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**THE SPRING FOUNTAIN MOTEL** at 296 U.S. Route 1 has a new name and sign. Police were called there twice during the past week, the first time to issue a summons to a woman living there after she allegedly assaulted a man and a woman. The next day, a second officer was called on a fresh complaint, and took her to the Hancock County Jail after she reportedly assaulted him at the motel.

## Motel guests continue to draw police

BUCKSPORT — The Spring Fountain Motel now is the “Fountain Motel”, and is being billed as your “Home away from home.”

While the new fabric sign was placed atop the old one, there are no public signs the pending purchase of the motel has been completed.

The would-be purchaser, whose identity has not been disclosed, is continuing to conduct the “due diligence” efforts needed before moving ahead with the deal.

The business, described as a “no frills motel” by the real estate agent handling the property, continues to be the scene of repeated public safety inspections and continues to operate without the annual innkeeper’s license required by the town.

The business is situated on roughly 10 acres.

Latricia Lea Rozeboom, 31, a guest at the motel, was booked into the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth early on Saturday morning. She initially had been given a court summons by another Bucksport police officer

for reportedly engaging in disorderly conduct, making unreasonable noise and assaulting a man and a woman at the motel.

The second officer, investigating a new complaint, reportedly was assaulted by the woman, resulting in her arrest.

The building has been inspected by local and state fire safety and police officers and the local code enforcement officer. Some of the code issues raised by the inspections over the past six months or so have been corrected. The Town Council, however, has declined to take any action on the code or permitting issues that remain, and police continue to be called to the motel where the number of arrests made there appear to have surpassed the number at any other single location in the town in recent months.

The state fire marshal’s office also reportedly has offered to take on the enforcement of any fire and/or life safety issues that may remain.

## Main Street Bucksport Group offers a status report

BUCKSPORT - The executive director of Main Street Bucksport recently reported on how the not-for-profit group raised and spent just under \$60,000 last year to promote and publicize the town.

About a third of that sum came from the town, and was used to underwrite the salary of the part-time executive director, Brook Minner.

Minner told the Town Council the group last year raised \$15,700 from grants, \$15,950 from the events it sponsored and just over \$8,000 in general donations.

She said the group’s work was carried out by some 250 volunteers, some working on a single project, while others were active throughout 2019.

Minner and Paula Kee, chair of the Wednesday On Main Summer Event Series in downtown Bucksport, recently also announced the two groups will become “community partnership for the year 2020.”

The goal is to combine Main Street Bucksport’s skills in social media and website development with Wednesday On Main in an effort to boost the visibility of the weekly event series throughout the region. Main Street Bucksport also will offer website development assistance and help provide much-needed volunteers at the Wednesday educational and entertainment performances.

Each organization will continue to be independent financial entities, and the Town of Bucksport will continue as the fiscal agent for Wednesday On Main.

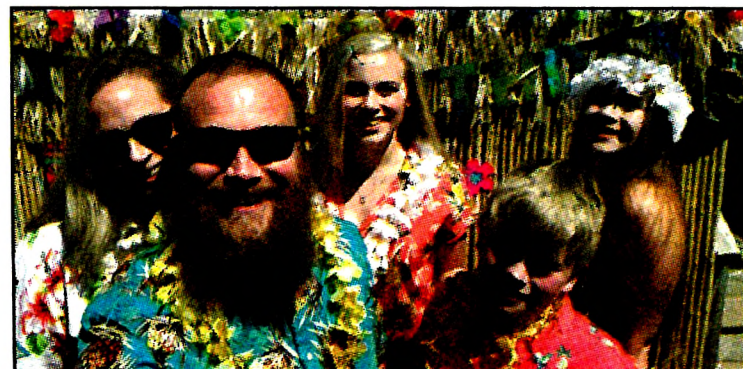
Main Street Bucksport, which has about 15 directors, according to Minner, is working with other community groups. It was started in 2014, and became a tax-exempt organization a year later. Last year, the group adopted its first-ever long-term strategic plan in an effort to sustain the organization.

The plan was viewed on-line by over 4,600 people, and the group’s Facebook page was viewed by 4,300 followers, Minner said. She said the group’s activities, including the Bridge the Gap road race, have brought over 4,600 visitors to the town annually.

Now Main Street is planning a “Museum in the Streets” in collaboration with the Bucksport Historical Society. It also plans to expand the downtown mural exhibits from the original one to, perhaps, five or six if suitable sites can be found.

