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Anticipation

Making one's way down Bucksport's Main Street there was a definite sense that something was in the air, and it wasn't snow! Could the green, green tree and the bright shiny ornament be clues to what soon will be upon us?

Salmon farm eyes adjacent 10-acre property

BUCKSPORT – The people who want to build an on-shore salmon farm here now say they need ten more acres with river frontage to make the project happen.

That has triggered a new round of requests for the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and local permits before the Whole Oceans, LLC project moves ahead.

The extra space, which appears to be atop the site where the Blodgett tannery operated off the River Road over a century ago, is needed to gain access to a saltwater intake pipe.

The long-delayed, multi-million dollar proposal still has no

firm starting date. The Atlantic salmon rearing operation was to have been up and running by now.

Initially, Whole Oceans executives reported they had sales commitments for the entire production from the plant for its first five years of operation.

The proposed 10 acres of additional property, called Lot 3, is adjacent to the new Maine Maritime Academy's (MMA) training school for mariners.

The lot Whole Oceans has selected appears to abut the MMA property, which also was part of the paper mill until the MMA bought it.

Three Main Street businesses closing soon

New tenants ready to lease two spaces

BUCKSPORT – Three downtown businesses will close this month, and two others will take all of the space they are vacating.

The Blossoms By the Bay flower shop, Jan's barber shop and the Bucksport Bay Tanning

Salon are leaving the building.

Moving into the flower shop space next month will be the Bayside Beauty shop.

The law offices of Fellows, Kee, Tymoczko and Lewis, next year will move into the space now occupied by the barber shop and tanning salon.

William Tymoczko said he will begin leasing the space next month, as he prepares to lease or sell the firm's current offices on U.S. Route 1.

Eventually, the firm - two

lawyers and three support personnel - will relocate to the downtown site, he said.

The building once housed the dental offices of the Bucksport Bay Health Center and, before that, a hardware store that operated for years under two previous owners. The store, now Jerry's Hardware left years ago for its current U.S. Route 1 location on the Bucksport-Orland line.

The Main Street building is adjacent to the Port O' Call

gift shop. Port O' Call, in the former Rosen's Department Store building, previously announced plans to close and now is holding a going-out-of-business sale this month.

Richard Rosen of Bucksport is shopping for a new tenant for the retail space in the building he continues to own.

Tom Goodman, the owner of the Financial Solutions investment advisory firm on the lower level of the building, bought the property a couple of years ago.

Jan's Barber Shop reportedly was profitable last year, but after a two-month forced closure this year with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic found fewer customers when it reopened.

With the continuing uncertainties over the economy and the continuing pandemic, the owner told Goodman she decided to close rather than invest more in the business.

Blossoms by the Bay is the fourth floral shop to close here in the past two decades.

Irish rash/fuel hauled through Bucksport

Plastic retrieved from river

BUCKSPORT – The spilling of two compacted blocks of brightly colored plastic and other debris from Ireland into the Penobscot River at Mack Point on Dec. 2 began drifting in on the high tides last week.

What at first seemed a modest incident, now is generating major fallout. Nobody in authority at the Sprague Energy dock reported the problem, but a passerby on a stroll along the coast last week spotted a whole lot of plastic littering the shore and sounded the alarm.

The state Department of Environmental Protection

(DEP) previously saw no need to monitor the shipments of waste materials from Ireland. That changed when the bales hit the water in Searsport.

The packaging covering the bales, damaged by exposure to the weather during the 3,000-mile journey, exploded open as the water-logged refuse expanded by contact with the water. That released an estimated 6,000 pounds of stuff into the water.

The material then began surfacing on high tides last week, and spread litter over a roughly half-mile section of the coast.

Now, the DEP is considering some regulations for handling what, officially, is termed, "solid recovered fuel."

Bucksport Town Manager Susan M. Lessard also talked

with a DEP official on Friday (12/11) because the materials have been transported through this town without anyone notifying local officials.

The DEP has brought in Clean Harbors to clean up, as much of the spilled material as possible. It also is continuing to investigate the other potential environmental consequences of the transportation of the bales through Maine.

The bales that sparked the inquiry were among 8,000 to 10,000 metric tons of material being unloaded from a freighter that arrived from Ireland. The bales were a test shipment aboard the *MV Sider London*.

PLEASE SEE IRISH BALES, PAGE 2



PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

THE HISTORIC Wilson Hall, now secure from the weather and sporting new windows and holiday lights that gleam in the dark sky, even from the rebuilt bell tower. Now, bringing back the interior is the focus of the owner, Larry Wahl.

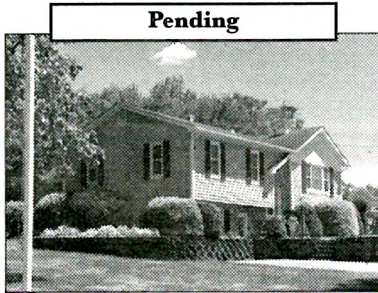
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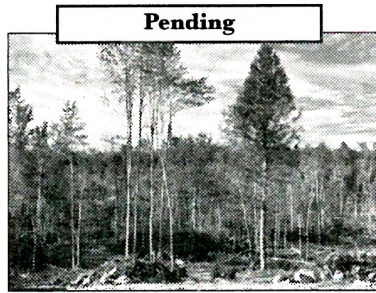
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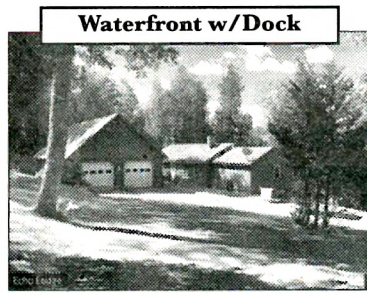
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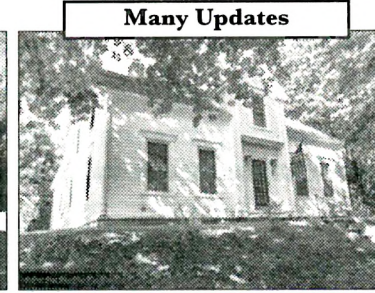
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Waterfront w/Dock

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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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.

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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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Orland—Lovely Cape in Orland Village! This 3 to 4 Bedroom 1 Bath home is within walking distance of the Orland Community Center and only 5 minutes from Bucksport. Amenities include first floor laundry, an eat in kitchen, storage shed and potential for a first floor bedroom. Nice corner lot with room for the kids to play. Motivated Seller!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman



Water Access

Bucksport—Looking for a place to build a cabin in the woods? This 7.9 acre parcel is located in the woods yet only minutes to the village of Bucksport. Great recreation area with a power line located on one border for the hunting crowd as well as a 10' walking Right of Way to Thurston Pond for the anglers. Good southern exposure could provide good solar options. Enjoy the peace and quiet of "out back"!

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PENDING

Bucksport—Interesting find! This complex consists of 2 residential units with the potential for additional residential units or commercial possibilities. Set on a 5 acre lot with good traffic flow and easy access to Bucksport, Bangor or Ellsworth. Each residential unit has a garage space as well as a deck and lots of room outside. Bring your ideas and invest in the rising Bucksport real estate market!

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter



Acreage

Bucksport—This land borders Bucksport Middle School. It is a very private piece of land right in the middle of town that actually reaches down to Bayview Avenue. This parcel has just been removed from tree growth.

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

— Irish bales

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The European definition of such cargo applies to recovered waste that is said to be non-hazardous, but can be burned in power generation plants or co-incineration plants like the Penobscot Energy Recover Co. plant in Orrington.

The latest shipment was trucked to the PERC plant, possibly during the pre-dawn hours.

