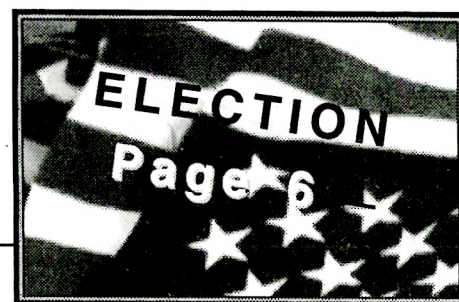


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Police, fire units merging

BUCKSPORT — Fresh from two meetings with the police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians and emergency dispatchers, the town manager tonight (10/24) will detail her plans for merging the agencies.

With Police Chief Sean Geagan at the helm in the newly established post of public safety director, the two departments each will continue to have its own management structure.

The Town Council tonight will take up a measure to make that happen.

Key personnel will receive raises and another firefighter will be added.

PLEASE SEE SAFETY, PAGE 4.

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New price begins next week

Beginning next week, the newsstand price of *The Bucksport Enterprise* will become \$1. This is the first increase in the price in well over a decade.

The subscription prices will remain unchanged until at least the start of the new year.



GHOSTPORT

EVERY COFFIN needs an occupant: One of those involved in Saturday's Coffin Race — part of the Ghostport activities—sits back and relaxes before taking a rockin' and rollin' ride down Main Street, propelled by a four-human powered "engine".



— More on Page 7

THE LINE of those waiting to pick up entire trunk-loads of sugary treats went on and on. Here, a very small portion of that line waits patiently next to the Bucksport mural on the wall below the Camden National bank branch.

ENTERPRISE PHOTOGRAPHY BY DON HOUGHTON

Pool panel surveys options

BUCKSPORT — With voters to be asked in a dozen days if they're willing to spend up to \$1 million in locally raised money to replace the municipal swimming pool, a new Town Council-sanctioned committee is taking a fresh, last-minute look at the options.

Led by newly-reappointed Town Councilor David G. Keene, the group of volunteers, brings decades of experience in plumbing and engineering to the task.

However, as they prepared to gather last night (10/23) for a status report, their work could complicate how voters will cast their ballots on Nov. 5.

In a last-minute statement issued at noon yesterday, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard underlined the options for the pool, from replacing to repairing to delaying the project. (See Lessard's statment in full on Page 12.)

Lessard said that the panel's "information will be made available prior to the election and if there is an interim option, residents can decide whether they wish to see a new facility, one that is a more interim solution, or no pool at all."

Keene is suggesting there may be some far-less-costly alternatives than a new pool.

PLEASE SEE POOL, PAGE 5.

Land under the river

Whole Oceans gets vital lease

BUCKSPORT — The Whole Oceans has leased some small but vital pieces of property under the Penobscot River to carry out its on-shore salmon raising operations.

The underwater lots will allow Whole Oceans to use the pipes installed by the former paper mills operators to both

take in water and to flush water back into the river.

While the leases are vital, the actual groundbreaking apparently now has been delayed once again, this time until spring. Earlier, the plan was to start turning over the ground nearly a year ago, and most recently the serious site preparation was planned for this fall.

The new leases with the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands run through 2034.

Whole Oceans now legally can flush 18.6 million gallons of filtered water a day into the river, in return for paying the

state less than \$400 a year.

The current owner of the property, an affiliate of American Iron & Metal (AIM), Bucksport Mill LLC, will get \$150 annually.

Another Maine Department of Environmental Protection permit is being sought by the end of next month.

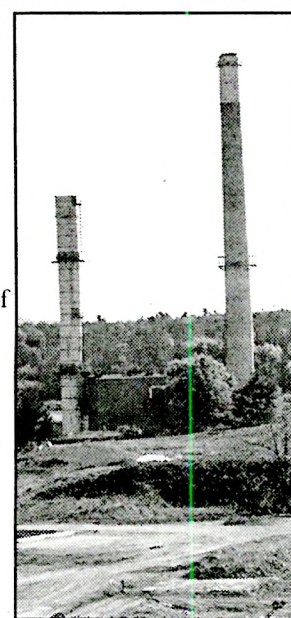
That permit would trigger the issuance of a local building permit for the \$179 million project off the River Road.

Not with a whimper, but a REALLY BIG BANG!

BUCKSPORT — The tallest of the paper mill stacks tentatively has been scheduled to come crashing down on Tuesday.

However, the exact time of the explosion has not been publicly disclosed as of press time.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard is encouraging people to gather at Fort Knox in Prospect for the best - and safest - view.



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New Listing

Prospect—Welcome to the Bowden Point Subdivision. This investment includes partially cleared & wooded lots located on the Penobscot & Marsh Rivers. Offering a combined 3,650' of water frontage with 34 individual surveyed lots totaling 75.51+/- acres. Lots have been soil tested and are ready for development with underground power, multiple roads and more. This development includes much privacy while only 10 minutes from local shopping and a short commute to Bangor, Belfast & Ellsworth. Don't miss out on this investment opportunity!
Call Dan Burpee 735-5337 \$275,000



New Listing

Swanville—This beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home sits on 2 secluded acres. While only 15 minutes from Belfast and 2 minutes to Swan Lake and the local store, relish in the privacy of the Maine woods with no neighbors in sight. Enjoy a smooth commute to work as the Nickerson Road has just been freshly paved this summer. The 2nd floor offers a master suite with built-in closets and attached bathroom. Come enjoy the quiet nights around the campfire light before it is too late!
Call Kyle McGeechan 294-0049 \$174,900



Price Reduced

Orland—Enjoy privacy and quiet in this log home on 1 acre. Rustic setting set off the main road. First floor bedroom, bath and laundry with 2 rooms upstairs to be set up as additional bedrooms. Enjoy your fieldstone fireplace and antique wood stove inside and sitting on the porch to watch the deer outside. Conveniently located near Ellsworth, Blue Hill & Bucksport and less than an hour to Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor
Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$159,500



Development Opportunity

Bucksport—Development opportunity with multi-use potential! Prime location on Main Street adaptable to commercial/residential use w/spectacular views of historic Fort Knox & the Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory. Accessibility to shopping, restaurants, & the town Riverwalk offers attractive amenities for your project. Surveyed & cleared w/public water, sewer, 3 phase power & natural gas available at site. Town owned property offers incentives depending upon project.
Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$110,000



New Listing

Verona Island—This charming, fully renovated 2 bedroom 1.5 bath cottage is conveniently located on Verona Island. The cook's kitchen features stainless appliances, quartz countertops, a beautiful tile backsplash and a stainless steel farm sink. The luxurious baths feature gorgeous tile work and lovely new fixtures. In addition, the house features new windows, plumbing, electric, flooring, sheetrock, and heating. Seasonal water views and a 2 car garage that provides potential for a third bedroom complete the picture. Historic Bucksport and Fort Knox are nearby, as are beautiful Sandy Point Beach and many other recreational opportunities.
Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$119,900



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PENDING!

Orland—A true gem with a historic past! This 3 Bedroom 1.5 bath Colonial is set on a charming sun filled lot with expansive views of the river and all of the activity along it. Watch the wildlife on both the fresh river side of the dam as well as the saltwater side from closer to the water than any new build would allow! There are bold eagles, seals, osprey, and deer! Owned for over 60 years by the family of Captain Fred Woods, the owner of the Stephen Laber. While the home's historical qualities have been retained, the infrastructure has been updated to be energy efficient with lower than normal utility expenses with a low reliance on oil fuel.
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$154,900



SOLD!

Orland—Summer fun! This 2 Bedroom plus a sleeping loft, 1 Bath home sits 40' off the shore of Toddy Pond. Amenities include a 2 car garage, newer aluminum dock system and a standing seam metal roof. Toddy Pond is a 9 mile long pond allowing recreational opportunities in every season. Property to convey furnished, just bring your bathing suit!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$264,900



PENDING!