The group wants to strengthen its ties with downtown business and the community, offer diverse reasons to draw people downtown and enhance the public’s understanding of a strong Main Street.

Visit [www.mainstreetbucksport.org](http://www.mainstreetbucksport.org), or [www.bucksportwom.com](http://www.bucksportwom.com).



### Who are these people?

They’re the Leemans - Christy, David, Alexis, Jade and Mason - and they’re doing it again, and on TV, too. See *Watchin’ the box!* on Page 5.

## IN THE WORKS . . . Weekly tidbits gleaned from the news

**GOAL-SETTING** — The Town Council has discussed many of its goals many times before, but next Thursday (1/30), the town manager wants the councilors to take a serious fresh start to the process by prioritizing their top goals so the staff can get rolling on

accomplishing them. The council will meet at 6 p.m. to begin setting deadlines for the goal they most want to reach. Some of those goals have been talked about since 2017.

**Town Manager Susan M. Lessard** will assign staff people to each of the goals, and try to arrange for the required financing so that some of the most-important objectives are reached this year. Mayor Peter L. Stewart said the process may take two or three hours, so a special session was called.

**SUNPOWER?** — The town’s

new solar committee will meet next Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m. at the town offices. The group will begin exploring the town’s solar options for a sun panel farm atop the long-closed landfill off Central Street.

The group is composed of Don White, Nancy Minott, John Eggebrecht, John Paul Lalonde, Mark Eastman and Robert Carmichael Jr.

**GRAVE ISSUES!** — Town Councilor Kathy L. Downes is the chair of the newly reconstituted Bucksport Cemetery Committee. The group, which was increased

with the appointment of Christopher Johnson, yesterday (1/22) immediately began making plans to restore the old Methodist Cemetery after years of neglect.

The cemetery, in which some Revolutionary War military personnel are buried, will be cleaned up, and the stones that were removed by the town to the Riverview Cemetery in North Bucksport, will be returned to their original sites. Plans call for fencing off the roughly one-acre plot, and disinterring a number of broken gravestones buried on the property. The heirs of the Lowell estate want to sell the home on the property that

abuts the cemetery, but the status of who is responsible for what at the ancient cemetery has complicated the negotiations.

**HELPING RESIDENTS** — At the urging of Councilor James R. Morrison, the council’s Services Committee will take up ideas for assisting residents, especially those having trouble mustering the resources needed to maintain their homes.

The session will be 6 p.m. tonight (1/23) at the Town Offices at 50 Main Street.

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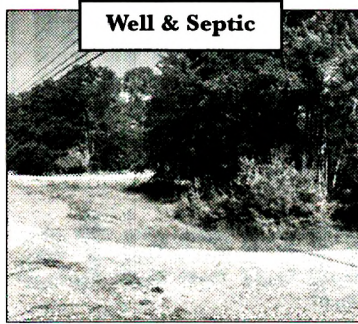






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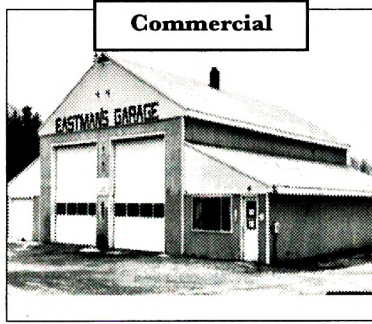
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**Orland**—This 7 acre lot offers much potential both residentially and commercially with over 300' of frontage on US 1. Mobile home site in place with gravel pad, drilled well, septic and power. Small insulated building on site with power and heat. Timber was recently harvested. Property borders a stream in the back. Possibility to be separated into two lots!

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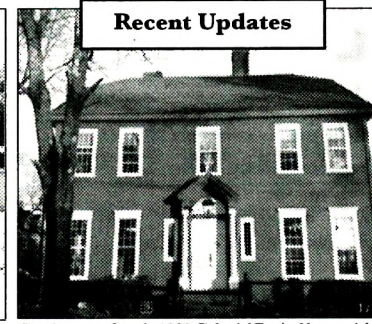
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**New Listing**

**Orland**—Spacious & well-maintained 3 BR 2 BA split level home. This special property has many amenities for comfortable living, including 3 well-landscaped acres, private heated in-ground pool, basketball court, central air, auto generator, pond, surround sound, 2 fireplaces, central vac, island, pantry & more! Large, insulated & heated attached garage w/space for 4 cars and bonus room above. First floor bedrooms & full bath provide for one-floor living. Separate entrance to lower level for possible in-law suite or at-home business already has a fully set up hair salon. Excellent location near shopping, golf, walking trails & marina also offers seasonal views of the Penobscot Narrows Bridge & Observatory and is less than an hour to Acadia National Park & Bar Harbor. Adjacent business & commercial property with 7 acres, large shop & multiple garages also available.