The two bales that got away were 43 by 43 inches and 62 inches long. They contained 80 percent plastic, 11 percent paper and 8 percent textiles.

The freighter was loaded in Warrenport in Northern Ireland. A year-or-so ago an Irish contractor's representatives met with officials of the American Iron & Steel (AIM) affiliate that oversaw the purchase and break-up of the paper mill, and one or more PERC officials.

The Bucksport Enterprise reported at the time they discussed bringing in Irish refuse, and, perhaps, off-loading the bales at the former paper mill

dock before then taking them to PERC, most likely by truck or, alternatively, by barge.

A PERC official was quoted as saying the talks were preliminary, and he pooh-poohed the idea that anything viable might come of it.

Last year PERC received about 500 tons of the Irish trash/fuel over a period of several months. That was said to be a test of whether PERC could viably process European castoff waste materials.

The Irish have become major shippers of waste to foreign destinations because the European standards for landfills and power plant emissions often make it cheaper to ship the stuff elsewhere rather than process it near where it was generated.

Last week's loss of the two bales apparently wasn't reported until after a Stockton Springs person, out for a walk, saw the debris and alerted authorities.

On Saturday volunteers picked up 5,000 pounds of litter, as more floated in on each high tide. Environmentalists have tried to keep the conservation area next to the docks as pristine as possible.

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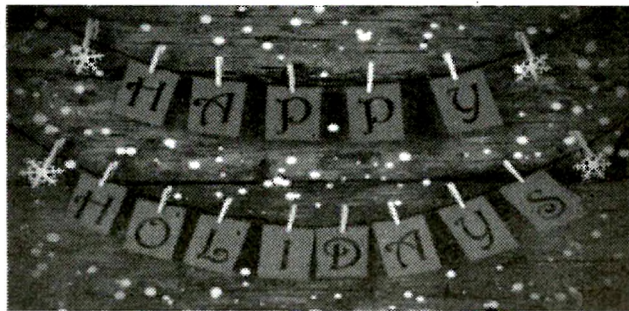
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Friends & Family

WHO IS IT? In the Year of the Mask it's hard to identify people in photos, but here's the official photo from the swearing-in this month of state **Sen. Kimberley Rosen**.

The Bucksport Republican has begun her final term as a senator, for she will be termed out when this term expires.

The swearing-in ceremony resulted in obligatory mask wearing and social distancing, especially after at least one new legislator tested positive for the Covid-19 virus.

There also was no hand-shaking at the Statehouse this month, something some elected officials almost have to practice each time they venture out in public.



State **Rep. Kathy Downes** began her first term in the state House of Representatives. She represents the residents of Bucksport and Orrington, and succeeds **Richard Campbell** of Orrington, who was termed out.

MORE DOGS, MORE CATS – The Town of **Stockton Springs** has signed aboard as a participant in the Bucksport animal shelter program.

Communities contribute to the Bucksport program on a per capita basis, with the head count being the population of the humans in the community, not the number of dogs or cats.

PARTY, NOT SO HEARTY! – Town of Bucksport employees had to

forego their traditional staff-wide holiday catered gathering this year because of the pandemic.

Instead, small separate gatherings were held last week for employees in the Town Office Council Chamber and at the Highway Garage for the road and recycling center workers. The public safety employees will gather later. The sessions were socially distanced, the town manager noted.

Each employee will receive a token gift before Christmas. Money for the annual party is budgeted each year, and the Town Council recently added another small sum to recognize the employees for their extra efforts during the pandemic.

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Cruise ships may return to Bucksport

BUCKSPORT — The people who run American Cruise Lines got a warm reception here last week. The line which operates small cruise ships for coastal and river trips in this country, said, pandemic rules permitting, they'd like to make Bucksport a regular port of call, one of several destinations on their Maine coastal trip itinerary.

In the past the firm's ships generally have only shown up at the Town Dock when the company was having financial and other disputes with the harbor master's office in Bar Harbor, or when sudden shifts in the weather had their boats heading for protected ports with calmer waters.

This time out, the firm wants to bring its 267-foot-long *Constitution* on a regular schedule next summer, if the cruise industry can get back to normal under whatever pandemic regulations may be in force then. The vessel has made several overnight stays here in the past.

At a virtual meeting of the Town Council last Thursday (12/10), three representatives of the line outlined their tentative plans. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and several of the councilors indicated they would be open to such an arrangement.

This year, the entire cruise industry was brought to a halt because of the pandemic concerns. While American Cruise Lines drafted an extensive list of precautionary steps they were prepared to take, the difficulty in finding suitable ports and sufficient passengers for the up-scale accommodation on board its ships proved insurmountable.

Meanwhile, the town's efforts to significantly upgrade the Town Dock and nearby waterfront with a \$3.2 million project has begun drawing attention from other ports on the Maine coast, including Bar Harbor.

The proposed permanent dock would replace the floating one that now has to be installed and removed each season. It also would be considerably longer, providing room for both the cruise boats and more recreational boaters.

The town manager made a point of stressing the proposed dock is not being considered solely for the cruise lines, but would draw more recreational boaters here as well.

In a recent *Mount Desert Islander* article, Richard Rotella, Bucksport's director of community and economic development was quoted. "The interest in our waterway, especially since the closing of the Verso paper mill, has only increased, especially this year during the pandemic."

"Visitors are looking for an outlet and one of the safest activities is boating. Our central location in the downtown puts all necessary services within walking distance for our patrons, and upgrades to electricity and water will only help to enhance the visit," Rotella added.

A Portland-based engineering consulting firm is working up plans for the project, which is very much dependent on finding financing sources other than local town taxes.

The engineers are suggesting a floating dock 13 feet wide by 60 feet long, with a 120-foot gangway, required by the Americans with Disabilities Act because it would serve cruise ships.

Many of American Cruise Lines passengers are older, and some have mobility limitations. In the past, the firm's ships have paused here and then taken the passengers to Bar Harbor and Acadia National Park on day-long outings.

Also planned are a number of "finger floats for additional slips for short-term recreational boaters. All in all, the dock would extend 12 feet further out into Bucksport Bay, providing deeper water at dockside.

The recently rebuilt 415-foot Town Dock would be relocated. That dock affords little extra space when one of the small cruise ships is tied up there. The proposed dock would be 84 feet longer.

A near-final design should be ready by mid-summer but construction is unlikely to start until late in 2022, if the money to build the project can be found.

While some ultimately have their eyes on accommodating foreign vessels, some councilors - including Mayor Peter Stewart - want to be sure that the public is behind the idea of doing that.

Meanwhile, two local activists, have suggested the town ought to look more closely at such an investment. However, they did not attend last week's virtual meeting or call in to share their concerns.

IN THE WORKS . . . Tidbits gleaned from week's news

A JOB WELL-DONE! — Town Councilor Kathy Downes took a few moments at the last Town Council session to sing the praises of Valerie Sulya. Sulya will conclude her duties as the town's public health officer for more than a decade.

Sulya, now in her 80s, still has plenty of volunteer activities to attend from being active with the local hospice program to serving on the board of the Bucksport Bay Health Center.

ON THE ROAD — The Downeast Community Partners bus run to Bangor has resumed, and a monthly trip to Ellsworth has been added. The Ellsworth run will be on the first Tuesday of each month, while the Bangor will be on the second Tuesday.

The group had to curtail its services as a Covid-19 precaution but's all are well once again.

FAIR WARNING — The filing deadline for tax abatements in Bucksport is Jan. 11. So far there have been no requests.

Got a question? Call Kathryn Howlett, the tax assessor, at the Town Office.