VERONA ISLAND—One floor living! This 3 Bedroom 1 Bath Cape is set on a 1.25ac lot located minutes from downtown Bucksport. Amenities include an oversized 2 car garage with a partially finished room above, a screen porch and wood floors. The home has replacement windows, vinyl siding and a paved driveway. The backyard is fenced in for the pets in your life! Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$174,900



Sunny 3BR/2BA

Bucksport—Great Contemporary home with many updates. This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home sits on a 11.9ac lot with trails and great hunting. Recent improvements include Brazilian cherry flooring, hardwood in the master bedroom as well as a new 3rd bedroom. The roof was replaced in 2017 and a finished room in the basement was added in 2018 including a wood stove. Great deck for summer entertaining. Enjoy good natural light with a short commute to Bangor or minutes to Bucksport. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$199,900



SOLD!

Bucksport—Privacy! This 2 Bedroom 1.5 Bath Cape has been constructed with quality in mind. Amenities include Hot Water Baseboard heat, central air conditioning and a generator for the unexpected. Enjoy one floor living including first floor laundry. Spend summer afternoons on the patio or take a walk in the 9.7ac of land included. Need more space? The home was constructed with growth in mind, finish off the second floor adding two bedrooms and a bath. 4 Bedroom septic system is in place. Room for a growing family!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$259,900



New Listing

Sedgwick—Affordable! This 2/3 Bedroom 1 Bath Colonial is set on a manageable lot with lots of sunshine. Recent improvements include a new roof, heating system, water heater and well. Additionally, the wiring has been updated and the home insulated. Less than 15 minutes to the village of Blue Hill. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$98,500

Saving floating history

BELFAST — The *USS Sequoia*, the 94-year-old presidential yacht has been brought here for a complete stern to bow restoration.

Billed as “the floating White House,” arrived here this week, the *Sequoia* is a national historic landmark.

Built in 1925 of long-leaf yellow pine, mahogany and teak, the once mighty ship arrived aboard a tug pushed and pulled barge. It will sail out in all of its original glory.

The yacht most recently was in Cambridge, MD, occupied by a family of pesky racoons.

The vessel now is owned by the Equator Capital Group.

The reworking of the once-proud yacht by French & Webb could take up to four years.

The *Sequoia* served every

US president from Herbert Hoover through Gerald Ford.

President John Kennedy celebrated his 46th and final birthday aboard the yacht, accompanied by First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy, jubilant friends and two orchestras.

President Roosevelt hosted the British prime minister on it to discuss the Depression and ways to avoid war with Hitler's Germany.

A melancholy President Nixon played “*God Bless America*” on the on-board piano after deciding to resign over Watergate.

And, while aboard *Sequoia*, President Lyndon Johnson pressured members of Congress to pass landmark civil rights legislation and plotted his next moves in Vietnam.

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New Listing!

Holden: Spectacular views at this 4 bedroom colonial situated on 5.03 country acres. Spacious and fully appointed kitchen with open floor plan to dining room and living room. Wander out on your back deck to enjoy the wildlife, garden and the views. Full walk-out basement ready for you to finish! 2-car attached garage. Call to see today!
\$345,500



Bucksport: Ranch situated on a private 2.7 acre county lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, new kitchen to include granite countertops, all new floors throughout. New metal roof and new furnace. Call to see today!
\$109,900



Bucksport: Great investment property in excellent condition! Ready to move in with your business on the main level and live on the second floor in your 3-4 bedrooms, large kitchen, dining room area. New windows, beautiful character with stained glass window in front of building. Natural gas heat. Lots of parking. Views of the Penobscot River! Schedule a showing today!
\$250,000



Orland: Contemporary with 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor plan, great for entertaining. 28x29 huge family room with wood stove. Sliding door to 3 season glassed-in sun room. Pool room is 48x26 heated indoor, inground pool, hot tub & full bath (for added fun)! Beautifully landscaped yard. 2 car attached garage! Take note workshop 24x18 has an electric sub panel! Call for showing today.
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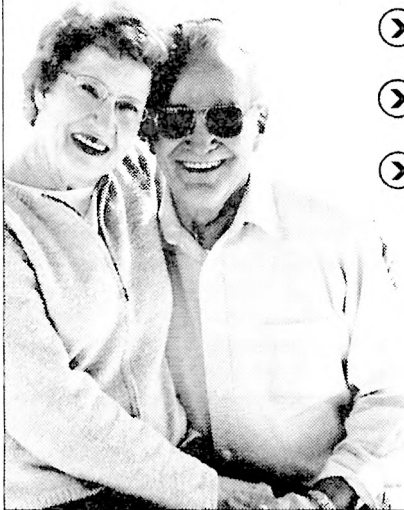
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LAWRENCE WAHL, left,
accepts a certificate of appreciation from Ashley Coombs.

THANK YOU! — The folks who for decades have toiled to preserve the historic **Old Yellow Schoolhouse** on State Route 46 recently offered their thanks to Lawrence Wahl for donating an antique stove to replace the one that heated the

building for so many years.

While a life-saver in its day, the old wood-burning device no longer could safely heat the town's last vestige of the one-room schoolhouse era.

PLAN AHEAD! — It's not too early to think about **The Great Holiday Parade!** With the entries — and enthusiasm — for the annual illuminated roll down Bucksport's Main Street, all potential participants hereby are alerted to the date for this year's ooohs-and-ahhhs extravaganza: Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

It's time to think about screwing in some of those light bulbs.

SIPPIN' — They'll be a free pouring of Spanish and Portuguese wines on Saturday from 5 to 6 p.m. at the **BookStacks** shop on Main Street.

There also will be some home-made yummys to help cleanse the palate.

WELCOME! — **Jenn and Richard Freilino Vorwerk** announce the birth of their son, **Adrian Paul**, born Sept. 29 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Adrian weighed 7 lbs. and 13 oz.

His proud grandma is **Sharon Freilino** of Orland and his great-grandmother is **Doris Ellis** of Bucksport.

ON BOARD, The **RSU 25 School Board** has ratified these recent hirings by Supt. of Schools **James Boothby**:

- **Jillian Baker**, as a special education ed tech III at the G.H. Jewett School;
- **Kayla Harvey**, special education Tech at the G.H. Jewett School;
- **Cynthia Prosser**, Title I Ed Tech III (first year) at the Bucksport Middle School.
- **Abigail Cyr**, Ed Tech III, at the Miles Lane School;
- **Sean Kelly**, Ed Tech III at the Bucksport Middle School;
- **Alecia Smith**, ED Tech I at the

G.H. Jewett (three hours per day);

• Coaches/Co-Curricular: **Barry Terrill**, new athletic director at the Bucksport Middle School;

• Volunteers: **Seth Laplant**, boys soccer and **Breanna Coombs**, girls' soccer, both at the Bucksport Middle School.

• **Kristen Gaylord**, girls' soccer at Bucksport High School.

• **Deb Youcis** plans to retire at the end of the school year after serving as a teacher and literacy coach.

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE — If you have an interest in working with young people to make a positive change in the community, you might want to train as a **restorative justice** mentor.

Training in four sessions will be held in Ellsworth City Hall's conference room from 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and also on Nov. 6, 13 and 20.