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**Recent Updates**

**Bucksport**—Stately 1830 Colonial Revival home rich in local history and known as the Barnard House. Beautiful single family home or excellent setting for a B&B w/ separate owner's living quarters (w/town approval). It has a magnificent foyer with fireplace, formal dining room, living room, library, 6 large bedrooms and 3 full baths. Other special architectural features include front columns, a sweeping staircase, bow window, Minton tiles, 6 fireplaces (not currently in use), bedroom window seat, skylight, hardwood floors & bunder's pantry. Large open kitchen has, pantry, new cabinets & Silstone countertop. Exterior painted in 2019 w/many replacement clapboards. Close to town amenities such as restaurants, stores, river walk, marina and the historic Alamo Movie Theater. Only 30-45 minutes to Belfast, Bangor, Blue Hill, and Bangor International Airport.

Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$139,900



**New Listing**

**Penobscot**—Great opportunity to be nestled on the shores of Penobscot Bay. Build that dream home, or cabin on your very own 150' of shore frontage. Features nice sandy beach area to enjoy a cookout, just relax and watch the boats, and wildlife. Views of Fort Point..

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## Golden Bucks pounded by Calais; far slightly better with Stearns

BUCKSPORT – The Golden Bucks varsity basketball team played games at home on Friday and Saturday. The Calais Blue Devils

arrived after a more than two hour bus ride and outplayed the Bucks. The Blue Devils won 56 to 32. The hometown team was

never in this game as Calais got off to a 20 to 5 score after the first period and the Bucks never recovered. Calais led by 18 after the first half, 25 after 3, and then

the final score.

Logan Stanley and Ty Giberson led the Bucks in scoring with 7 points apiece. Cam Soper had 13 rebounds.

Scoring:  
Chase-Hurd: 2,  
Mosher: 3, Stanley: 7, Soper: 5,  
Kennedy: 1, Giberson: 7,  
Sherwood: 1, Baubonis: 2,  
Simpson: 4.

Calais: 20 35 49 56  
Golden Bucks: 5 17 24 32

In a Saturday matinee game, the Golden Bucks got off to hot starts in both the first and third quarters, amassing leads of 10 and 9 points respectively, but

could not hold on at the end and eventually fell to the Stearns Minutemen 53 to 46.

Stearns was led in scoring by Hayden Friel with 12 points, including 8 in the final period and Jacob Kowalski had 11.

The Bucks scoring was led by Stanley with 17 points and Giberson chipped in 11 along with 4 assists. Cam Soper had 6 rebounds for the home team.

Scoring: Chase-Hurd 5,  
Moore 6, Soper 2, Giberson 11,  
Shook 2, Mosher 3, Stanley 17.

Stearns: 10 29 35 53  
Golden Bucks: 16 27 39 46

– LARRY DEANS

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## Highway crew busy with storms

BUCKSPORT – Last month the Bucksport Highway Department was called in seven times to cope with bad weather conditions.

According to Jay Lanpher, the public works director, the crews spent nine days scraping and treating the roads.

Three days receiving road sand, a day making salt brine,

and six days after storms on truck maintenance chores.

Lanpher said five days were spent patching potholes, five days clearing the sidewalks, and three days clearing storm-damaged trees.

The crew hauled three loads of trash to Coastal Energy in Hampden and one load to the Juniper Hill landfill.

