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Lighting the night

BUCKSPORT – The truth be told this year's Parade of Lights was not quite like the others. In its fifth year, the municipal effort had grown in size and ooooh-factor each year, but this year amid Covid-19 concerns the parade was sharply reduced in candle-power. Now, comes the all-important "but."

PLEASE SEE IN THE LIGHTING, PAGE 8



Photos by Emeric Spooner



Councilors ponder idea of acquisition of downtown rail spur

BUCKSPORT – Based on a telephone conversation with a key real estate official at the Pan Am Railway, the town manager is asking Town Council approval to pursue the long-discussed idea of acquiring the no-longer-used rail spur from the Gazebo to the entrance to the former paper mill.

The short section of rail would be a huge help in the long-term planning of the waterfront and dock improvements nearby, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

Now little more than a collection of very deteriorated rail ties and rails, the spur was once part of the line that served the former depot on the waterfront in the latter half of the 1800's until the station closed. Later, the line served as a place to store rail cars while they were being moved about when the mill was operating.

The owner of the House of

Pizza is seeking at least temporary access to the rail spur property to allow some work to be done on the rear of his building. That caused a recent conversation between Lessard and a realty manager at the railroad.

Acquiring the narrow strip of land would require a formal discontinuance of the short stretch by both federal and state officials and, of course, some sort of agreement between the town and Pan Am.

Consultants, including those hired several years ago from Saratoga Springs, NY, have suggested incorporating the rail spur into one or more public uses according to various "master plans" they have submitted.

More recently, the town has launched a major engineering study to reconfigure the Town Dock into a year-round structure as part of a \$3.77 million redevelopment project.

Issues at motel continue

BUCKSPORT – The code enforcement officer has contacted the town's lawyer to determine how to resolve long-standing health and safety issues at the Spring Fountain Inn.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard said the attorney is involved because of a "myriad of problems and the not-so-cooperative attitude of the owner" of the motel at 196 U.S. Route 1.

Luke Chiavelli, the code officer, wants to tour the place with fire officials and the assessor, but he said the owner has refused to allow them on the property.

The motel has been the scene of numerous arrests over the past two years, and the owner has refused to seek an innkeeper's license from the Town Council.

IN THE WORKS . . .

Brief tidbits gleaned from the week's news

HEALTH OFFICER steps aside. — Valerie Sulya plans to resign on Jan. 1 from the post of town health officer, a position she has held for roughly a decade. Sulya, in meticulous penmanship shared her hand-written decision, and the Town Council tonight (12/10) will begin considering the process of naming a successor. She will continue to be active in the hospice program, the health center, the day care center and many more groups. And she plans to carry on as the unofficial inspector of wintertime sidewalk clearing downtown to assure the walks are safe for all pedestrians.

Sulya, now 83, long-known for her elfish get-ups to mark many holidays, including dressing as a bunny at Easter, has served

everyone, from toddlers in day care to seniors at the center and in their homes. While she's resigning "with deepest sympathy and sadness", her dedication to those who reside here is unwavering. She's committed to continuing "to make this a great healthy and safe community."

TOWN GETS FREEBIE – The Town Council is not expected to spend much time deciding whether to accept a free concession stand for Reggie Ginn Field. It comes at no cost, and no strings attached.

The building, the result of a \$5,000 gift to the Little League program, will be installed on a new pad and the current dilapidated one will be removed, all at no expense to the town.

A unanimous show of hands in support of the idea is expected at tonight's virtual Town Council meeting.

SPEAKING OF GIFTS . . . The estate of Dawsie Pierce has given \$4000 to the Bucksport Animal Shelter. There were two reasons for the donation: earlier this year when Pierce passed

away her cats were brought to the shelter, "where they received the care and love they needed while awaiting adoption" and Pierce "always had a love of animals," according to a note from her niece, Allison Pierce.

The check was offered, "in hope this will keep other animals looking for their forever home fed and warm for a while."

SEND IN LAWYER? – The Bucksport Cemetery Committee last week went nowhere when it came to resolving how the town will maintain the old Methodist burial ground at 917 River Road. Indeed, the session got cancelled at the last minute because the two letters from the town manager to the new owners on which the cemetery is located have not had a response.

The town manager told the chairman of the committee the town's lawyer now will send a letter to the couple who bought the property.