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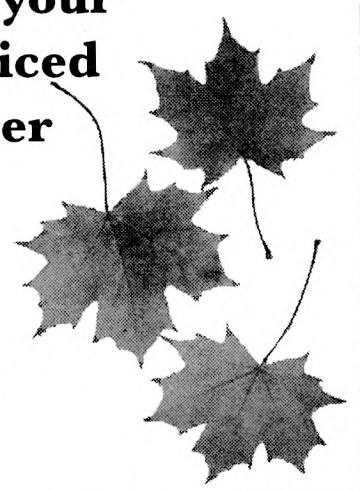
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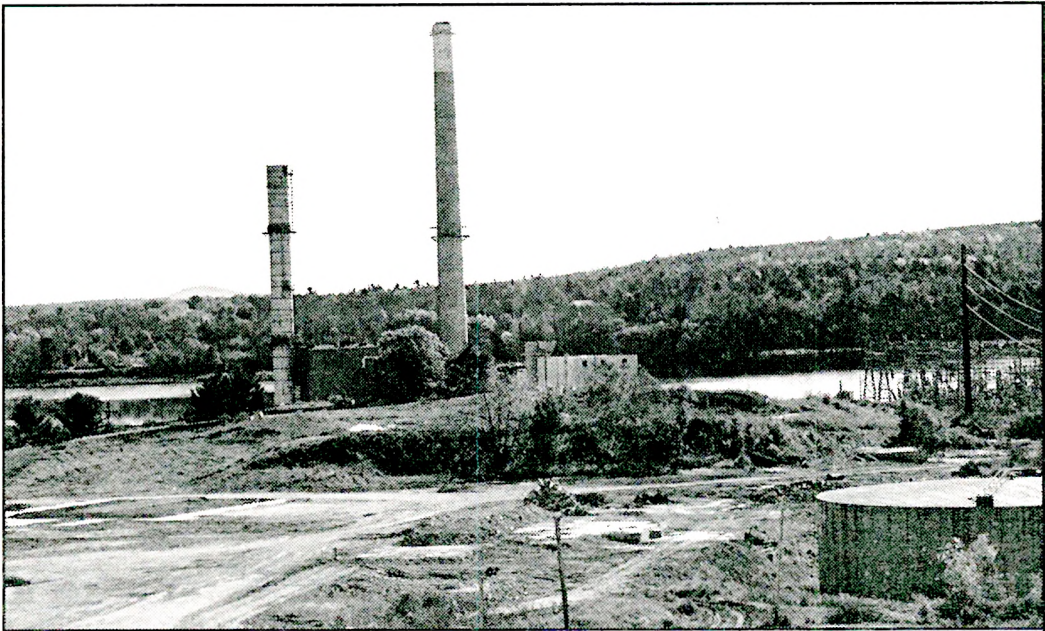
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Field of dreams?

The paper mill is all but gone and the River Road site has nearly been completely cleared. The tallest of the stacks will be demolished on Tuesday at a time to be announced. That will allow the generating station to be sold without that liability. The Maine Maritime Academy already is well underway in renovating the mill's former training center for its new mariners' safety school. Also, construction will begin on the on-shore Atlantic salmon hatchery in the spring.

PHOTO BY EMERIC SPOONER

First things first

Town officials are asking voters to buy something expensive, but without specifying exactly what they're asking them to buy. The Nov. 5 ballot includes two measures that never have been properly explained to the electorate.

The first seeks "up to" \$1 million to replace the municipal swimming pool, a project many people expect the voters will approve anyway. That's despite the fact that roughly half of the nine candidates for the Town Council say they haven't seen enough facts to back the idea and, in some cases, to confirm that a new pool is the only or best option.

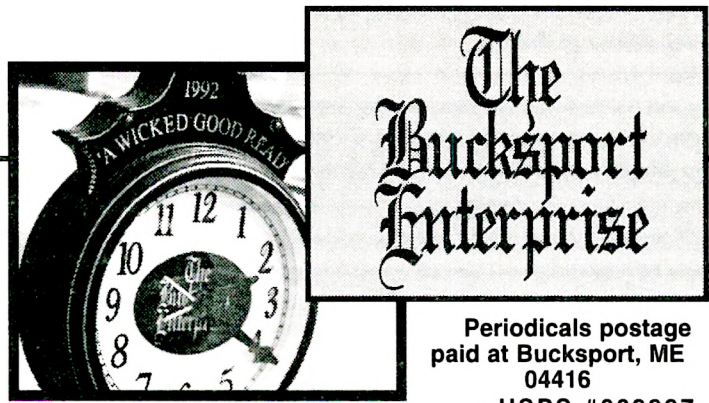
A committee led by former Mayor David G. Keene is gathering facts that may lead to a better option at far less cost.

Some also object to hanging a price tag on a project that hasn't even been designed yet. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has assured the council the project might be done for considerably less, and admits the \$1 million figure is but a guesstimate.

Would a savvy home or business owner tell a contractor how much they're prepared to spend before they've drawn up the specifications for what they want built?

The second referendum involves borrowing \$3 million for a three-year road repair and rebuilding blitz. Again, - until today's last-minute announcement in this newspaper - (See Page 12) - there's been no published plan of what would be done where. What are the detailed plans for the years after the borrowed cash runs out but the bond repayments of linger?

In both cases the town has had months to prepare detailed and sensible plans that most voters could enthusiastically support. Just saying "trust us" is not a plan.



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Letters . . . to the editor

Thanks, Larry Wahl

To the editor,

The board of trustees of the Buck Memorial Library extends its thanks and appreciation to Larry Wahl for his ten years of service as a trustee.

During his tenure he worked tirelessly to oversee the extensive renovations to the facade of the historic building, and spent many hours dealing with a myriad of tasks for the day-to-day operation of the library.

The board will greatly miss Larry's dedication and hard work and it was with deep regret that we accepted his resignation.

Valorie Schaffner,
for the board of trustees
Buck Memorial Library
Bucksport

Support Minott

To the editor,

Please allow me to add my voice to the many who have spoken in support of Nancy Minott for Town Council.

Nancy has really been a remarkable asset to our community. Always informed and caring in her teaching career and on a personal level, her tenure as the director of the Heart & Soul program for the last two years of their work brought her skills to the attention of the entire town, interacting with every aspect of our population, as she guided the Heart & Soul volunteers to a most successful conclusion of the first stages of their work.

Nancy is thoughtful, capable, organized and has excellent communication skills, all of which are necessary for public service, and as a council member, she will carefully and thoroughly consider the issues and opportunities being presented as Bucksport moves forward.

I urge my fellow Bucksporters to vote for Minott for Town Council. She'll do an excellent job.

Paula Kee
Bucksport

Minott fan

To the editor,

Nancy is running for a town council seat and I am supporting her for many important reasons. Bucksport is in a transition which requires a new look and new ideas if we are to excel.

After the mill closure, Bucksport sought to develop a plan to revitalize our town which once had plenty of economic prosperity. Bucksport Heart and Soul was created and as coordinator, Nancy listened to us to identify what we felt was important.

The more I consider this upcoming election, the more I realize how important it is to have elected officials who are knowledgeable and care about the issues we face. As a retired teacher and Heart and Soul coordinator, Nancy will bring a combination of intelligence and compassion to the job. I have found that she understands our town has much to celebrate with plans for business ventures in the works.

However, she knows how fragile the promise of prosperity is at this point and the importance to protect the essence of this town while preparing for progress. She also understands that not all of our friends and neighbors have or will feel the effects of prosperity unless they are included into

These are the final candidate endorsement "letters to the editor" for the current election cycle.

the discussion and their interests considered.

I believe Nancy will represent everyone in our town, from our youngest to our oldest family members and neighbors. I hope you too will consider voting for Nancy.

Michelle Rhodes
Bucksport

Minott backer

To the editor,

I strongly support the candidacy of Nancy Minott for Bucksport Town Council. I met Nancy when we worked together on the Bucksport Heart & Soul project and I have first-hand knowledge of the dedication she brings to any endeavor she undertakes. Nancy was the part-time paid coordinator of Heart & Soul, but she spent many, many hours "off the clock." She thoroughly researched and studied the guidelines for the Heart & Soul program and, as a Council member, would bring the same level of attention to detail regarding any decisions she would need to make. Nancy treats everyone with kindness and respect and is always ready to listen to all viewpoints. Nancy is thoughtful, smart and hard-working with a strong sense of integrity and she would make a wonderful Councilor.

Valorie Shaffner
Bucksport

Universal broadband

To the editor,

Unless the Internet suddenly disappears (and I hate to think how that might happen), it's safe to assume that we All will become more and more dependent on it, so ... given its importance ... why don't we have universal broadband in our homes and businesses?

Singapore, Sweden, Denmark and many others have much faster Internet service than we do. Their national commitment is clear: Spend now, so the path to the future is fast and smooth.

Because there's no TVA-style commitment in the USA for universal broadband, (and Congress is currently distracted) it's going to be up to state and local entities to figure out how to pay for the last mile of connectivity.