UPPER LONG POND ROAD — A problem property on the Upper Long Pond Road remains as it has been, according to Luke Chaivelli, the code enforcement officer.

He said the only change appears to be the owner has moved elsewhere, but apparently did so without cleaning up the site, and so the enforcement activity has stalled.

MORE OF THE SAME — The code officer has been unable to make contact with the

owner of the property at 109 Main Street. All he has is a mailing address for the gentleman.

This is an unusual property for half of the building is owned by one owner and, outwardly, is in great shape; the other half, however, is not up to snuff, which brings the building inspector into the matter.

IN LAWYER'S HANDS — The owner of the Spring Fountain Inn at 196 U.S. Route 1 continues to refuse to allow a local team to enter the site to inspect the place. The team, consisting of public safety personnel and the tax assessor, now are awaiting word from the town's lawyer on what to do next.

COVID HEALTH — A locally produced single-page flyer outlining some key steps to take during the pandemic is available at the Town Office. Each of the tips is short and simple, uncluttered by medical mumbo-jumbo.

The sheet was a collaborative effort by the Bucksport Regional Health Center, the Bucksport Senior Center, Bucksport Community Concerns, Main Street Bucksport, the local public safety agencies and the Buck Memorial Library.

Have some info to share? Send it to:
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Merry Christmas

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Thinking POSITIVE

What our readers have to say

The Bucksport Enterprise asked, and our readers responded. Here's some of the notes received at *The Bucksport Enterprise* when we went looking for some positive things during a very rough year for most of those on Earth.

This project was launched not to ignore the obvious serious situations which continue to grip the nation. Instead, the newspaper sought to document snippets of the good qualities that inevitably emerge amid strife. More than snippets have emerged from amid our communities:

"A year ago at this time, who would have imagined our lives would be so different?"

"Different doesn't always mean something negative. As this season is upon us, I am thankful for so many things; my salvation, my family, waking up each day, the beauty of Maine in all seasons, my students and colleagues, my country, and freedom.

"My prayer in this season is that you'd be blessed by all of the pieces of your life that may seem simple or small, but have so much more value than material things could ever possess."

Sherri Willey

"I am thankful for the dedication and commitment shown

by the employees of RSU 25 in the face of the challenges presented since March. I am appreciative of how they have adapted and continue to focus on the needs of our students."

-- Jim Boothby,
Superintendent RSU 25

"I am so excited and thankful that I was able to buy the old JD's Market on Verona Island.

"I am even more thankful that we were able to save it from its inevitable demise.

"With a lot of hard work and determination, we will open our doors in April of 2021 and, hopefully, bring some much-needed joy and happiness to the local community."

Jonathan, Owner
Sweet Cheeks Bakery

"I wanted to tell you that the most positive thing outside of myself is seeing people spend more time with loved ones.

"Now for me personally I have spent more time with the one thing I love (outside of my people) and that is nature. The beauty around us is enough to ease any stress, from covid to politics to life.

"Thank you for doing this. People need positivity. We were losing that enough."

Alice (Woodbridge) Mello

PLEASE SEE POSITIVITY, PAGE A-5

The Good News Edition

Some subscribers will receive next week's edition of the *Enterprise* a day or two after Christmas so we're publishing our annual holiday greetings issue a week early. And, thanks to the cooperation of many of our readers we've loaded this section with their thoughts on staying positive during difficult times. Thank you to them for sharing. Pass it on!

Doers of good . . . making our world a little better

"The Bucksport Enterprise asked people to suggest those who arise each morn seeking to make the day a little brighter, but who seldom make the headlines. Here's some of the notes we received:

"I saw your notice for 'Heroes wanted.' I'd like to suggest Kerry Zimmerman. Kerry has selflessly been volunteering her time to honor the area veterans and their graves through the Daughters of the American Revolution, (DAR) for decades.

"In an effort to save the old Methodist Burying Ground, Kerry, who lives in Holden, joined the Bucksport Cemetery Committee to save this cemetery and honor these long-neglected and forgotten Revolutionary War veterans.

It's been an uphill battle, and Kerry handles the volunteer job admirably.
Emeric Spooner, Bucksport

"The Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities Coalition is giving thanks for Vista volunteer, Lilly McCoy, for leaving her home in Colorado to come to the Bucksport area to perform her year of community service. We are truly blessed by her work!"
Mary Jane Bush, Bucksport

"I am thankful and would like to recognize the teachers at the Bucksport Christian School: Michelle Astbury, Kim Bursey and Teresa Trumble. Your unselfish sacrifice, love and devotion to your students is very evident and is making a big impact on the young

lives entrusted to your care. Thank God for all of you.

Michael Donato, Pastor
Bucksport Bible Church

"My neighbor, Pat Cough, recently volunteered himself to help me replace the stair treads and risers on my exterior staircase.

"Many of the boards had become rotten at the ends, one even had a hole in it.

"Two days later, the job was done and I no longer worry about delivery workers getting hurt on my stairs.

"Pat did this out of the goodness of his heart, a hero in our wonderful small town."

Karen Cullen

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Christmas, 2020

Many readers of this newspaper won't be receiving next week's edition until after the holiday so we offer these observations now . . .

While 2020 has been a rough year for people across the globe, it also has brought out the best the human spirit can muster. None of us has to look far to find those who, Covid or no Covid, stepped forward to help both friends and strangers. And while this has been a year of often bitter division, driven in part by those who revel in fostering discord, dissent and physical and mental strife, we believe the overwhelming majority has stayed the course.

The bulk of the population has agreed to dis-

agree, civilly and with respect, and the response has been world-wide, for most of those on this planet truly are seekers of the same basic things: food, good health, shelter, peace, and, yes, equality and freedom.

There are many who have found the doom and gloom they sought in 2020, but there are many more seeking solace in the eternal wonders of the human spirit. That keeps the flame of hope alive, and is in perfect harmony with all that is best about this special season.

. . . and a postscript . . .

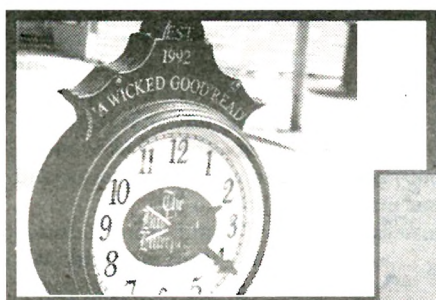
We would be derelict were we not to acknowledge there are those of other faiths and even those who choose to have no faith at all.

A key component in preserving our shared stewardship of this planet is to recognize - and respect - differences of opinion.

When it comes to religion, the Constitution of the United States guarantees our freedom to the faith of our choice - including the right to practice no faith at all. For those of other faiths, may your beliefs be honored, and we as heartily endorse your holidays as we do those of Christians.

Also, in these sharply divided times we ask that those of all political persuasions will come to respect that those with whom we disagree have that right without being labeled with derogatory motives.

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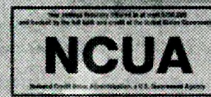
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Sears, and the stuff of golden dreams

Before there were rock 'em, sock 'em, action-filled, splashy, full-color in-tots'-faces video commercials playing endlessly on television, there was the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalog.

That massive book had something enticing for everyone, most of it beyond the dreams and imagination of a small child growing up in a small town. At least that was true when an outing to the Woolworth's or W.T. Grant five and dime was a treat, indeed.

There were pages and pages of all sorts of toys, appliances, and other pages devoted to Craftsman tools designed specifically for tasks I'd never attempt. When you're 7, none

of that matters.

It clearly was the toy section of that massive to me that counted.

How did Mr. Sears and Mr. Roebuck find all of that neat stuff, and they how did they accomplish that each and every year?