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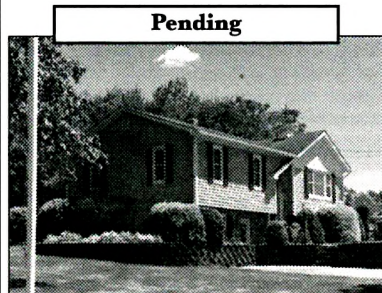


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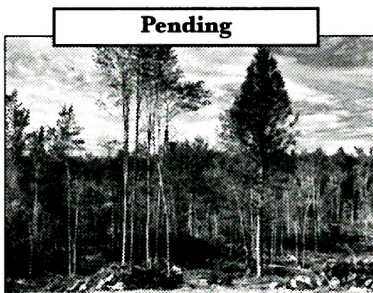
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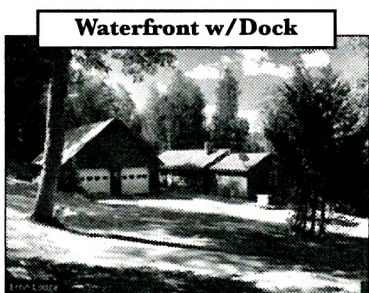
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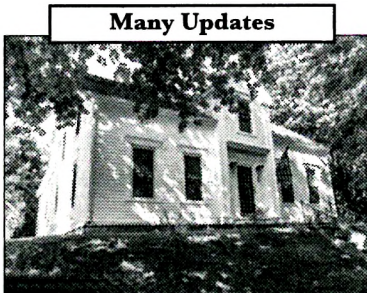
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Waterfront w/Dock

Verona Island—Welcome to 'Echo Lodge', this shimmering riverside retreat overlooks the Penobscot River on a 3.10AC surveyed lot & boasts a considerable working boat dock w/ mooring, float & 321' of deep-water frontage. A classic log feel, w/ polished cathedral interior, modern master suite, 3-season porch, deck w/ hot tub, finished basement, auto generator, cable & more. Step outside & find multiple garages, one oversized, heated w/ storage above. A private island location yet only a short commute to local amenities.

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Many Updates

Bucksport—Easily accessible to all in-town amenities sits this well-maintained 4BR/1.5BA colonial perched on a hill. This attractive 0.44-acre lot provides a shaded lawn w/seasonal water view. Step inside from the covered porch & find everything from a stylish & upgraded kitchen w/island & tile counters to a formal dining room w/elegant built-ins. A sizeable living room, den w/pellet stove & pantry w/laundry all on the 1st level. Four bedrooms & a contemporary full bath w/soaking tub on the 2nd level. Also, a full basement, barn addition & a detached 1-car garage used for storage.

Call Dan Burpee 207-735-5337 \$199,900



New Listing

Stockton Springs—Easily accessible to all amenities sits this well-maintained 4BR/1.5BA colonial perched on a hill. This attractive 0.44-acre lot provides a shaded lawn w/seasonal water view. Step inside from the covered porch & find everything from a stylish & upgraded kitchen w/island & tile counters to a formal dining room w/elegant built-ins. A sizeable living room, den w/pellet stove & pantry w/laundry all on the 1st level. Also a full basement, barn addition & a detached 1-car garage used for storage.

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Mark Eastman, Wendy Carpenter, Daniel See, & Lorrinda Connolly.

SOLD
Bucksport—Quality! This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home is located in the 'Town Site', a short walk from Main Street and all of the village. Recent improvements include many new windows, refinished wood floors as well as new heating costs. Move in ready! Act fast before it is gone!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$145,000

PENDING
Verona Island—Beautiful and immaculately maintained 1 1/2 story home nestled on 18 acres, more or less, with open concept living perfect for entertaining with a kitchen that boasts granite counter tops and a large island with a built in cooktop and an eat-in kitchen. The living room has cathedral ceilings with access to an enclosed porch with plenty of windows. Hardwood floors throughout the first level with radiant heat on the first floor and HWB heat on the 2nd level. The first floor includes a Large Master Bedroom that has french doors to an outside porch with ensuite and walk in closet. Another large bedroom with its own entrance to a covered porch with a full bath with tub/shower combo. The 1st floor also includes a formal dining room and another spaced which includes a home office. The second floor has a large bonus room above the garage with a catwalk to another large bedroom with its own 1/2 bath. Plenty of storage, walk in closets, pantry, and 1st floor laundry. Enjoy the scenery and frequent deer visits while sitting on any of the 3 covered decks. Heated 3-car garage with door opener. The basement is a handyman's dream with plenty of separate areas for workshops. Quality and comfort at its finest with lots of privacy. This is a must see!
Listing Agent: Lorrinda Connolly \$449,900

147 acres
Map 25
Subject Property #13 and #13-1
Bucksport—Looking for a large tract of land within 20 minutes of Bangor? This 147ac tract has a woods road in place and has harvestable pulpwood available. Great area for recreation pursuits or a kingdom lot for your new home. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$175,000

In-town Lot
Bucksport—Looking for a building lot within walking distance to Main Street? This lot is just under an acre and is cleared with public water available at the street. Bring your building plans and ideas. This is a rare lot located in the village of Bucksport. Walk to the movies, dinner or take a stroll on the waterfront.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$48,000