Clearly the need is there! Rural towns are poor and can't raise their tax rates to pay for fast internet speeds (which, in turn, attract new residents, support home-based businesses, allow seniors to get medical assistance at home).

So what is your community doing? Is it studying connectivity solutions?

Where do your local and state representatives stand on broadband access? If this is important to you, ask them

Maine Senate: (800) 423-6900
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For more information about broadband connectivity, check out ConnectME (maine.gov/connectme); Maine Broadband Coalition (mainebroadbandcoalition.org)

John Greenman
Orland

OBITUARY

Roland Chesler Gross, 1947 - 2019

STOCKTON SPRINGS — Roland Chesler Gross, 72, of Stockton Springs, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on the morning of Sept. 11, 2019.

"Pody", as he was known by family and many of his friends, served in the US Navy during the Vietnam conflict as a machinist mate aboard the *U.S.S. Ashtabula*. After his tenure in the Navy, he worked for several companies, most notably Don Lewis at NYLE



Corporation, where he provided quality wood kilns all over the United States.

Later, when he owned his own business, he continued to provide quality products not only for



Roland Gross

the lumber industry, but for many homes and businesses through out the local area.

Among his many hobbies, fishing was probably his favorite. Many trips up north were spent with friends and family chasing the elusive brook trout.

He is probably best known for his tinkering ability and could often be found at his shop, tinkering away at a project.

Roland is survived by his wife, Frances, of 41 years; his stepdaughter, Faye Bowden; stepsons: Joseph Dargon, Charles Dargon, and Scott Dargon; his brother, Bill Gross; stepbrothers, Glen and Scott Findlay; and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.



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— Municipal pool

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Until now Lessard has relied on two outside consultants to look at what would be involved in replacing the pool. Neither potential bidder for the designwork has offered a definitive cost estimate.

Having rejoined the council to fill a very brief vacancy, Keene suggested this month that a blue-ribbon group with plumbing credentials be allowed to take a new look at the old problem.

Previous efforts failed to end the flow of water from the pool, some costing thousands of dollars - failed.

Keene said he favors "pay as you go" municipal spending, and repairs may prove more cost-effective than replacing the pool.

In the interest of getting better, more-detailed information in front of the voters ASAP, Keene was authorized to take on the task.

While most of the nine candidates for the council slots on the Nov. 5 ballot said they expect the measure to pass, roughly half said they would prefer to get more information before they cast their own votes.

He met with water firm employees, the YMCA, those responsible for Brewer's municipal pool and others.

Keene also recruited several people to offer advice on what has been found - and, in his view, sometimes mistakenly mischaracterized about the current condition of the pool.

Last spring, the pool was closed for the summer after massive leaks of water were found despite previous efforts to solve the problem.

He said he has been looking at some of the seals which may have failed. Keene also said he does not believe the paved pool itself has structurally failed.

Some of the findings being discussed last night presumably will be shared when the council meets at 7 p.m. tonight (10/24).

About a year ago, the council balked at spending upwards of \$200,000 to add "splash pad" water attractions to the area around the pool. While most of the councilors liked adding the attractions for the youngest visitors to the pool, they said that was too much to spend.

— Safety

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The town still will have fire and police chiefs; they simply will be the same person: Geagan, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

Lessard met with the police and emergency dispatchers on Monday, and on Tuesday she went before the firefighters and EMTs. Both the full-time and reserve volunteer personnel were invited, and 21 showed up, the manager said.

The fire department has operated under the joint command of Deputy Chief Michael Denning and Capt. Christopher Connor since the retirement of Chief Craig Bowden.

Denning, who did not want the chief's job, will remain in charge of the operations of the fire department, while Det. Sgt. David Winchester, already the second in command of the police, will retain those duties under a new title. Lessard plans to give raises, but has not disclosed how much the four men will get.

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Also on the ballot

While Bucksport voters consider spending up to \$1 million already in the town's coffers to replace the swimming pool and borrowing \$3 million to help fix the local roads, voters across Maine will have two referendum questions on their ballots. Here's a capsule summary of those questions.

Meanwhile, Bucksport voters can continue to access the video of *The Bucksport Enterprise's* "Candidates' Forum" on their computers at any time of day every day. The instructions for doing that are on the town's website: www.bucksportmaine.gov.

This video also is on the Public Access Channel, 1303 for Spectrum customers. That schedule is 1 and 5 p.m.daily unless there is another scheduled Town Council or meeting during part or all of one of these times. The live local government meeting will be displayed instead.



Bucksport voters to decide two issues

BUCKSPORT — Here are the two ballot questions Bucksport voters will be asked to decide on Nov. 5:

Referendum # 1 — SWIMMING POOL

Shall the resolve entitled 'Replacement of Tim Emery Municipal Pool at a cost not to exceed \$1 million' be adopted? (Recommended by Town Council for passage.)

The Resolve reads as follows:

Whereas, the Town of Bucksport has maintained a municipal swimming pool for the use and enjoyment of its residents for nearly sixty years, and Whereas, the condition of the pool now requires it to be rebuilt, and Whereas, the estimated cost of the design, bidding, and construction of the pool is over \$250,000, and the Town Charter requires that all appropriations or borrowing over \$250,000 be submitted to the voters for approval, therefore Be it resolved by the Town Council in Council assembled to place a resolve on the November 2019 ballot for the purpose of authorizing the expenditure of up to \$1,000,000 for the design, bidding & construction of the Tim Emery Pool.

Financial Statement:

The cost of replacement of the Tim Emery Municipal Pool will be funded from the following: Swimming Pool Reserve \$30,000; Unappropriated Fund Balance \$970,000 TOTAL \$1 million.

NOTES

Question #1 - Pool — A 'Yes' vote will allow town officials to spend up to \$1 million to replace the swimming pool off Broadway. The town's reserves would be tapped for \$970,000 and the rest would come from pool reserves.

Question #2 - Roads — A 'Yes' vote will authorize town officials to issue \$3 million to repair and/or repave some of the town's roads. The money would be borrowed for 10 years, but spent in the first three years.

Referendum Question # 2 — ROADS


Shall the Resove entitled 'Borrowing up to \$3,000,000 for road repair' be adopted? (Recommended forpassage by the Town Council)

The resolve reads as follows: Whereas, the Town of Bucksport maintains more than 50 miles of local roadways, and Whereas, the condition of many roads has deteriorated and require pavement and repair, and Whereas, the Town wishes to do a three-year improvement plan to bring roads up to good condition and then maintain a road maintenance plan to keep them in good condition, and whereas, the estimated cost of the three-year project is \$3,000,000, and the Town Charter requires that all appropriations or borrowing over \$250,000 be submitted to the voters for approval, therefore be it resolved by the Town Council in council assembled to place a resolve on the November 2019 ballot for the purpose of borrowing up to \$3,000,000 for road repair over a three-year period as identified in the attached with a seven year repayment plan.

Financial statement

The bonded indebtedness for the Town of Bucksport as of June 30, 2019: Bonds outstanding and unpaid \$10,808,690. Interest to be paid on bonds previously issued through 2048 \$2,161,439.Total debt service on bonds previously issued \$12,970,130 Total bonds to be issued if referendum passes \$3,000,000 Estimated interest on new bond assuming a maximum rate of 3 percent and a 7 year maturity \$ 329,752. Total debt service on bonds to be issued \$3,329,752.

The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds in not affected by reason of the variance.



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Vote Joe Davanzo for Town Council

I am not against business, or change, it's a necessity of life. I believe though that a Town's progress to be successful, must include all aspects of the Town's life. 99% of Bucksport lies outside of Main Street. It has its own needs and priorities. Roads and low taxes to start. Just a small part of Bucksport is on the waterfront. Its beauty, combined with low taxes made many people move here. At the forum, all candidates were asked, if elected would they support declaring all of Main street from Mechanic street to the mill, a business district. I asked simply, is it the Council's intention to remove all of the private houses already there; and on the Bay side are we going to pay to fill and level the land for businesses. What of the beauty that is Bucksport. Once it is gone, it is gone forever. Meanwhile, there is plenty of open land on Rt.1 going out to Rt.46. We have a Performing Arts Center; that since BACAS has seen very little use as a cultural draw, a necessity for our youth's growth. Our Senior Center needs more programs, for us. Hey, Line Dancing anyone?