A small boy of my acquaintance each year would scoop up that heavy catalog and take it to his room where he would examine each and every page in the toy section and each and every toy on each of those pages. No sugar plums were needed.

However, when you are one of a large and growing family one did

A CHRISTMAS STORY

from the
Editor's
Notebook

not ask for anything, and certainly not something as frivolous as a toy. But you could hint, oh, boy, could you hint!

Then his eyes and heart settled on the model service station, one made of stiff, brightly colored cardboard. The station even came with a little metal lift to hoist the tiny plastic cars up by flipping the tiny, boy-sized thingamabob.

It was clear some assembly was required, but this was before the days of batteries in everything, so a bright young lad surely could put this miracle together.

Marks were made on the four corners of that catalog listing, the better to make it pop from the page. Then, the catalog would be left here and there about the house, always open to same page. Endless days of hope set in.

Would Mr. Sears and Mr. Roebuck have enough of these marvelous service stations to go around? Certainly, every boy in America must be seeking one?

On Christmas morn a detailed search of every gift under the tree failed to find one package that could be containing a large thick cardboard service station, even one that required some assembly.

The distribution of the presents began. Midway through the process I sensed my - uh, the boy's father's eyes fasten upon the boy. Was the boy about to get the you-know-what?

There, taped together were four small rectangular packages, heavy things, each tightly wrapped in its own holiday paper. The little boy tore open the first one with gusto. Inside, he found an unpainted block of wood, which looked a lot like a chunk from a two-by-four. There, on each corner was a hand-turned wooden wheel attached to the block with a shiny nail.

Packages two and three proved identical to the first. The fourth yielded a box of eight crayons, including the white and black one no kid ever uses.

"I knew you wanted a car," the boy's father said with a broad smile. "Now, you have three of them. I thought you could finish them off and paint them with the crayons."

The boy knew he should put on the face of delight, the one children use after opening a pair of socks or a new set of pajamas. Instead, the words bubbled up from within, and he let them fly: "I really wanted a boat."

His father was not flustered. He reached down and picked up the three blocks, and with his bare hands pulled off each of the twelve wheels he had turned on his lathe until they were now identical and perfectly round. (The boy's dad was an engineer when he wasn't working for Santa.).

"Now," said the father, "you have three boats. You can color those."

Later, when nobody was around the boy secretly gathered up the blocks, the wheels and the nails. Using the small hammer that was his and his alone, he carefully re-attached the wheels.

Then, in a corner of the yard where practically nobody else ever went, he raced those little blocks of wood. He banged them into one another. And he sent them - one-by-one and, sometimes all-together - flying off a large boulder.

He even took the wheels off once and, sure enough, there were three of the mightiest ships that ever sailed a small patch of level New England dirt.

The blocks were indestructible, and they were fast for, after all, his dad was an engineer and knew how to do things right. And he made everything he touched sturdy, too.

It wasn't such a bad Christmas after all, certainly better than those which had netted another pair of socks or some goofy pajamas.

Does he remember that Sears & Roebuck gas station, the one with Texaco emblazoned on the tiny plastic pumps? You betcha! (Now grown up and many decades old, he may even buy one of those some day.).

— DON HOUGHTON

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Preparing for Christmas

– Covid -10 safety precautions in effect –

Bucksport Bible Church

The Bucksport Bible Church on Central Street will not hold its traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service, another difficult decision resulting from the need to adhere to Covid-19 virus safety precautions.

The church also cancelled its annual performance of the nativity and Christmas program staged by the children in the church.

Instead, the church is inviting people to attend the Sunday services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. this Sunday.

Pastor Michael Donato is currently going through a series of messages based on the coming of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, and Christ's message for the rapture, and return to earth to set up His kingdom.

The services are being streamed on the church's Facebook page for those not

comfortable venturing out for an in-person service.

Elm Street

Congregational

The minister, Rev. Dr. Stephen York, has experienced a personal, emergency which will require him to be out of the pulpit this Sunday.

The Rev. Scott Cleveland will be filling the pulpit as the guest preacher.

In-person and on-line worship service will be held as usual.

On Christmas Eve (12/24), the church will host Christmas organ music 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 candlelight service from 5:30 to 6.

Those who want to participate from their homes can experience the entire concert

and service on the church's YouTube site: <https://elmstcon-go.church/live>

Bucksport and Orland Methodist churches

Earlier this week, the Methodist churches in Bucksport and Orland scuttled the plans to offer in-person Christmas week services.

The decision was based on the latest pandemic restrictions and recommendations from the denomination's leadership.

Instead, there will be a 4 p.m. Christmas Eve service steamed on-line from the Orland church on Narramissic Drive and a 6:30 p.m. on-line service from the Bucksport church at 3 River Road. It will be available live on the church's Facebook site.

Also, people may come to each church, and while seated in their vehicle hear the service live on their radios tuned on the



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Each service will last about 45 minutes.

A more elaborate program with additional in-person services had been planned, but had to be dropped at the last minute.

Starting Point Church

The Starting Point Church at 54 Main Street in Bucksport, will hold a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service next Thursday (12/24), beginning at 7 p.m.

The service will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a time of worship, a moving message and the singing of 'Silent Night' by candlelight.

For more information contact Pastor Jacob Gran at 323-0050 or pastor@startingpoint-ministries.org

Stella Maris Catholic Parish

The Roman Catholic churches of the Bucksport-

based **Stella Maris** are seeking to meet the Center for Disease Control's guidelines with a telephone-based advance reservation system for those who want to attend the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses this year.

The dates and times to call the office are today (12/17) and next Tuesday only. Calls to 569-3322 only can be made between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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.

While seating is being limited to 50 in the sanctuary at each site, St. Vincent de Paul will offer live video for up to 50 more in the church hall below the sanctuary.

Orland to glow yet again

Yes, Virginia, there will be luminaria!

ORLAND – Neither rain, sleet or snow will stay Orland's intrepid luminaria-lighters from chasing away the gloom of night. After all, it's a tradition.

Now, in its 17th year, the annual lighting of scores of luminaria in the streets of Orland Village will take place on Sunday.

All that's needed now are all the additional intrepid volunteers that can be mustered to turn out at the Orland firehouse about 3 p.m. so the lights can be assembled and delivered to where they will shine into the evening.

Covid-19 safety precautions will be encouraged.

The warm glow that surrounds the project each year gladdens the hearts of those who participate, making for a great way to begin the week to Christmas. At least some of the veteran luminaria-lighters say they've experienced the glow.

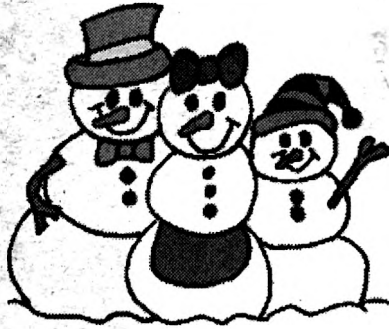
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– Positivity spoken – proudly – here

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"If you are looking for personal examples of positive experiences, I am grateful that I had far more time at home so I was able to finish writing a book that I had been working on for years. It was accepted by a publisher and will be available in the Spring of 2021.

"A more general positive experience is the opportunity to spend more time in the peace, comfort and security of home.

"Happy Holidays, and thanks for spreading the positivity."

Debbie J. Callahan, educator,
speaker, author

"I must take a moment to thank the countless people who assisted with the Bucksport Area Christmas is for Kids campaign this year, supporting children from Bucksport, Orland and Verona Island.

"People helped in so many ways, whether it was purchasing a gift directly for a child from the Amazon wish list or the 'angel tree' at the Seaboard Federal Credit Union, donating money by mail or at Bangor Savings Bank, or giving spare change and donations at multiple businesses in all three towns.