BUILDING ACTIVITY

BUCKSPORT — These building and use permits were issued by Luke Chiavelli, Bucksport's code enforcement officer:

SEPTEMBER

- 1448 Bucks Mills Road to Thomas Valenoti to construct a 28' x 32' garage.
- 442 Bucks Mills Road to Stephen Arey Sr. for a full renovation of home.
- 74 U.S. Route 1 to Lou Lima to install sign.
- 21 Spruce Street to Ryan Knight to install a 14' x 24' storage shed.
- 73 Woodland Heights to Jeffrey Reed to build a 1,560 square foot, two-story home and a 10' x 18' porch and

shed.

- 940 Silver Lake Road to Alan Farnsworth to build a 10' x 14' single-story addition.
- 629 River Road to Eurovia Coast LLC for a demolition project.
- 30 Anchors Way to Brady Macleod 30 Anchors Way to build a 29' x 45' dwelling with a 31' x 40' garage and decks.
- 83 Baxter Boulevard to James Dupont to install a 27' x 56' mobile home and build a 28' x 28' garage.
- 32 Wights Lane to Shawn Heath to build a 10' x 20' addition.
- 13 Ledgewood Drive to Greg Pinkham to build a 24' x 36' garage.

Retailers offering shopping incentives

BUCKSPORT and CASTINE — Castine businesses are offering a "Shop Local" contest in which shoppers who make purchases at a variety of the town's stores, and on-line venues, can win a gift basket filled with merchandise valued at \$150. The contest runs through Christmas Eve and the

winner will be drawn on Jan. 8. www.castine.me.us/welcome. Meanwhile Main Street Bucksport is organizing a similar promotion called "Bucksport Snowflake Days," which will run from January through March. Local retailers also are offering Christmas season discounts on selected items.

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— Always a wicked good read —

New Listing
Levant: Location, location! Great subdivision for this 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch situated on a 1+ acre lot. Home features mudroom at entry, back door to large back deck with hot tub overlooking nicely landscaped back yard. Basement is finished to include family room, office and laundry room! Attached 2-car garage. You want to schedule soon...it won't last long!
\$174,900

New Listing
Old Town: Spectacular views of Pushaw Lake in this spacious custom built contemporary home situated on 1 acre lot. Open concept allows for view of the lake throughout this home. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, master bedroom suite with whirlpool tub and tile shower, walk-in closet. Wake to the views and sounds of the lake. 2nd floor has 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, TV room and office. 2.5 car heated garage. Come and relax on your concrete patio and watch the sunset and listen to the loons. Call to see today!
\$269,900

New Price
Glenburn: New England log home with 4 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, new kitchen and baths, new flooring, new appliances, new front door. In-law apt to include 1 bedroom, kitchen, living room and bath. Come take a look, it won't last long!
\$229,900

New Listing
Veazie: Move in ready to this 3 bedroom, 1 bath cape with many updates to include windows, roof, furnace, siding, 2 heat pumps, 3-car garage. Won't last long. Call to see today!
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BLUE CHRISTMAS - Nearing the holidays in a season of loss?

On Tuesday at 7 p.m., people across the region can join the **Episcopal Churches** on the Blue Hill Peninsula as they come together to grieve and lament those losses the holidays bring up for many. YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMeJGikivki6w5gcWTzkMxQ> - offers alternatives for coping for those with special burdens this year. Or people can call the St. Francis office at 374-5200 for Zoom information.

CHURCHES COPE with Covid - The Roman Catholic churches of the Bucksport-based **Stella Maris Parish** which are seeking to meet the Center for Disease Control's guidelines, will be using a telephone-based advance reservation system for who can attend the

Christmas Eve and Day Masses this year.

The dates and times to call the office are Dec. 15, 17 and 22, only. Calls to 569-3322 only can be made between 9 am and 3 pm.

The Mass times are

• Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. at **St. Vincent de Paul Church** in Bucksport and 6:30 p.m. at **Our Lady of Holy Hope** in Castine.

• Christmas Day, 8 a.m. at **St. Mary Star of the Sea** in Stonington and 10:30 a.m. at **St. Vincent's** in Bucksport.

Church officials are asking that only Maine residents make reservations, as seating is being limited to only 50 persons at each site.

FESTIVE MUSIC - The Elm Street Congregational Christmas Eve Festival of organ music will be on Thursday, Dec 24 - at 5 p.m.

The worship service will begin at 5:30. Classical and contemporary Christmas music will be played by **David Friedell** as prelude to the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service from 5:30 to 6. The service will include reflections led by the **Rev. Dr. Stephen York**

Those who want to participate from their homes can experience the entire concert and worship service, which will be broadcast on the church's YouTube site <https://elmst-congo.church/live>

CLOSED, BUT . . . The **Blue Hill Public Library** has had to again close to walk-in visitors, but it's not entirely closed to those who cherish words.

