellsworth. To register, call Carol Silsby at 664-5820.

The American Heart Association-endorsed courses meet the requirements for CPR and first aid for boat captains, divers and fisherman; as well as daycare providers, teachers, coaches and anyone interested in learning rescuers techniques.

### Mondays

**CANCER** — The Cancer Support Group for anyone living with cancer: the patient, survivor, family members, caregiver, friend, or others touched by the disease., 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.

# PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

## Booked at jail

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

- Jennifer Lee Atwood, 39, of 266 Cape Jellison Road, Stockton Springs on Friday (1/18) was sentenced to 90 days in jail on two charges of theft by unauthorized taking or transfers with prior convictions for that.
- William Daniel Fongellaz, 33, of 121 Main Street, Bucksport was booked about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday after being arrested in Corinth for allegedly violating the terms of his probation in an earlier case.
- Kyle Wayne Greenleaf, of Franklin was booked shortly before 11 p.m. on Saturday after being arrested in Orland for reportedly engaging in domestic violence, criminal threatening and criminal mischief. He posted bail and was released.
- Ashley Elaine Gilbert, 22, of 1239 River Road, Bucksport was booked at the jail about 9:30 a.m. last Thursday (1/17) for violating the conditions of her release in an earlier case and engaging in a domestic violence assault.
- Lindsay Marie Swanson, , 26, of 39 Tunk Lane, Steuben was booked about 10:45 a.m. on two counts of failing to be in court in earlier cases. She was arrested in Penobscot.

## Other arrests

**BUCKSPORT** — These other arrests were listed by Bucksport police:

- Dylan Voisine, 19, of Manchester was arrested on Jan. 5 after he reportedly was found sleeping in a vehicle parked at the entrance to a motel on U.S. Route 1. He posted bail and was released.
- Miranda Thompson, 26, of Bucksport, knowing she was wanted on a warrant claiming a failure to be in court to answer a charge, turned herself in

about 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 16.

• Shawn Courchene, 43, of Bucksport was arrested Tuesday morning for failing to be in court to answer a previous charge of driving after a license suspension or revocation.. He later posted bail.

## Summonses issued

**BUCKSPORT** — Local police issued these summonses:

- Sandra Cromenes, 58, of Orland was issued a court citation for allegedly littering from a motor vehicle while on Main Street Tuesday morning.
- Michael Fitch, 30, of Waltham was issued a summons for an expired registration after being stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 8 a.m. on Jan. 15.

## The deer report

**BUCKSPORT** — Here's the latest list of deer encounters:

- Melody Woodman, 55, of Bucksport struck a deer on the Millvale Road about 5:15 p.m. on Saturday. The damage to the vehicle was estimated at about \$2,400.
- Eugene Bass, 53, of Bucksport took out a deer while driving on the Bucks Mill Road about 7 p.m. on Friday (1/18). However, there was no damage to his truck because he hit the animal with a snowplow, police said.
- Jean Loman, 61, of Lee struck a deer on State Route 46, a mile-or-so from the Mast Hill Road, about 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 14.

## Accidents tallied

**BUCKSPORT** — Three vehicles were involved in an accident in the parking lot at Bucksport High School about 2:15 p.m. on Jan. 14, resulting in an estimated \$8,000 worth of damage. There were no injuries.

The drivers were listed as: Anthony Skillin, 17, of Bucksport; Angela Pickoski,

53, of Prospect; and Lance Ziimmerman, 46, of Verona Island.

The damage to the Skillin and Zimmerman vehicles was estimated at roughly \$2,500 each while the figure for the Pickoski vehicle was put at roughly \$3,000.

In other recent accidents:

- Elizabeth Smith, 33, of Bucksport was cited for driving at an imprudent speed after her vehicle struck one parked on the Turkey Path about 9 a.m. on Saturday. The second vehicle had been parked by Jason Kulas, 34, of Parkman.

## Shoplifting claimed

**BUCKSPORT** — Gabrielle Cameron, 25, of Bucksport was charged with shoplifting, a Class B theft, after she allegedly was spotted by employees while attempting to take items from the Hannford Bros. supermarket on U.S. Route 1 about 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## Driver ticketed

**BUCKSPORT** — Kris Maggs, 62, of Orland was ticketed for attaching improper license plates to a vehicle. He was stopped on Mill Street about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## Public safety statistics

**BUCKSPORT** — The Bucksport Fire Department's emergency medical personnel logged 26 ambulance runs last week.

Twenty one of those runs were in Bucksport, two in Orland and three on Verona Island.

There were no fire calls.

During the same week, police personnel responded to 78 calls, a relatively low number but probably one impacted by the very cold temperatures.

## Fire department seeking \$14,500 for bay heaters

**BUCKSPORT** — The Fire Department tonight (1/24) will ask the Town Council to buy four bay heaters to keep the trucks warm at the fire station.

Two of the original units installed in 1967 have failed, and one of those actually caught fire last spring before it quit. The other two heaters were described by Capt. Chris Connor as being in poor condition.

Osborne's Plumbing and Heating will do the work with Allard Electric receiving about \$500 of the total to get electricity to the new units.

## — Whole Oceans

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Faubel and others in the Belfast area have been opposing both the salmon plant proposed here and a similar one using different technology being planned in Belfast.

The latest challenge to the Whole Oceans plan began with an appeal in December, just weeks after the wastewater permit was issued. It continued with a fresh appeal filed early last week, but on Thursday the chairman of the DEP rejected that one as well.

Environmentalists are concerned about what may be in the wastewater pumped from the salmon farms as well as possible additional mercury contamination of the river.

The management of Whole Oceans have said they plan to filter out the salmon feces and other waste matter from the water, and that material will be trucked to an approved landfill.

Clearing the mercury already in the river, a long-standing issue here, could cost a billion dollars, experts believe.