"I'd also like to send my appreciation to those businesses that had donation cans and their

continued dedicated support of being a collector.

"The crew at Seaboard also deserves a huge thank you for many years of supporting the angel tree and being willing to put in the work to collect toys, money and assist in the overall process. It truly will be a great Christmas for many children thanks to everyone's generosity. Thank you!

"We received more monetary donations than ever before this year. Each year a lot of care and thought clearly goes into selecting gifts for children based on the wishes they have. This year was no exception and the generosity and thoughtfulness put into each purchase was very clear. From Legos to baby dolls, art supplies to sweatshirts, Play-Doh to books, bedding sets and warm pajamas, the wishes varied but the care in selection did not."

Aimee Lozier, Prospect

"A lover of 'smil-able moments', recently I spied a tiny brown bird in our carport loudly and repetitiously trilling "Judy! Judy! Judy!" Having informed my little feathered friend (a Carolina wren, I believe) that my name is 'Vi,' I'm imagining the thrill of hearing the trill 'Vi! Vi! Vi!'"

Viola ("Vi") (Mercer)
Middleton
Griffin, GA

"2020 was to be Maine's Bicentennial celebration. Instead we were turned upside down with a pandemic, which canceled everything.

"I watched as a new organic Patriotic energy bubbled up stronger than I have ever seen in my 71 years. People show their pride of America with displays of the American flag on the streets, their front porch, on their cars, trucks, and yes in Bucksport, on a fine lady's lawn tractor. We are a prosperous, giving, proud and powerful nation unlike any the world has ever seen. It is so nice to see this positive enthusiasm as we say good-by to 2020."

Dick Campbell, Orrington,
former state representative
for Bucksport and Orrington

"As a new member of RSU 25, I am thankful to be a part of a community that embraces challenges and seeks creative solutions. From our coaches to teachers, staff and students, thank you for your continued resiliency, dedication, and making the most of every possible situation that comes your way. Go Bucks!"

Aaron Ward, Bucksport High School

"I'm thankful that 2020 brought the opening of our new church: the Starting Point Church. Furthermore, we are blessed that the church found its 'home' here on Main Street in Bucksport."

Jacob Gran, pastor
(Also serves as the
Bucksport town clerk.)

"I want to thank the great volunteers who continue to come every week to the Food Pantry and the Talk n' Shop to help our neighbors in need.

"Most of our volunteers have been volunteering at the pantry for several years and we have become good friends. They are a dedicated group who roll with the punches as we make many changes to the way we operate to comply with Center for Disease Control (CDC) regulations. In some cases, it has made a lot more work for them, but they all chip in to assure that the pantry remains a safe and welcoming environment for the families that

visit us. So thank you all. You are the best."

Marsha Mushrall

"This year has been a trying time for everyone. The Bucksport Community Concerns food pantry has been blessed to be a part of this wonderful community. We have received so much support from everyone without even asking.

"We have stayed open throughout this pandemic.

"We send our deepest gratitude to everyone who has sent a check or dropped off food or toys, etc. Warmest wishes for a wonderful New Year for everyone."

Linda Hayward

Mushrall and Hayward are the
Co-presidents of Bucksport
Community Concerns

"Surprises of kindness shine in a year bleaker than I could have imagined—a couple of new hens, a grandmother-high raised garden bed and, best of all, my younger daughter moving home to Maine. Help from family and neighbors make this new household possible."

Sharon Bray, Orland

"I am thankful for so many things in 2020 and here are a few . . . I am thankful for my family and loved ones. I am thankful for the passionate, considerate people in our town, knowing we have each other's

backs in even the toughest of situations."

Councilor Daniel Ormsby

"In a year of much loss and change, I appreciate the *Enterprise's* effort to focus on what we are happy about in 2020.

"For one, I consider myself fortunate to live in a community that demonstrates resilience and a willingness to consider and embrace change. Whether it was our ability to help local businesses, seniors, and families in need during the early days of the pandemic, the creative and poignant manner in which we found to celebrate the Bucksport High School Class of 2020, the can-do attitude and thrifty solution employed to get the Tim Emery Municipal Pool up and running again, just to name several examples.

"Bucksport continues to move forward.

"We see sons and daughters of Bucksport, such as Andy and Shelby Silvernail, use that same resilience and can-do attitude to succeed, and, in turn, recognize the same in their hometown with such meaningful contributions toward its continued success.

"We see that as just one example of the recognition Bucksport is on the right path as it continues to move forward, while also navigating its way through the issues of the day.

"I am thankful every day to live here."

Councilor Paul A. Bissonnette

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BUCKSPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ORLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Christmas Eve Schedule 2020

Due to restrictions and recommendations from our denomination we are not going to be able to do in-person Christmas Eve services. All services will be broadcast on Facebook Live on that church's Facebook page:

4:00 p.m. Service broadcast from Orland

6:30 p.m. Service broadcast from Bucksport

People may come to each church in their car and listen on Radio 90.1 FM in the church parking areas.

**See previous page for
more Christmas
Service times.**

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"Here's to Don Houghton, editor and publisher of *The Bucksport Enterprise*. Weekly, the paper bridges the distance between the "town of my heart," Bucksport, ME, and the "city of my exile," Griffin, GA, wrapping its printed page around me like a warm hug.

"It is rare that an edition doesn't end up with a gaping hole or two, the result of my compulsive clipping!"

"I laud Mr. Houghton for his down-home, dedicated helmsmanship. I also offer tribute to Sandy Holmes, general manager, and to all of the affiliates, including photographers. Your collaborative efforts bless me from afar. I am in your collective debt."

Viola (Vi) Mercer Middleton, Griffin, GA

"The challenge in your request is this. How do I pick just one individual or couple? who reside in the greater Bucksport area? Right off, I can think of two couples:

"Don and Carol (Rainey) Johnson grew up right next door to one another in Prospect. They became high school sweethearts, marrying the year after

Carol's high school graduation in 1971. Some years ago, the two moved back to their hometown where they lovingly and beautifully on Spout Hill in Prospect that was in dire need of TLC. Despite some ongoing health challenges, the couple dove right in to better the Prospect community. They're both very active with the Prospect Historical Society and supporters of the Prospect Community Club.

"They have put in countless hours of sweat labor to gather and display artifacts for housing in the Historical Society building and many more hours in grant-writing, obtaining quotes, and getting restorative projects completed. They have also research of the history of Prospect, its residents, the businesses and genealogy. All of their efforts have been as volunteers. Their abiding love for each other is a testament to how first-time, teen romances can endure and flourish.

"David and Flora Dorr Costigan's story echoes that of the Johnsons. Flora, too, was a teen bride, marrying David in 1976. David, too, grew up in Prospect. He and Flora lived in Prospect in the beginning of their marriage, but they, too, moved out of state, only to return, this time to Orland where they, too, lovingly restored a family homestead. The two contribute greatly to Orland with their volunteer work with the cemetery and with the lighting of the luminaries during the holiday season and staging the annual Orland River Day."

"What is interesting to me is the challenges both couples have endured. These challenges have not brought on the "woe is me" mindset. If anyone had reason to not give back to their communities, these two couples would fit that bill. Instead they do give back, and I am proud to call both couples my friends."

Lucy Webb Hardy
Wells, ME

Thank you . . .

to everyone who contributed to this brief respite from dreariness and confusion. The human spirit lives!

Many small newspapers, both weeklies and dailies, have died quiet deaths or been absorbed by larger media groups in recent years. Our loyal readers and advertisers help us to endure amid the turmoil.