Instead, the library is offering curbside pick-up service for at least another week. The staff is available to serve readers as best they can, including telephoned inquiries or assisting with

printing, copying and faxing. The staff will even browse the library's shelves to help someone find a book or two.

Appointments, tech help and children's book services can be arranged by calling 374-5515 or visiting bhpl.libcal.com/appointments.

The library even is offering Chromebook laptops for use outside the building by those who don't have their own device to access technology. The library's wifi remains on, and like the system at the **Buck Memorial Library** in Bucksport, it can be accessed in the parking lot or on the grounds.

As the Blue Hill librarian put it, "call us and we will try to work something out."

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Parade that stood still!

No, the parade didn't move this year, and, no, it wasn't the parade everyone had wanted. But it was the parade that everyone needed to cap off this, the Year of the Intrepid Maskers.

But the spirit was there, and it came alive as so many turned out to show what they could do with scores of tiny lightbulbs and unleashed imaginations. Many more filed by the stationary lights, spreading the happiness of this special season, while setting faces aglow as hearts began to warm up and down Main Street.

The Fifth Annual Bucksport Parade of Lights on Monday proved that paraders do not have to parade to spread hope and good cheer. As we drift through the darkness toward the solstice on the 21st and the inevitable "virtual New Year's Eve", we need to remember all celebrations are good. It can be a birth, a birthday, a wedding or anniversary or even one to cause us to come together to commemorate a life well-lived.

Celebrations need not be fancy, but each must touch hearts as they did here on Main Street on Monday evening.

All light amid the darkness, no matter how small — is to be cherished, and then passed along to those who also need it.

Geoff did it!

There's a sentence in the obituary for Geoffrey N. Hauger — the one on the facing page — that begins, "Geoff was the man behind the scenes . . ." And he certainly was. If you spent much time in Orland you probably knew him; even more likely, he probably knew you.

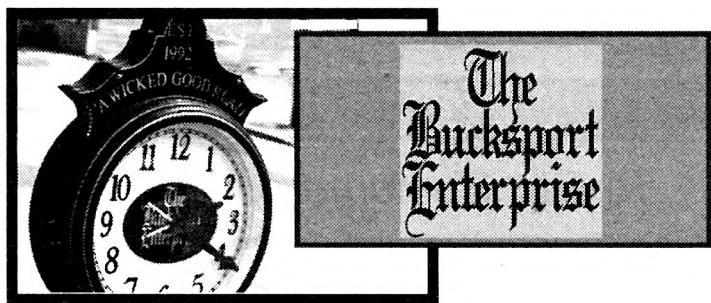
We could recite his many public works: assessing fairly; leading Cub Scouts toward the proper path; and, who, if any who lives in Orland has not been scared at one of the many Meadow Road haunted houses. he contributed so much each year for a quarter of a century.

But we'll just add one more tribute to the many: If someone needed their dooryard plowed and were hard-pressed to find the cash to pay the plowman, Geoff would be there and he would do it. No money changed hands.

That's what happens when good people "work behind the scenes".

Just a thought . . .

Why is it that so many people with so much education remain so stupid? Perhaps if we knew the answer we could greatly increase the amount of common sense needed to resolve at least some of the problems of the world.



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Amid Covid, some pop corn!

IT was depressing to learn of the Covid-19 death of a resident of a nursing home in this region and the recognition that more than half of the 65 residents and two of the staff there have tested positive for the disease.

Indeed, roughly a third of the deaths from Covid-19 in Maine have occurred among residents of nursing homes and assisted living centers.

The fault, however, does not lie within the staffs of such places. It may well lie with the long-standing misdirection of our government agencies to properly look out for the safety, both physical and mental, of the frailest among us.

Indeed, some of the most-caring people in our society labor in these places, and they often do so with very low pay and little respect.

Instead, the government agencies have turned these places into some of the most regulated spots on the planet. They have done so without regard to the long-term impacts their regulations have on those who find themselves residing in nursing homes or working to assist those residents.

A classic example occurred a few years back when a government agency approved a regulation changing the size of the holes required in the mesh at the top of the "privacy" curtains that surround every nursing home bed in America. That rule required each of those curtains to be replaced or, at the least, have the existing mesh sections removed and replaced with ones with larger holes.

It's doubtful that any resident of any of the homes breathed better for this mega-million dollar government intervention on their behalf.

Meanwhile, a home outside of this region recently got a small sum of federal cash to improve the morale of its residents. The management bought a commercial grade popcorn popper, which no doubt made those with full or no dentures smile much more broadly.