In fairness to all, my named is Joseph Davanzo and I am running for Town Council.

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State-wide referendum ballot questions

State of Maine — Here are the two questions which will be on all all of the Nov. 5 ballots:

Question 1: Bond Issue
Do you favor a \$105 million bond issue to build or improve roads, bridges, railroads, airports, transit and ports and make other transportation investments, to be used to match an estimated \$137 million in federal and other funds,

Total estimated life time

cost is \$133,875,000, representing \$105,000,000 in principal and \$28,875,000 in interest (assuming interest at 5 percent over ten years).

A "Yes" vote approves the issuance of up to \$105 million in general obligation bonds to finance transportation-related activities

A "No" vote opposes the bond issue in its entirety.

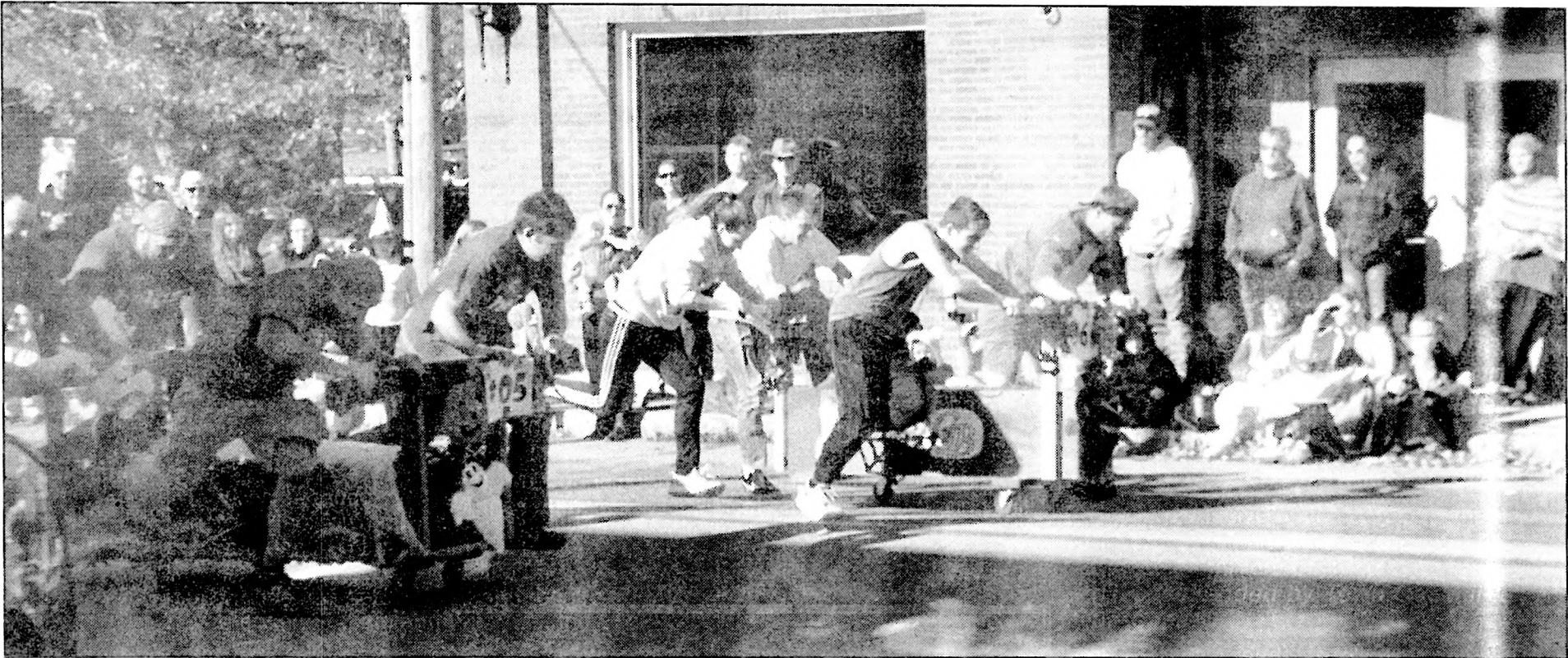
Question 2:
Constitutional Amendment

Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to allow persons with disabilities to sign petitions in an alternate manner as authorized by the Legislature?

A "Yes" vote approves adoption of the constitutional amendment.

A "No" vote opposes adoption of the constitutional amendment.

Ghostport — 2019

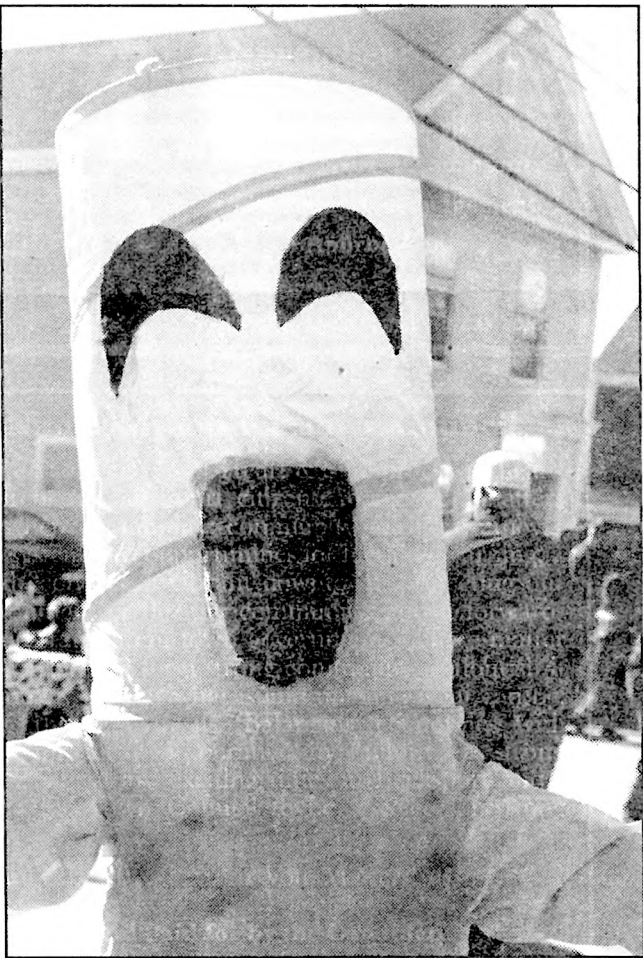


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— GROWING OLDER, BUT ALSO WISER —

Road trippin'

COMING UP — It's off to shop in Bangor on Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Older folks are being encouraged to sign-up at the Bucksport Senior Center for a trip for some last minute holiday shopping to Bangor!

The van will stop anywhere the group of passengers decides they'd like to go.

There's room for ten in the van, so anyone who is serious about going ought to sign up soon. The van will leave the senior center at 9 a.m.

There's no formal charge, but a \$5 gift to pay for the gas would be appreciated, and help keep the trips coming . . . or is it going?

Walkin' it off!

ONE FOOT AFTER THE OTHER — There's an indoor walking group gathering each Wednesday from 5 to 6 p.m. that meets in the YMCA fitness room

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Free programs

SENIOR FITNESS PROGRAM—

Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am-10:00am Jewett School Gym

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- More flexibility and range of motion
- Better sleep
- More feelings of happiness
- Sense of independence

SENIOR AQUA AEROBIC PROGRAM—

Tuesday and Thursday 8:30a.m.-9:30 a.m. Ongoing Class Program occurs off-site at our YMCA facility in Ellsworth, pre-registration required.

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

Calendar

COMING UP — Here's the calendar at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer

Broadway:

Mondays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Knitting and crocheting.
- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders exercise.
- 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Poker, hand and foot cards. Bridge games from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Tuesdays

- 5:45 to 8pm - Bingo
- 8 a.m. to 3p.m. - Day Quilters (1st Tuesday of month.)
- 10 a.m. Dove Cove group of the Maine Extension Homemakers Council on the second Tuesday of each month.