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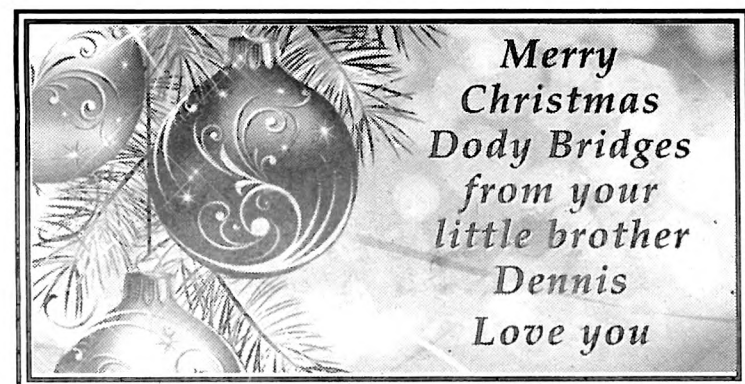
"Among the little acts that lighten our days, Donnalyn at Northern Light physical therapy, on Main Street, Bucksport, in addition to being helpful in other ways, keeps a dish of chocolate treats beside the reception window."

Sharon Bray, Orland

"2020 was blessed with technology that has allowed people to connect, that even a few years back would not have been possible.

"2020 also has taught us not to take things for granted, and to be thankful."

Pastor Peter Remick,
Bucksport Methodist Church



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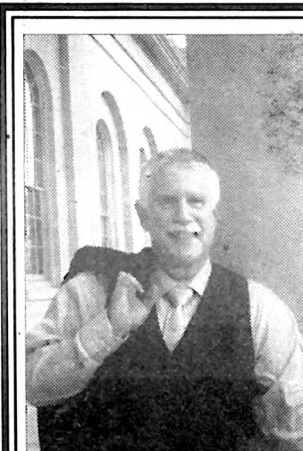
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OBITUARIES

Clayton Owen Wadsworth, 1929 - 2020

ORLAND — Clayton Owen Wadsworth, 91, passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020. He was born on June 5, 1929 in Union, the son of Lottie and Harold Wadsworth.

Clayton was called to the field of ministry shortly before serving as a medic in US Army during the Korean Conflict.

During his time in Korea, he ministered to many Korean people. He pastored the Full Gospel Deliverance Church on Cape Jellison for 34 years. For 55 years, he was a florist for many residents of Bucksport and the surrounding communities.

Clayton is survived by his two loving daughters, Joy Russell and husband Will and Gale Wadsworth; a grandson, Parker Russell, and wife

Dawn; two great-grandsons, Ryan Russell and Hayden Russell; and siblings, Malcolm Wadsworth, Beulah Colby and husband

Norman, and Dennis Wadsworth. He also leaves many nieces' nephews and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Martha, a sister Viva and a brother Arlo; and sister-in-law Orlene Wadsworth.

There was never a day that Clayton was not preaching the goodness of God. Even in his dying days, he was still making sure people knew the plan of Salvation.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

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Clayton Owen Wadsworth



James Arthur Given, 1961 - 2020

VERONA ISLAND — James Arthur Given, 59, of Verona Island, passed away on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at the Eastern Maine Medical Center after a brief illness.

He was born on Sept. 5, 1961, the first child of Eleanor M. Given and the late Francis J. Given. He was named after his late uncle, James Arthur Given Jr., a posthumous purple heart recipient for his service in World War II.

Jim was raised in South Portland and known in his youth as a gifted singer and trumpet player. Upon graduation, Jim proudly served in the United States Navy as an electronics technician aboard the *USS Luce (DDG-38)*, before returning home to Maine.

Jim's work as a paving block contractor eventually brought him to South Carolina, where he met his former wife, Lynne Kerrigan Given. They had three children, Christopher and Matthew, seniors at Louisiana Tech University, and Nicholas, a sophomore at Louisiana State University. All three inherited their father's kindness, sense of humor, and intellectual curiosity. Jim treasured every moment with his sons, and was extremely proud of their many academic, musical and athletic achievements.

Returning to Maine once again, Jim described the "kind Providence" that led him to Karin Elise (Niidas) McKeen. They quickly fell in love and were married in the summer of 2011. Jim felt blessed to share his life with Karin on Verona Island, enjoying the tranquil woods behind their home and the beautiful rocky shore where the Penobscot River flows into the bay.

His greatest joys were holiday and summer visits with his children and stepson, Seth McKeen.

A skilled carpenter and craftsman, Jim was

constantly working on one home improvement project or another. He never achieved a degree but amassed many college credits in math and science, and was a voracious reader of classics, philosophy and history.

He recently began writing, intending to explore his diverse life experiences and academic interests. Jim loved playing cribbage, chess, Scrabble, darts, ping-pong, and pool, at which he was often masterful, much to his brothers' irritation. He will be remembered for his warmth, sharp wit, quickness to laugh, and an occasional stubborn streak.

Jim is survived by his wife, Karin, of Verona Island; by his children, Christopher, Matthew, and Nicholas; former wife, Lynne Kerrigan Given, all of Shreveport, LA; and stepson, Seth McKeen, of Manhattan Beach, CA.

Jim was pre-deceased by his father, Francis Given; and is survived by his mother, Eleanor Given, of South Portland; brothers Joseph, of Portland; John and wife Nancy Cotton, of Los Angeles; Jeffrey and fiancée Beatriz Colina, of River View, FL; sister Deborah, of Saco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial will be planned for the summer of 2021.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a donation in Jim's name to:

- Bucksport Community Concerns, P.O. Box 603, Bucksport, ME 04416, or
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James Arthur Given

— Thank you —

Thank You

The family of Geoffrey Hauger would like to thank all our friends, neighbors, classmates and extended family for all your acts of kindness during our loss. Special thanks to Kindred Hospice. All the cards, food, calls and visits were greatly appreciated.

Bucksport Senior Center menus

BUCKSPORT — Here are the menus for the take-out and delivered meals offered three times a week by the Bucksport Senior Center. The meals are \$6 each and are available to anyone within ten miles of the center, regardless of age or income. Call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal.

- **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 observed.

• **Monday, Dec. 28** - Chicken alfredo, broccoli, and a cookie

• **Wednesday, Dec. 30** - Pot roast and gravy, mashed potato, corn and fruit.



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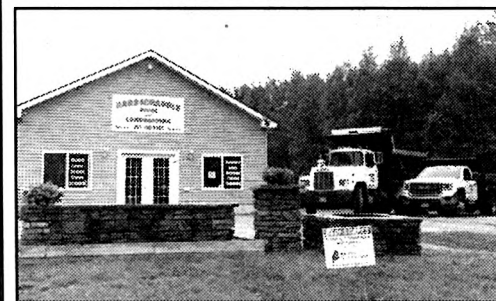
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Two arrested, third cited after Route 1 incident

BUCKSPORT – A seemingly routine call about a vehicle on a lawn front on U.S. Route 1 early Saturday ended up with two arrests and a third person receiving a court summons.

The officer investigating the situation shortly after midnight arrested two men on alleged probation offenses and various drug charges.

Booked at the jail about 3 a.m. were Adam Saucony, 27, of Perry and Kenneth Joseph Gallant, 35, of Bangor. Each also was charged with unlawfully possessing scheduled drugs. Gallant also was charged with causing criminal mischief.

Ashley Doucette, 27, of Bangor was given the summons for allegedly being present when the drugs were found.

Jail data tallied

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

- Matthew David Carter, 42, of 114 Central St., Bucksport was sentenced to two days in the county jail. He was jailed for violating the terms of his bail set in an earlier case and driving while under the influence of alcohol.