In the meantime, those on the front lines of providing direct care to frail human beings have, too often, been treated like dirt or, at best, ignored. As a result, many work only part-time, and are forced to

shop for added hours at other homes or in private care. In either case, they become perfect, unsuspecting carriers of the diseases that prey upon those with impaired immune systems.

We could go about the awful physical layouts of most nursing homes, designs that have not changed in years. The two-to-a-room, look-alike rooms, devoid of any remnants of the occupant's previous life may hardly make it a tad easier to cope in such a place. In the process, they remove any vestiges of privacy or ownership of what should be one's own space.

Add in the long, windowless corridors . . . the "activity rooms" where people spend hours staring blankly at what passes for afternoon television programming interrupted by brief periods of what could be termed "ten things to do with popsicle sticks" crafts or games that would bore a 2-year-old. Why then are we surprised that some encounter difficulty as they attempt to keep the marbles of their minds active and aligned.

We can cite isolated examples of places where older people are treated with incredible respect and encouraged to continue to carry on amid challenges despite what may be occurring within their bodies or brains.

However, for the moment let's focus on two things: Nursing home residents and those who support them should be in the first wave as the pharmaceutical industry and the government rush to distribute any of the latest Covid-19 vaccines. And the cooks, housekeepers, aides and other essential people who view their jobs as a calling despite the perils deserve to be honored, respected and, rewarded with more than an occasional "Thank you."

More than 100,000 nursing homes residents in this country have succumbed to Covid-19, and more than 2,000 of them are testing positive for it each week. We should honor those who died and those living in dread, with a wholesale reform of how we house and care for the frailest among us.

That would not only slow the death rate; it would enhance the lives of those we cherish.

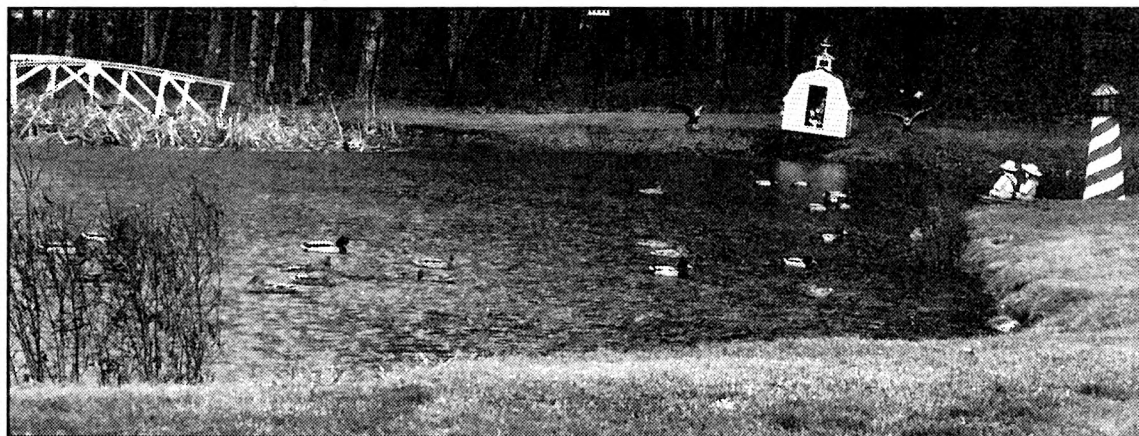


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BREAKFAST FLY-IN

These ducks show up every morning in Orland, rain or shine, and hope to have someone provide them with a handful of tasty crumbs.

LETTER . . . to the editor

BLM and Christmas?

To the Editor

The so called social activists of Bucksport who have aligned themselves to Black Lives Matter (BLM), plan to have a float in this year's Parade of Lights. How opportunistic and self-serving.

So an organization, which has nothing to do with social justice but, through its own actions, has everything to do with social looting, destruction and violence, wants to participate in a parade inspired by the true meaning of the Christmas season. That is, the teaching of peace, acceptance, respect and love for your neighbor as the basis of spirituality and humanity. Expressed not only through Christianity but by all religions.

To me, BLM represents a perversion of this social interaction.

I respect the right of freedom of expression in America, but I also believe that a morality for truth should exist in expression. Social activist versus being a social volunteer, in today's social climate are worlds apart. Both are defined through their actions. By their actions we have seen how the activist who label themselves as BLM have chosen to define themselves.

Most of us live and express our daily lives with

love, respect, concern and good deeds for our neighbors. Those are the true marks of sincere social volunteering. Police officers, who protect us and some who lose their lives in doing so, firefighters who never hesitate to enter into danger, those who help an elderly person cross the street, those who just remember to stop the car for them, our armed forces who protect our country, our bookstore where a warm seat and good conversation can be had, the people who wash the floors in Hannaford to provide a clean environment for us, the dedicated editor who provides a newspaper to join us together. Those who just say hello as they walk past. All contribute to make living in this world a safer and more enjoyable experience.