Wednesdays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- 12:15 to 2 p.m. - Scrabble.

Thursdays

- 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Bone Builders exercise
- 12:30 to 4 p.m. - Bridge.
- 5:30 to 9 p.m. - Poker and Scat/31 cards

Fridays

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.

Lunch menus

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

• **Friday, Oct. 25** — Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, snap peas and lemon squares.

• **Monday, Oct. 28** — Chicken cordon bleu, long grain rice, broccoli and cake.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 30** — Pot roast, mashed potatoes, carrots and a cookie.

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IN THE WORKS

. . . Weekly tidbits gleaned from the news

TOWN CITED — Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard** said that at the recent conference for the regional Heart & Soul organization in Essex, VT. Bucksport was hailed "as a rock star" when it came to small communities responding to an economic crisis.

In Bucksport's case, the crisis was the closing of the paper mill in 2014.

IT'S OFFICIAL! — The Town Council at its last meeting endorsed the town manager's hiring of Katlyn Howlett for a two-year term as Bucksport's assessor.

To have done otherwise would have been awkward, for the Hampden resident had begun working here on Monday of the week at which her appointment was endorsed. She was in the back of the Council Chamber, waiting to be introduced by Lessard.

GIVING A BREAK — The town manager has been asked to draft a proposed policy that would allow those who have fallen behind in their taxes or sewer payments as a result of extraordinary circumstances to come before the Town Council to seek relief - as long as they are making a sustained effort to get current with their bills. The move was triggered by a taxpayer who, despite a very prolonged illness, has been making

regular payments on her overdue obligations to the town. The woman had what she thought was a firm arrangement with a former town manager that allowed her to apply her payments to her past municipal charges.

However, over the years, the arrangement was not put in writing and the woman was unaware the interest on her debts was continuing to compound significantly. Town councilors through the years have sought to work with taxpayers who fall behind as long as they are making a good faith effort to get current on their bills. They universally have stated they don't want to seize anyone's property if something can be worked out. The new policy may make such an arrangement much clearer for the future. The council tonight is expected to discharge some of the liens against the woman's property.

GIFT — The town manager publicly acknowledged the gift of a piece of artwork done by the late Gretchen Gaffney, an item generously donated by Gretchen's husband, Tom.

Gaffney has been distributing artwork done by his wife, including gifts to the Buck Memorial Library, Lawrence Wahl, The Bucksport Enterprise and others.

— Friends & Family

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3.

For information about the new effort to reduce crime and the doing of harm or to register contact **Milissa LaLonde** at 469-2155 or on-line at milissa.lalonde@gmail.com or at 326-2027 or hccrb.rjp@gmail.com

GHOSTPORT— had great weather for the carved pumpkin contest. People's Choice Award had twice the voter turnout as last year. All eight winners received hand-made ribbons. The youngest was 3 years old among those who participated.

In the youth category: Most Traditional - sisters tie: **Kallihan**, 5, and **Evangeline Kohls**, 3; Funniest - **Ben Curtis**, 6; Scariest - **Dylan Wombacher**, 12 (Dylan is the reigning champion from last year; and Most Detailed- **Lily Therrien**, 12.

In the adult category: Most Traditional - **Kathryn Rowley**; Funniest - **Aryln Soper**; and Scariest - **Juliet Watkins**.

The winner of the People's Choice Category was Ben Curtis. That entry was the biggest pumpkin, and incorporated many smaller gourds in its funny face.

GRADUATED — U.S. Air Force Airman **Rigoberto C. Perez** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in San Antonio, TX.

By completing basic training Perez earns four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Perez, the son of **Sharon W. Perez** of Bucksport, Maine, graduated in June from Bucksport High School, Bucksport.

RAMPING UP — A ramp is being added to the side entrance of the **Heywood House** on Main Street to providing access to the three businesses in the building. The project is being

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BEN CURTIS, 6, wins the Peoples' Choice award.

underwritten, in part, by the **Town of Bucksport's** ADA financial assistance program.

FOR THE CHILDREN — The couple who staged a large haunted house in Penobscot last year, are doing it once again.

The house will be ready for the Halloween Night festivities on Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. It's free but any donations go to local children's activity programs.

This year the theme is based on the movie, *The Goonies*.

Carol Webb Cody spent months tracking down a mimeograph machine, a key prop for the haunted house. Her email is thegrosscodyfamily@aol.com, her cell number is 441-8659.

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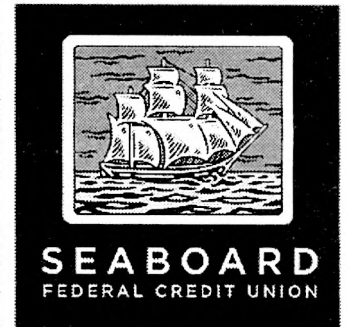
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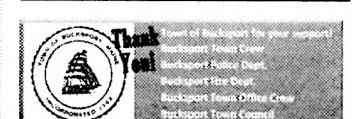
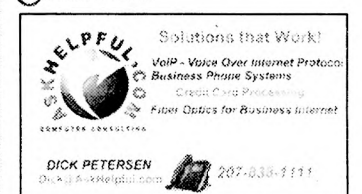
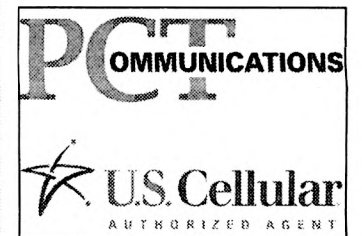


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Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH — These Bucksport-area residents or incidents resulted in bookings at the Hancock County jail:

- Christopher Paul Rigiero, 24, of 16 Mercer Lane.. Bucksport was arrested late Tuesday morning by a Bucksport police officer for violating the conditions of his bail in a prior case, engaging in a domestic violence assault and obstructing the reporting of a crime. He remained at the jail at mid-week.

- Jeremy Carr, 34, of Bucksport was arrested on two warrants after being stopped on U.S. Route 1 in Bucksport about 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 15. The Kennebec County warrants allege Carr twice violated a protective order.

- Ethan Dale Hopkins, 29, of 152 Leaches Point Road, Orland, was booked at the jail about 11:30 a.m. on Sunday after being arrested in Orland by a deputy sheriff for allegedly illegally possessing a scheduled drug; later posted bail and was released.

- Tara Lynn Norland, 38, of 95 Beechwood Lane, Orland was brought to the jail by a deputy sheriff about 6 p.m. on Saturday for reportedly being under the influence of alcohol while driving in Orland. She put up bail.

- Brandon Sheldon Ashby, 39, of Pembroke was booked shortly before 1 a.m. on Oct. 25 after being arrested in Bucksport for allegedly failing to pay a court fine or fee. He posted bail and was released.

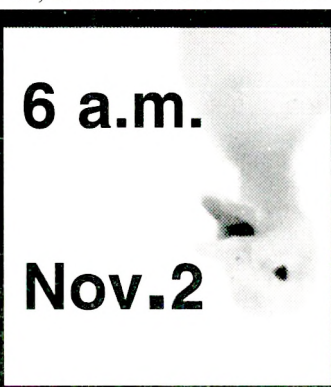
- Shane Lee Thibodeau, 69, of 24 Glory Drive, Orland was booked about 10 p.m. on Saturday after being arrested in Orland for engaging in disorderly conduct and fighting; posted bail, and was released.

- Dustin Michael Smith, 28, of 13 Seminary Road, Bucksport was brought to the jail about 5 p.m. on Oct. 6, after being arrested in Orland for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He posted bail.

- Zachary Davidson, 20, of Harpswell was arrested early Tuesday morning in Penobscot for driving while under the influence of alcohol. He later posted bail.

- Michael David Tower, Sr., 49, of Millinocket was brought to the jail early Friday (10/11) morning after being arrested in Penobscot. He was charged with criminal forfeiture and two counts of aggravated tricking in scheduled drugs.

- Also arrested in Penobscot that morning was Patrick Michael McMullin, 21, of Howland. McMullin



6 a.m.