- Tyler Poole, 29, of Mercer Lane in Bucksport, was arrested at his home about 9:45 p.m. on Dec. 9, charged with two counts of allegedly violating the terms of his bail in an earlier case. He was taken to the county jail.

- Frederick E. Herbest, 55,

of 10 East Side Drive on Verona Island was stopped on the Millvale Road about 4:15 and was at the jail about 8 p.m. on Saturday. He was arrested in Bucksport for allegedly illegally possessing methamphetamine. He also was charged with driving with a suspended license, and criminal driving after a license suspension or revocation. He posted bail, and was released.

- Mariah E. Larson, 32, of 125 Broadway in Bucksport was arrested in Bucksport about 10 p.m. and was booked at the jail about 10 p.m. that night. The arrest came as the result of a warrant alleging a failure to be in court for a hearing on an earlier charge.

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Accidents - Deer

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Accident

BUCKSPORT – Jonathan Geagan, 26, of Bucksport lost control of his vehicle while driving on the Millvale Road, and it came to rest in a ditch. The accident occurred shortly before noon on Dec. 9.

- Vehicles being driven by David Littlefield, 39, and David Boyle, 66, both of Bucksport, collided at the intersection of Pine and Pond streets about 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 7.



Compiled from official reports and interviews with police and fire personnel.

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were issued here:

- Christopher Buxton, 30, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly driving at more than 20 miles an hour above the posted limit on a section of Central Street. He was stopped about 3 p.m. on Saturday.

- Ashley Cohen, 33, of Bucksport was stopped on Nicholson Avenue about 8 a.m. on Dec. 7, and was cited for reportedly failing to heed a stop sign.

Thefts reported

BUCKSPORT – Someone stole some parts from a vehicle parked off State Route 46. The theft was reported on Sunday afternoon.

In other incidents:

- A Pine Street resident reported two packages were delivered to her home, but apparently someone took them. She reported the loss on Dec. 9.

- The theft of some packages from a porch was investigated on Dec. 8, but the packages later were located.

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT – The police looked into a complaint that a promised refund from the Spring Fountain Inn never was sent, but the charge remained on a credit card. There were indications that the matter may be resolved shortly, a police spokesman said.

HANCOCK COUNTY COURTS

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

- Wendy J. Lynds, 47, Dedham. Driving while under the influence of alcohol at Penobscot, Oct. 5, 2019. \$500. License suspended 150 days.

- Amanda Rooney, 40, Brooksville. Driving after an habitual offender license revocation at Penobscot, Sept. 30, 2019. Dismissed. Driving without a license at Penobscot, Sept. 30, 2019. Jail 15 days.

- Jordan M. Gross, 26, East Orland. Driving while under the influence of alcohol at Gouldsboro, Aug. 29, 2019. \$500. Jail two days. License suspended 150 days. Operating while license suspended or revoked-Driving while under the influence at Gouldsboro, Aug. 9, 2019. Dismissed.

- Dale E. Hooper Jr., 38, Blue Hill. OUI (alcohol) at Orland, May 31, 2019. \$850. License suspended 150 days.

- Shelby Tapley, 25, Waldo. Aggravated trafficking of scheduled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 9,

2019. Dismissed. Two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. Dismissed. Unlawful possession of scheduled drug at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. \$400. Jail 364 days, all but seven days suspended. Probation one year. Possession of hypodermic apparatuses at Verona Island, Aug. 9, 2019. \$400. Suspended \$400.

- Amanda Rooney, 40, Brooksville. Operating after habitual offender revocation at Penobscot, Sept. 30, 2019. Dismissed. Operating a vehicle without a license at Penobscot, Sept. 30, 2019. Jail 15 days. Restitution \$116.

- Ronald Robinson, 63, Bucksport. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 2019. \$250. Suspended \$250. Operating a vehicle without a license at Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 2019. Dismissed. Failing to make oral or written accident report at Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 2019. \$300. Jail 48 hours. Failing to notify of motor vehicle accident at Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 2019. \$150. Suspended \$150. Jail 48 hours. Attaching false plates at Ellsworth, Nov. 8, 2019. Dismissed.

- Wayne D. Hanscom Sr., 48, Verona Island. Motor vehicle speeding over 30 miles per hour over the posted limit at Verona Island, Nov. 27, 2019. Dismissed.

- Wilbur Rytke, 46, Bucksport. Prohibited contact with person under 14 at Bucksport, Nov. 6, 2019.

- Ruth H. Rollins, 56, Orland. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer at Ellsworth, Dec. 2, 2019. \$300.

- Stephen Klenowski, 29, Bucksport. Operating while license is suspended or revoked at Bucksport, Nov. 25, 2019.

- Dawna Ashy, 56, Orland. Negotiating a worthless instrument at Bucksport, June 17, 2019. Dismissed. Driving while license suspended or revoked at Ellsworth, Jan. 16, 2020.

- William H. Pressey, 67, Bucksport. Criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon at Bucksport, Jan. 16, 2020. Assault at Bucksport, Jan. 16, 2020. 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. \$250.

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More trash talk

Riding behind a trash truck one frosty morning this week provided a reminder of how vital those who handle our rubbish are to our society. As the truck rolled along, the helpers leaped off, their breath forming steam in the chilly air, as they poured still more rubbish into the hopper.

Take away those who process the stuff and our world would collapse under a mound of dirty, smelly, disgusting stuff.

All of this leads us to again ponder the subject most of us ignore. We want to recycle, and we like to see the discarded stuff put to good use - including using it to generate electricity. However, that's easier said than done.

The Penobscot Energy Recovery Co. (PERC) incinerator has been making electricity for years, and the company needs all the fuel it can gather. The plant also produces jobs, including some held by Bucksport-area residents, and it pays huge taxes to Orrington.

However, the company's latest foray into testing whether it can successfully process rubbish from Ireland or elsewhere overseas took a bad turn when two bales of the compressed stuff fell into the Penobscot River last week as a freighter was being unloaded in Searsport. The bales broke apart, and some 8,000 pounds of well-sorted waste sank in the water. A couple of days later, the lighter plastic began to float.

The debris came ashore on a high tide, littering over a half-mile of coastline. Clean Harbors was called in to cope, but it took a group of environmentally-oriented volunteers to pluck some 5,000 pounds of stuff from the frozen shoreline landscape.

Those responsible for the shipment of such stuff - on both sides of the Atlantic - have, pardon the expression, got to clean up their act. They also need to be more candid with the public about what they're doing and why they're doing it.

The residents on the main drag in Orrington have put up with a lot through the years, especially on hot, muggy days or when there's a downdraft or no draft at all from the incineration. We appreciate that usable stuff is not being dumped in landfills, but we ought not to depend on the tides to tell us there's something rotting from Ireland or any other country. That's especially true in a river so many decades that we have tried to clean up and restore for the future.



LETTER . . . to the editor

Reducing racism

To the editor,

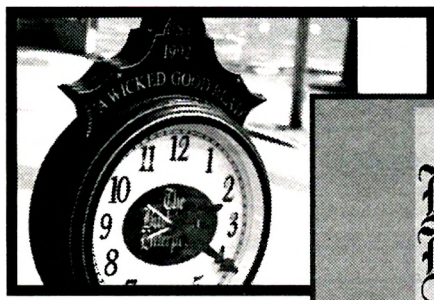
In response to a letter in the Dec. 10 paper, I'd like all your readers to understand and every Black Lives Matter (BLM) activist in know the greater Bucksport-Orland area has a history of service to the towns and to helping neighbors.

We all volunteer for organi-

zations that meet essential needs of others.

The local BLM group recently donated a much-needed supply of diapers and other personal health paper goods to local food pantries. Through our actions, we contribute to reduction of racism and strive to eliminate such hatred.