None of us had a say in being born into this world but we all have a say in how we live and create the world we live in. It amazes me that 99 percent of African-Americans did not participate in the violence of BLM, yet Black Lives Matter insists that they represent this 99 percent. My self-esteem would never allow me to participate in BLM. My self-respect would never allow me to try to politicize and pervert the true message of Christmas; My self-esteem would never allow it.

Joseph Davanzo
Bucksport

OBITUARIES

Geoffrey N. Hauger, 1946 - 2020

ORLAND — Geoffrey (Geoff) N. Hauger, 74, passed away on Dec. 1, 2020.

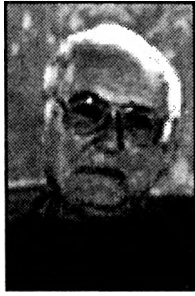
He was born on Aug. 29, 1946 in Crookston, MN, the son of Elizabeth (Zupetz) and Grant Hauger.

Geoff was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother.



A veteran who served in the U. S. Navy, he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maine in

Gorham. He was an avid traveler who loved to read. He also considered his Orland community to be like family. He would do anything for anyone in need. He was a tax assessor, a member of the Orland Historical Society and a Cub Scout leader. Geoff was the man behind the scenes who made the Gray Meadow Haunted House possible for 25 years. He was also a past member of the American Legion.



Geoffrey N. Hauger

Geoff will be sadly missed by his loving wife of 50 years Mary (Robshaw) Hauger; two children: Gary Hauger and wife Faith; and

Margaret Hanscom and husband Michael; three grandchildren; Emily, Allison and Gregory; siblings Barbara Hauger, Byron Hauger and wife Marcia; brothers-in-law John Sterk and Peter Robshaw, sisters-in-law Anne Leclerc, Martha Accola and husband Stephen, Sandra Robshaw and many nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by, a sister, Nancy Sterk, and two brothers-in-law: Jeffrey Robshaw and Daniel Leclerc.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

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

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Daniel C. Smith, 1961 - 2020

BUCKSPORT — In loving memory of Daniel C. Smith.

Daniel C. Smith passed away on Oct. 3, 2020 in his home in Bucksport.

Born in Houlton on June 29, 1961, he was the son of George Smith and Linda L. Heitlauf.

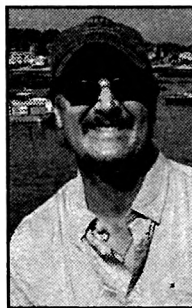
He is survived by his wife, Karen L. Smith; his mother, Linda; and Stepfather, Henry Heitlauf; his sisters: Sandy Smith Hill and husband Bill Price, Becki Telesca; step-sisters: Kimberly and Millard Wright and Leone and Kevin Gray; step-children: Nikki and Teddy Carter, Travis and Sarah Hutchinson, Michael and Caitlyn

Chavaree; 15 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Thank you to our extended family at the Fabian Oil Co. for their exceptional support.

Loved by many and will be missed.

Gone from our arms, but not from our hearts.



Daniel C. Smith

HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

ELLSWORTH — These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were processed in the Hancock County courts, according to official records:

• William H. Pressey, 67, Bucksport. Criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon at Bucksport, Jan. 16. Assault at Bucksport, Jan. 16. Dismissed. Burglary at Bucksport, June 15, 2019. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Bucksport,

June 15, 2019. Criminal mischief at Bucksport, June 15, 2019. Dismissed.

• Casey Lynn Meyers, 40, Winter Harbor. Assault at Winter Harbor, Nov. 27, 2018. Dismissed.

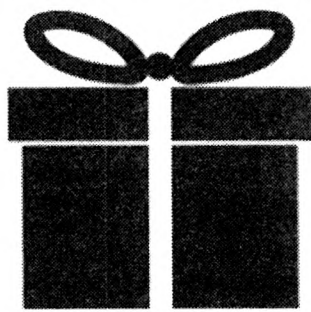
• Dale E. Hooper Jr., 38, Blue Hill. Driving under the influence of alcohol at Orland, May 31, 2019. \$850. License suspended for days.

• Shelby Tapley, 25, Waldo. Aggravated trafficking of sched-

uled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. Dismissed. Two counts of unlawfully possessing scheduled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. Dismissed. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. \$400. Jailed for 364 days, with all but seven days of that sentence suspended. Probation one year. Possessing hypodermic apparatuses at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. \$400. Suspended \$400.