Nov. 2

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



was charged with assault, aggravated assault, refusing to submit to arrest with the use of physical force and engaging in criminal mischief.

- Scott Matthew Brown, 49, of Castine Road, Castine was booked at the jail on Friday (10/11) after being sentenced to nine months in jail for unlawfully trafficking in scheduled drugs.

- Ethan Emery Moon, 27, of Castine on Tuesday was sentenced to seven months in jail for driving after having been adjudged an habitual offender twice in the past.

- Travis T. Whittesey, 36, of 108 Main Street, Bucksport was booked at the jail Thursday (10/10) about 1 p.m. for a court appearance.

Accidents -

BUCKSPORT — A 52-year-old Portage woman was severely injured when she lost control of a motorcycle at the cycle training school in the Bucksport industrial park here on Oct. 13.

Tammy Grace, was hurt shortly before 11:30 a.m. when her motorcycle went off the pavement and into a wooded area bordering the track.

She was taken to a hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries, a police spokesman said.

In other accidents:

- A trailer being pulled by a vehicle being operated by Gregory Pinkham, 43, of Bucksport struck and killed a deer on the River Road Saturday evening. The trailer was not damaged.

- Police received a late report of an accident in the lot at the Bucksport Square Apartments. On Sunday morning they were told a vehicle being driven by Joyce Philbrick, 65, of Bucksport struck a vehicle parked by Warren Giles, 46, of Bucksport.

- A vehicle being operated by Lillian Hydkins, 16, of Penobscot struck a vehicle parked on Evangel Way.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT — Here's the list of summonses issued here recently:

- Johanna Tapley, 28, of Orland was stopped on the River Road about 2:30 p.m. on Friday (10/18) and given a ticket for a vehicle inspection sticker infraction.

- Benjamin Parker, 19, of Brooksville allegedly was clocked on radar driving 64 miles an hour in a section of the River Road posted for no more than 50. He was stopped shortly before 1 a.m.

on Sunday.

- Cassandra Hubbert, 25, was cited for reportedly driving while also using a handheld electronic device. She was stopped about 8:30 a.m., Sunday.

- Melinda Doane of Bucksport got a ticket for reportedly reading while driving after being stopped on the River Road about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

- Daniel Bassler, 31, of Brooksville was issued a ticket for an alleged vehicle liability insurance violation. He was pulled over on U.S. Route 1 about 6 p.m. on Friday (10/18).

- Ellen Swift, 46, She was stopped on Franklin Street about 3:45 p.m. on Saturday. of Bucksport was cited for allegedly driving with an expired vehicle registration.

Theft reported

BUCKSPORT — A 1996 Evinrude boat motor was reported missing from a home in the Bucks Mills Road area. The theft was reported Oct. 14.

Weekly statistics

BUCKSPORT — The town's emergency medical personnel handled a dozen ambulance runs last week. Seven were to addresses in Bucksport and the rest to sites in Orland.

There were no fire calls, all in Bucksport.

Police responded to 75 calls for assistance last week.

Meow mix

BUCKSPORT — There are cats - plenty of 'em - and some dogs ready for adoption at the municipal shelter. Call Dan Joy, the animal officer, at 469-7951 for details.

Police to buy new tasers

BUCKSPORT — While their current tasers only have been fired at suspects five or fewer times in the years they've had them, Bucksport police are planning to buy newer models.

The department will use \$3,255 from a government program toward the purchase.

The bright yellow weapons have proved to be intimidating, causing some to stop resisting, just from the fear of being struck by the electrical discharges the devices emit, according to Det. Sgt. David Winchester.

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Saturday, October 26

• **Bayview Avenue, Bucksport** — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• **69 Nicholson Avenue, Bucksport** — Multi-family. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Childrens' clothes, odds and ends.

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PICKUP — 1997 S10 Pickup. All legal; drive it daily, needs some work. Also 2000 S10 pick up for parts. \$800 firm for both. Trades considered. 930-5240 10/24

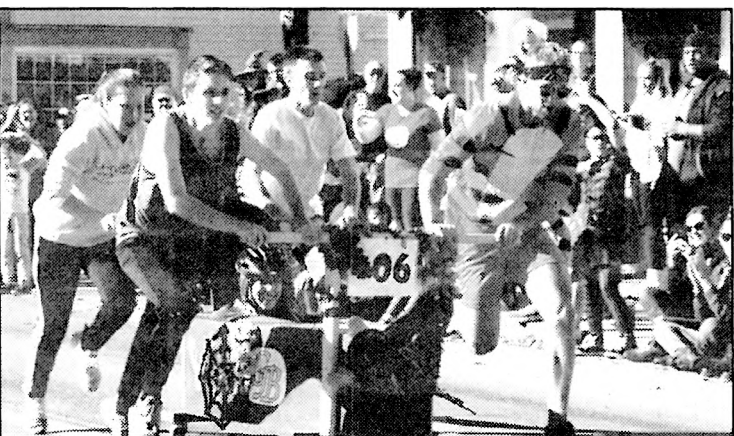
UPHOLSTERED CHAIR — Upholstered desk chair, black, multi-adjustable, armless, never been used. Paid \$209, asking \$100, call Joan at 207- 469-4077. 10/31

BOAT MOTOR — 5-HP Seagull British outboard. Long shaft, top-mounted gasoline tank, complete instructions. Purchased from estate sale. Original in-the-crate. Never used. Perfect condition. \$2,250, 469-7699. 10/31

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SHOOTOUT ON MAIN

No mercy shown in life and death coffin contest

BUCKSPORT — The robotics team at Bucksport High School and a few of their talented friends once again showed what it can do, this time on the field of coffin racing.

The team, sponsored by Verona Wine & Design on Main Street, took the title of winner of the 2019 edition of "Jonathan Buck's Race to the Grave" on Saturday.

The team won the race with what almost was a selfie-photo finish.

The team included runners Chris Rowley, Hunter Terry, Roger Foss, Faith Vincent, Jonathon-Megan Levelle-Jellison, and the alternate was Abby Foss.

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PUBLIC NOTICE



PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BUCKSPORT 2020 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE

Dog licenses are issued for one year ending December 31st. Any dog six (6) months of age or older must be licensed. Deadline for licensing is no later than January 31st.

Dog License fees are as follows:

Neutered/Spayed Dog - \$6.00

Unaltered Male or Female - \$11.00

Kennel - \$42.00 (An onsite inspection is now required before the issuance of a kennel license.)

Late Fee - \$25.00 will be charged for any license renewed after January 31st.

You must present the following documents at the time of registration:

A current Maine rabies certificate.

A neutering/spayed certificate if the dog has been altered.

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PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

Sunday, October 27

OAK GROVE — The fall meeting of the Oak Grove Cemetery Association in Orland will be held at 2 p.m. at 25 Upper Falls Road. Anyone with an interest in the cemetery is welcome, and, is strongly encouraged to attend.

"A SOCIAL" — Bucksport Heart & Soul is hosting an "Old Fashioned Social" from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lighthouse Art and Education Center (bottom floor), 86 Main Street, Bucksport. The event is a community wide invitation for people to meet their neighbors -- both newcomers and old-timers. Groups and organizations can attend and shine a light on their accomplishments and goals, with an eye toward finding volunteers to join their group or assist with events. Each group will share a table with other groups, so space will be limited. Each group can have small displays or hand-outs.

bucksportheartandsoul@gmail.com
or 469-2155 for Milissa LaLonde.

Sunday, October 28

CELEBRATING RECOVERY — The Ellsworth. Healthy Acadia's Building a Recovery Community initiative is thrilled to invite community members to participate in a recovery rocks creative art session and potluck on Monday, October 28, 2019, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The event will be held at Healthy Acadia's new location for recovery supports programming, located at 24 Church Street in Ellsworth. This free community event is open to the public and will include a potluck supper. Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to bring a dish to share.

Healthy Acadia convenes monthly events through its Building a Recovery Community initiative to provide a venue to network within and to expand the recovery community, and to explore the importance of recovery supports



Now, that's a real horseless carriage!