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

**SOLD**

**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 \$95,000

**Prospect**—Beautiful 12 acre wooded property with frontage on the North Searsport Road and the Wagner road. There is a 3BR septic in place waiting for your forever home!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$39,900

**SOLD**

**Bucksport**—Interesting find! This 13ac parcel has approximately 1000' of frontage on spring fed Hancock Pond. Bring your development plans or enjoy the privacy of this large waterfront lot. No long camp road or costly infrastructure costs here. Located a short ride from the village of Bucksport. Come take a look!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$149,000

**Orland**—Affordable! This 2 Bedroom 1 Bath New Englander has undergone some recent work including flooring, a new porch as well as some drywall. Easy commute to Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport. Updated septic system in 2000. Come take a look!  
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$79,900

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**Surrey**: Well maintained cape with 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full bathrooms, large dining room/den with propane stove. 24x14 living room with built-in shelving, heat pump and access to 3 season sun room. Spacious kitchen with granite countertops! 2-car garage with storage above. A must see! Call today!  
\$265,000



**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, in-ground 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.  
\$242,900



**Bucksport**: Newly renovated Bucksport cape on large in town lot. Down to the studs a remodeled kitchen, living room and bath. Updated electrical and plumbing, new sun room and back deck all new exterior doors, new floors, new appliances and new lighting throughout. You must see this great home! Call to see today!  
\$139,900



**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!  
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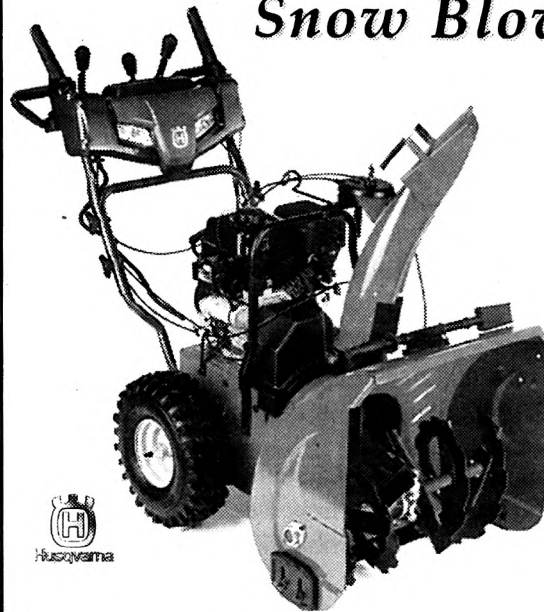
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## Friends & Family

**RETIRING - Jane Marston**, the secretary to RSU 25 Supt. of Schools James Boothby, is retiring in June.

The woman who has kept the superintendent's office running smoothly for three superintendents (one of them twice), she's decided it's time to attend to other parts of her life.

Prior to joining the public school's administrative staff 16 years ago, Marston worked for the Crooker Insurance office here for a number of years.

Also joining the ranks of those retiring from the school system, but not their other pursuits in life, will be **Glenn Redman**, the director of the food service, and **Helen Wardwell**, the administrative assistant to director of curriculum and academic achievement.

The **RSU School Board** also has ratified the appointments of **David Gross** as the head coach of the Bucksport Middle School wrestling team;

**Shawn Costigan** is the assistant coach of that team.

Approved as volunteer assistants for

the Bucksport Middle School wrestling program are **Kasey Pelletier** and **Anthony Maguire**.

**NEW TRUSTEE - Nancy E. Minott** of 64 Elm Street, a recent candidate for the Town Council, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the private **Buck Memorial Library**.

Nancy Bourgon, a trustee for 39 years, many as the treasurer of the library, has retired from the group.

The other trustees are: Wendy Carpenter, Daphne Eyerer, Doug Knobloch, Valorie Schaffner, Erin Boyle and Nicholas Starbird.

**STEPPIN' UP! - Bucksport High School's** annual "Eighth Grade Step-Up Night" is being held on Monday, February 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity for students and their parents to get a closer look at Bucksport High School and learn all about the academic, co-curricular and sports programs.

Everyone can visit with teachers, administrators, coaches and students to ask questions. Visitors also can learn how the BARR program helps ninth graders successfully transition to high school.

**SIGNED ON! - Kelley Jerome** has joined **Two Rivers Realty** as the agency assistant.



Kelley Jerome

Jerome has extensive professional experience, including managing administrative and legal procedures, marketing, responding to client needs and strong technical and computer skills.

She also has her own photography business, **Following Seas**

**Photography**, and also works with her husband who owns **CJ Insulation**.

**29 YEARS** - The public is welcome to join Orland town officials on Friday, Jan. 31 from 4 to 5 p.m. for an open house at the Town Office building to mark the retirement of **Town Clerk Connie Brown**.

Brown will be concluding 29 years of service to the town. The event will include coffee and other refreshments.

Connie's assistant, **Tracy Patterson**, is taking on the duties of town clerk, tax collector and registrar of voters.