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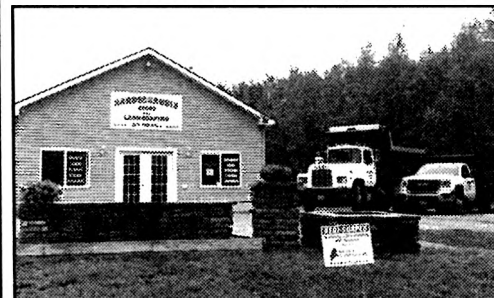
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Senior Center menus

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- **Friday, Dec. 11** - Beef and barley soup, corn muffin, ice cream.
- **Monday, Dec. 14** - Haddock casserole, long grain rice, corn and fruit crisp.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 16** - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, peas and carrots and apple pie.
- **Friday, Dec. 18** - Meatloaf, mashed potato, green beans, cookie.
- **Monday, Dec. 21** - Chop suey, garden salad, roll, brownie.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 23** - Pork roast & gravy, mashed potato, carrots and apple pie.
- **Friday, Dec. 18** - No meal. Christmas.
- **Monday, Dec. 28** - Chicken alfredo, broccoli, and a cookie.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 30** - Pot roast and gravy, mashed potato, corn and fruit.

Party cancelled

BUCKSPORT – Because of the continuing concern for the health of older persons, the Bucksport Senior Center has "regretfully cancelled" this year's Senior Center Christmas party.



– Friends

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TOP ACHIEVER – **Dylan Bunker** of Bucksport was named a Scheel Scholar at the **Maine Maritime Academy's** annual Achievement awards. Henry A. Scheel of Rockport was among America's most-respected naval architects and yacht designers. Scheel left money in 1994 to endow scholarships for students in the three upper classes who best exemplify intellectual curiosity and achievement. Bunker, of the Class of 2021, is a marine engineering technology major.

Early deadline

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Jail data tallied

ELLSWORTH – These arrests involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were reported at the Hancock County Jail:

- Valerie Marie Carpenter, 35, of 27 Evergreen Drive, Bucksport was arrested in Bucksport shortly after midnight. She was booked at the jail about 2:30 a.m.. She was charged with reportedly violating the terms of her release in an earlier case.
- Tyler Steven Poole, 29, of 8 Mercer Lane in Bucksport was arrested on Mercer Lane in Bucksport shortly before 4 p.m. on Saturday, and booked at the jail in Ellsworth about 5:30 p.m. Saturday. He was charged with allegedly engaging in domestic violence, assault with prior convictions for that offense, violation of probation, obstructing a government process, and causing criminal mischief.
- Dustin Leroy Herbest, 37, of 733 State Route 46 in Bucksport was arrested at his home about 8:45 p.m. on Thursday (12/3) for allegedly

failing to comply with the filing requirements for those convicted of sexual offenses. He was booked into the jail about midnight.

Accidents tallied

BUCKSPORT – These accidents were investigated by police:

- A vehicle being driven by Earl Grindle, 55, of Bucksport skidded off the River Road shortly before 8 a.m. on Saturday, and it hit a utility pole.
- A vehicle being driven by Amanda Huntley, 20, of Orland went off the Millvale Road on Sunday about 2 a.m. Christine Peet, 35, of Orrington was driving on State Route 46 about a little after 8 p.m. on Nov. 30 when her vehicle slid off the road as a result of slippery road conditions.
- Melissa Osborne, 42, of Bucksport struck a deer on the Russell Hill Road about 6 p.m. on Friday (12/4).
- Another deer was hit by a vehicle being driven by Arthur Koch, 37, of Searsport about 1

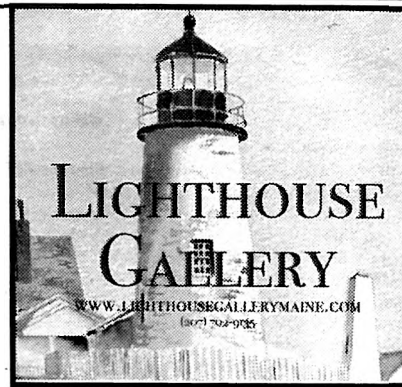
p.m. on Dec. 1

- Vehicles being operated by Marilyn Plowman, 76, of Penobscot and Annette Saunders, 66, of Orland collided in the parking lot at the Vancil Eye Care office on U.S. Route 1 about 10:30 last Thursday (12/3).

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were issued here:

- Ethan Pace, 25, of Searsport was issued a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 8:30 p.m. on Friday (12/4).
- Paul Beaucher, 30, of Clifton was given a summons for allegedly driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on First Street about 8 a.m. on Friday (12/4).
- Heather Woods, 40, of Bucksport was cited for burning prohibited materials in open pile on the River Road about 12:45 p.m. on Sunday.