Where are these spooky folks going - with not a single horsepower to get them there? The Halloween scene is on the front lawn of a home on Main Street.

Photo by Emeric Spooner

and recovery ready communities and the role they play in helping community members achieve and sustain long-term recovery from substance use. Healthy Acadia encourages all interested community members to become involved in helping others to lead healthy, fulfilling, and productive lives.

In Ellsworth

Wednesday, October 13

PAYING FOR LIBRARIES — Library Funding Changes is the topic of a public forum at 6 p.m. at the Ellsworth Public Library at 6 p.m. Hear what some officials think about changes to the library's funding model coming in 2020, including non-resident fees for library cards and per capita rates from surrounding town support.

Wednesday, October 20

LEADERSHIP — Ellsworth's library director Amy Wischart will lead a lunchtime discussion of a book about leadership. The leadership book group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at noon. This month's book is *The Culture Code: The Secrets of Highly Successful Groups* by Daniel Coyle. Those attending

are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch.

For more information on any of the Ellsworth Public Library's programs, call 667-6363.

In Blue Hill

Thursday, October 31

'TRICK OR READ' — The Blue Hill Public Library again is celebrating Halloween with "Trick or Read" for children. Kids in costume may stop in at the library anytime between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m., and choose a free book. Kids in costume can enter a free drawing to win a special Halloween quilt made by local quilter Jean Savalchak. The drawing will be on Friday, Nov. 1. There also will be a photo booth for trick-or-treaters to use and then send a copy of the photo home via email.

Saturday, November 2

THE WABANAKI — The Blue Hill Library will host a free workshop about the Maine-Wabanak from 10 to noon. The program offers insights into events in the 450-year colonizing history of the Wabanaki People, the indigenous people of Maine, and Europeans and their descendants. Reservations are required via the online calendar at www.bhpl.net or by calling at 374-5515. Childcare is being provided by a volunteer, but the library needs to know that in the "notes" field of the registry.

FIX IT! — The Blue Hill Public Library is hosting its first-Saturday-of-the-month

"Fix-it Clinics" from 2 to 2:30 p.m. Local residents will coach people to disassemble and troubleshoot a variety of items, such as appliances, bicycles, jewelry, clothing, toys, electronics and, well, whatever. Participants actively participate in the disassembly, troubleshooting, and repair of their items. Repair is not assured as some items cannot economically justify the work. Participants should register on the library's web calendar at www.bhpl.net. The clinic works on a drop-in basis so participants can arrive anytime between 2 and 3:30. Anyone interested in participating as a coach may call 374-5515 or email hannah.cyrus@bhpl.net.

Tuesday, November 5

BLUE HILL — Investment advisor and portfolio manager Tom Jacobs will share his book *How to Retire on Dividends: Earn a Safe 8 %*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 6:30 p.m. The author works with Huckleberry Capital Management. There is no charge.

For more information on any of the library events, call 374-5515.

HELPING HANDS Saturdays

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held each Saturday at noon at the Bucksport Regional Health Center at 110 Broadway in Bucksport. Confidentiality is encouraged among all of the participants.



TOWN OF BUCKSPORT Referendum Issue Question Explanations

On November 5th there are two local referendum questions on the ballot. One is for a bond for up to \$3,000,000 for road repair and the other is authority to expend up to \$1,000,000 for replacement of the Tim Emery Municipal Pool. The following is an explanation of each question. This information is not intended to advocate for or against either proposal — it is simply an attempt to explain the two questions.

Road Project

This proposal is for a three year project, with a seven year repayment of the cost of the project. The purpose of the road project bond is twofold. First, it contains funding for a 'mill and fill' project on the Silver Lake Road and Millvale Road to repair the long term impact of the location of the gas pipeline. Simply paving will not correct the 'path' of the pipeline. This project would involve removing the surface, grinding it up and replacing it and then paving on top of the reworked base. The cost estimate of this portion of the project is \$1,100,057. It also contains funding for this same 'mill and fill' process in town on Mill Street, Franklin Street, Broadway, and School Street. The estimated cost for that portion of the project is \$183,020.

The second goal of the project is to 'catch up' on paving that has been put off for the past six years during which the Town has reduced the amount of paving done on an annual basis in order to reduce the impact to property taxes. The result of that is a backlog of paving work that needs to be done. The roads identified for that portion of the project are Russell Hill, Barbour Drive/Willis Road, Mast Hill Road, Duck Cove Road, Dresser Road, Bucks Mills Road, Town Farm Road, Cross Road, Millvale Road, Williams Pond Road, Evergreen Drive/Scotts Lane, and Drakes Lane/McKinnon Road/Willins Orchard Road. The estimated cost of this portion of the project is \$1,296,752.

The Total of these estimations is less than \$3,000,000. The bond issue request is that amount to allow for potential increases in pavement cost over the three year period as well as to allow for culvert replacements, ditching work, etc. that will need to be done to complete this project. Doing this project is not a permanent fix. No road project is. What it does is catch up the worst with the understanding that it will be necessary going forward for the Town to budget annually for road paving in a manner that prevents it from falling behind again.

Tim Emery Municipal Pool

The proposal on the ballot is for using existing municipal funds (not borrowing) to build a new pool at the location of the existing pool, utilizing the current filter house and changing rooms, etc. The Town solicited proposals from pool design firms for the cost of design, bidding, and construction oversight of this project. The bids ranged from \$60,000 to \$78,000 for that part of the project. The Town then asked the low bidder for an estimate of the cost of the total pool replacement project, including the design/bidding/construction oversight. That estimate was approximately \$1,000,000. Town approval is required for any expenditure of over \$250,000, which is why this item is on the ballot even though there is no plan to borrow money to do the project.

Since the time that the ballot question was voted on to be a referendum question in this election, a pool committee including two town councilors, residents, and Y representatives is meeting to look at the pool to see if there is some sort of interim measure that could get it 'up and running' without building a new pool. That information will be made available prior to the election and if there is an interim option, residents can decide whether they wish to see a new facility, one that is a more interim solution, or no pool at all.

(Information provided by & paid for by the Town of Bucksport) 10/24/19

- Coalition celebrates at annual meeting - Group stresses community effort

BUCKSPORT — The annual meeting of the Bucksport Bay Healthy Community Coalition Senior Resource Committee Tuesday evening did more than offer the expected reports and election of next year's officers. It is a vibrant all volunteer group able to stay on solid financial footing, according to the treasurer, Jeff Bellows.

Pat Ranzoni, Bucksport's poet laureate, read her poem, "Thank You for Helping Us Through Life, Or Lucky Our Town Having a Pearl, A Golden Shovel for Snow, a Mary Jane, A Tom, and All of You" — subtitled, "Thank You for Helping Us Through Life, celebrating volunteerism here, bell ringing and all", set the theme for the evening.

For those familiar with Tom Gaffney's over 40 recent gifts of his wife's legacy as an artist, the coalition had an opportunity to hear the poignant story behind her self expressions. Tom presented the group with his thoughtful choice of her art, as "kindred spirits". It was a moving and unforgettable experience.

Continuing with the agenda, the accomplishments of the Senior Resource Committee, especially those for accessibility in the town were read. Valerie Sulya was recognized for her many years as vice president of the coalition and her dedica-

tion to the town. She is stepping aside.

Sue Lessard, town manager, provided a wealth of information about Bucksport's Age and Ability-Friendly strategies for each of the eight domains of livability plan — based on the AARP's Domains of Livability in Action. She promised it is a plan that "won't sit on a shelf."

Of the eight domains, she has chosen to focus first on transportation, housing, and community and health services. She said housing is, "critical to our economic development," and wants to see a "one-stop" place to access information for transportation. She stressed also the importance of establishing an emergency preparedness plan. A high priority is to provide the means to help the older population remain in their own homes.

Volunteers are being sought to help with any of the eight strategies. There are a myriad of ways to get involved, and every citizen of any age is encouraged to see how they might participate.

Complete information about the plan can be found on the Town's website www.bucksport.gov and also is available in paper form for those who might need a copy at the Town office.

— by Sandy Holmes