Meanwhile, **Lisa Tapley** has been hired to become Patterson's assistant with those duties.

**Selectman Edward Rankin Sr.** has indicated he plans to step down at the end of his current term although at this point nobody has yet stepped forward publicly to seek election to the post.

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## Orland's continuity

While so much of life is in flux, Orland town government appears to be deeply rooted in the old idea that if it ain't broke, don't try to fix it. As a result, when the crumbs from the last cookie are swept up at an open house on Thursday, Jan. 31, and the last coffee cup is crumpled and sent off to the recycling yard, life will pretty much remain the same at the Orland Town Office.

**EDITORIALS** Not that 29 years of day-in and day-out service by Connie Brown to her community as town clerk, tax collector and registrar of voters is immediately transferable. However, the seeds for a smooth transition were sowed long ago as personnel were hired and groomed to keep as many as possible tugging on the same rope. That's no small challenge in today's government when egos tend to get in the way of plain, old-fashioned public service.

Dropping in at the Orland Town Office is like calling on a good neighbor. What do you need? Here's how we can get you what you need? If you still have a problem give a call, and we'll try to make things right.

When someone walks in, each employee knows the drill. The taxpayers pay the bills, and each deserves to be served fairly, thoroughly and capped with a genuine smile.

Yes, Connie will be missed, but she and her colleagues have built a legacy of public service - a legacy worth emulating.

## ... and to all a good Knight!

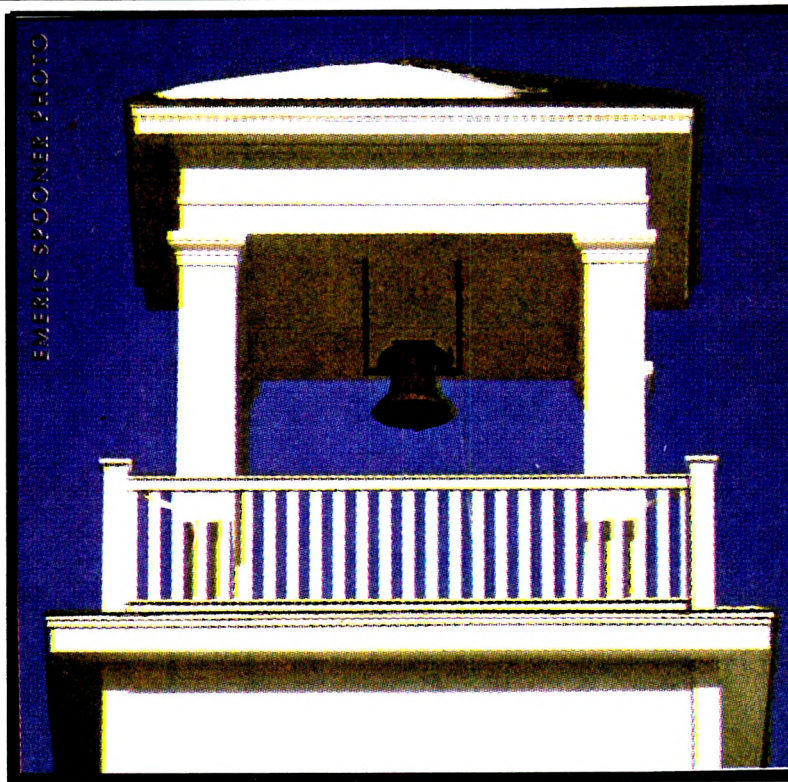
The local Council # 5756 of the Knights of Columbus asked us to thank everyone who attended or otherwise supported last week's fish fry to raise money to assist Richard Tennant with his medical and recuperation expenses.

We're glad to do so, but we also believe the fellows who keep fryin' those fish to make money for all sorts of great causes deserve a lot of credit, too.

There's hardly a cause - from supporting the Little league to aiding the older residents of this region - the Knights have not contributed much-needed cash to, through the decades.

In many ways, though, Mr. Tennant was the ideal recipient for the Knights' labors, for, he, too, has turned to whenever and wherever he could to make this the community that it is. We're especially pleased to report that Mr. Tennant appears to be mending well after a recent and very serious fall. We're not surprised for he is one of those fellows you can't stop with a sword.

Yet, those who wield their swords so effectively and compassionately have done so again, and they have done so on behalf of all of us.