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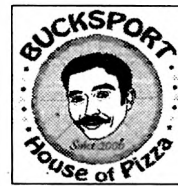
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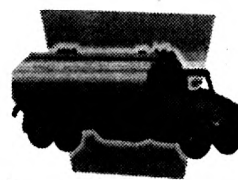
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Nathan Holmes

– IN THE WORKS . . .

FAIR WARNING! A recent update by Bucksport's assessor of her list of businesses subject to business property taxes located some 60 small businesses that will be added to the roster. While Katlynn Howlett said the additional tax revenues won't be "some crazy number," there will be additional new tax money.

She noted in her report that getting everyone enrolled on that list is "more fair and equitable" for those other businesses who already are paying.

And a p.s. Howlett also is tightening up on the paperwork trail generated by those who take out building permits to make significant improvements to their properties.

That's not new, but the closer coordination between the code enforcement officer and the assessor should keep tax values up-to-date faster.

ALARMS SILENCE? – After several failures in the aging fire alarm system at the Town Offices, the Town Council appears poised to

purchase a new system.

After checking with a couple of town employees and receiving five quotes, a \$12,540 system from Norris Fire Inc. of South Portland is being recommended.

While the recommended quote is in the middle of the five bids, town officials are prepared to back up their recommendation.

HOUR BY HOUR –

Some town councilors asked for information on how many early risers and late comers have been using the current Town Office hours of 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The town manager tonight will tell the councilors an average of eight people per day utilize the extra hour at the beginning of the work day or the extra hour longer in the traditional schedule. However, she added, "Usage has increased since it started. In return the current hours have the office closed entirely on Fridays and, as always, on weekends.

A couple of councilors have expressed concerns about the office being closed every Friday, which traditionally had been the second business day of the town's work week (Mondays were the busiest.) A second concern expressed was about those unfamiliar with the four-day schedule showing up to find the office completely closed each Friday.

SOMETHING FISHY? –

The code enforcement officer is seeking to reach a remedy for a recurring odor problem he believes he's traced to the Greenhead Lobster Co. operation in the town's industrial park. The officer, Luke Chiavelli, reported a similar problem at a nearby seafood processing plant and was remedied successfully by freezing the leftover remnants of the processed seafood until a hauler arrives to cart them away. The Greenhead Lobster situation now is on the code officer's compliance agenda.

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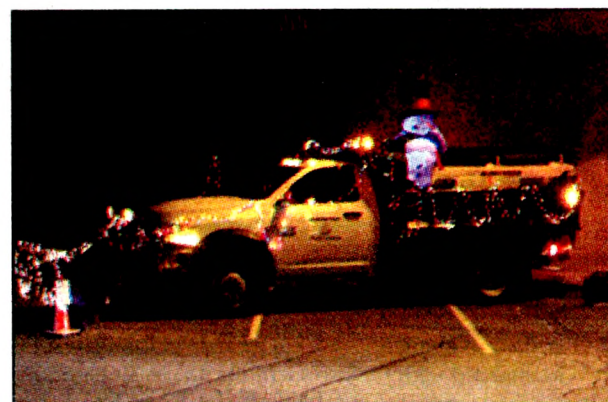
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RECYCLE



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— Lighting

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"But" . . . what about all of those cars and trucks, stretched out for as a toddler could see, each inching its way toward the lights in downtown Bucksport.

Unlike a cortege, this was a happy procession, one filled with youngsters with joy on their faces as a few thousand tiny, twinkling lights came into view. Others carried older persons also anxious to get out of their homes and experience something bright, something happy, something to lift the spirit.

For nearly three quarters of an hour there were more vehicles, bumper-to-bumper on Main Street than the town has seen in the past year.

While the floats and those who crafted them stood stoically in the cold, everyone knew this was not about how many floats or how many lights . . . it was about knowing a small community had again kept the spirit of community — and Christmas — alive.



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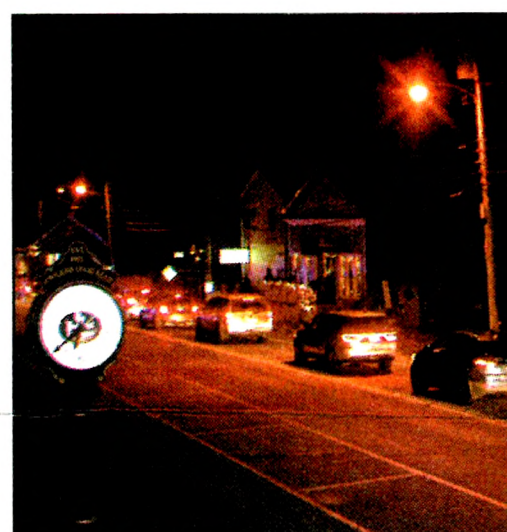


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