Sharon Bray
Orland



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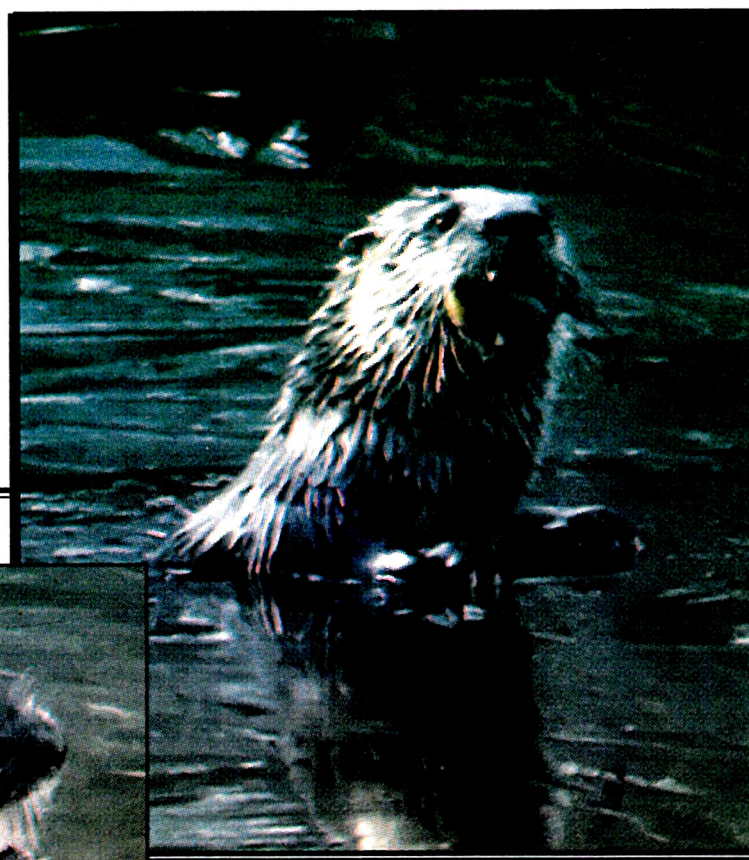
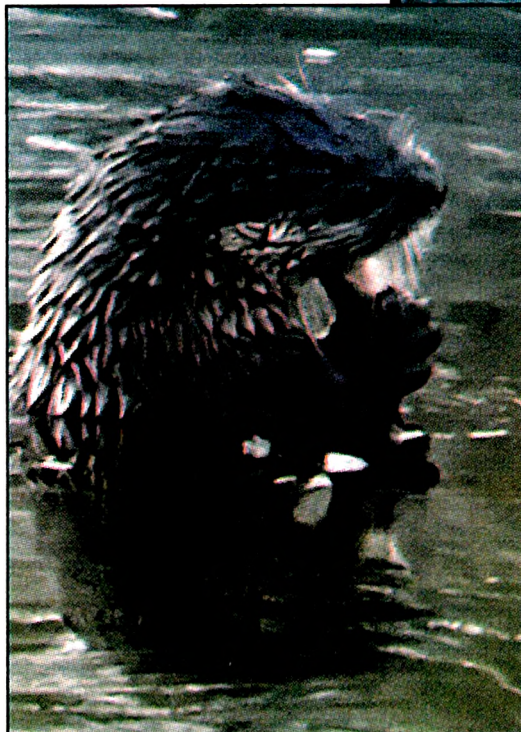
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This otter must have a press agent. The day after Emeric Spooner submitted these shots, Karen Cullen sent in three more. Same animal; same location, the swampy area just below the Silver Lake dam. Both photographers shot from the same site, the causeway, as the otter would punch holes in the thin ice to come up for air after deep diving to snare another fish. Sushi bar, otter-style. The photographers had to anticipate which hole the otter would emerge from next, sort of a whack-a-mole exercise with the playful otter.

— Whole Oceans

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Whole Oceans wants to raise up to 50,000 metric tons of Atlantic salmon here.

The company reportedly has moved ahead on buying the ten acres, but must go before the Bucksport Planning Board and DEP for amendments to its earlier permits. The Town Council and town manager last week indicated they are prepared to endorse the expanded project.

The firm relocated to a small office on Main Street here after being in Portland.

The proposed site expansion includes a wharf with a warehouse and other waterfrontage, where it will gain deep water access to the former paper mill's intake and out take pipes under the river.

The expansion, first publicly announced on Thursday (12/19), seemed to have immediate support from the town manager and most, if not all, of the town councilors at a meeting that evening.

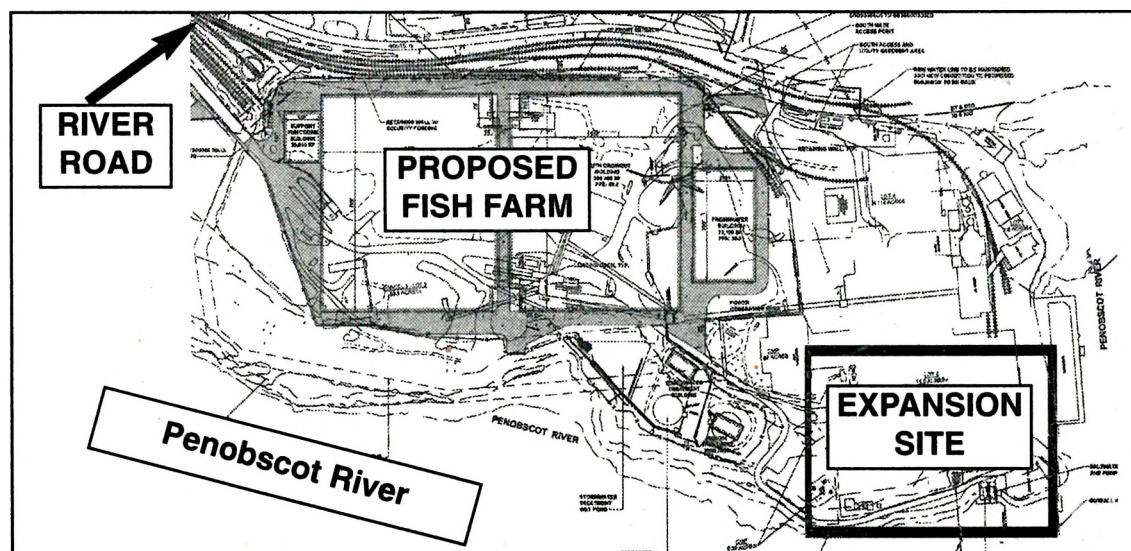
"Whole Oceans continues to demonstrate its commitment to the Town of Bucksport through its significant investment in our community," Town Manager Susan Lessard said in a prepared statement released by the company. "We look forward to working with them and exploring what this lat-

est purchase means for the company and the community. The frequently delayed start of serious construction now is expected to start in the spring, Whole Oceans officials said.

The on-shore plant and its development are said by the company to be an investment of roughly a quarter of a billion dollars, and result 90,000 square feet (two-plus acres) over a site comprising of nearly a million square feet.

The company first said it expected to have the on-shore salmon farm substantially complete or nearly ready for fish production by now. The company has said the waste portions of the protein-rich fish will be taken out of Bucksport. Although the amount of waste should be reduced by its use in various byproducts.

The proposed expansion site has been used extensively in the past for a variety of industrial purposes. The soil apparently has been determined to have been disturbed on multiple occasions for industrial purposes. As a result, the environmental engineering study paid for by Whole Oceans concluded the overall paper mill site apparently qualifies for clearance by state environmental officials for yet another redevelopment. The site has been used industrially for over 150 years.



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