## READY TO TOLL!

There's a new bell installed in the now-rebuilt bell tower atop the historic Wilson Hall on Zion Hill. A bell was used to call students to classes at the former school, when it opened in 1851, but has stood vacant in recent decades.

## Uncle Herb's words to live by

Uncle Herb was a genius. He determined at a very early age what he was good at, and went on to devote his life to doing it far better than most anyone else on this planet.

Uncle Herb was an observer of life. He found it far less tiring to watch others lift shovels, tote up longs lists of numbers, try to clamber up unseen ladders or engage in any of the myriad acts on the sweaty side of life. Indeed, I do not think Uncle Herb was capable of sweating for he would have found that, too, to be tiring and seriously unproductive.

Soon after graduation from high school Uncle Herb found himself in the U.S. Navy, probably because he had decided why make decisions, when others seem to find so much joy in making them for you.

Soon after graduation from the training school, he was posted to the Canal Zone, where he got - in Uncle Herb's terms - very, very lucky. His body succumbed to a genetic predisposition to respiratory maladies so, there in the jungles of Central America, he was quickly mustered out and sent home with a doctor's advice that he not exert himself.

That was hardly difficult advice for Uncle Herb, especially when his kindly Uncle Sam tagged him with a very modest - but life-long - pension, providing of course, that he not exert himself.

With that meager stake, Uncle Herb soon bought a fish and fish bait business in Florida. He paid practically nothing for it, for that was about what he had: nothing. It was there in Fort Pierce on the banks of a river that Uncle Herb learned the intricacies of high finance.

Herb never bought a used rowboat for more than \$5. That way, he could rent the craft to passers-through, and if the boat stayed afloat for more than two hours, Herb was making money. Enconced in the most-comfortable chair he could find outside his non-air conditioned fish shack, Uncle Herb counted his cash for cash transactions were encouraged. I don't think Herb believed in credit cards... too much work!

Customers could enter the steamy shack, find what they wanted, and then pay Herb for whatever they were carrying as he sat upon his overstuffed throne outside. The lone electric fan was aimed directly at his chair. Watching the blades slowly rotate had a calming influence on busy days.

Herb then would throw in a bunch of oft-told tales, all of them for free. Herb had a way with his tales, for he could tell the same one repeatedly, and you'd swear it was a new one. Such was his gift for changing adverbs, and even a fact or two if he must.

Each summer, Uncle Herb and his wife Thyra, would head north to the New England of his birth. He would be at the helm of his latest,

very used pick-up truck, and Thyra would ride shotgun for Herb had taught her how to read maps and then refold them meticulously so he could sell them in his shop later.

We kids loved those pick-up trucks for we got to ride in back, sans seatbelts or anything else resembling restraints. Danger is good for a child; it teaches them to be careful, Uncle Herb believed.

Herb would take us to what passed for a fresh water beach, someone having dumped a load or two of sand pit quality granules into the water around Memorial Day, the better to keep the littles tykes from being inhaled up to their knees by the muddy bottom. Afterward, if we kept our mouths shut and didn't ask, there was a stop at Fillmore's for 15-cent, double-scoop ice cream cones, plus - our choice of sprinkles. (*We knew sprinkles cost a few pennies extra so we never asked for them. Uncle Herb then would proclaim, "and sprinkles for everyone!" Uncle Herb must have been a real fish magnate, given the way he so splurged on sprinkles.*)

Then came the year we waited almost an hour, in anticipation of Uncle Herb and his latest pick-up, the one with the exotic Florida plates, to turn into our dooryard. That was the year we instead were amazed when an ugly, bilious green Nash Rambler, a sort of upside-down bathtub with a wheel on each corner, pulled in instead. A drowsy Uncle Herb slowly disgorged himself from a sprawling position on the shotgun side of the vehicle, while the ever-faithful companion Thyra, who didn't drive, was at the wheel.

We were witnessing the first car we'd ever seen with totally reclining seats. Having taught Thyra how to drive that winter, Herb had found Valhalla for he truly loved to travel; he just found driving much too tiring. In the years ahead, Thyra drove a sleeping Herb through 45 of the then-48 states. Indeed, Herb slumbered through more states than most Americans ever visit.

That also was the summer Uncle Herb confided his deepest secret to me. "Kid," he said, drawing me close. I don't think he knew my name for I was one of six children, and Herb was not into children. "Kid," he said again for emphasis, "Don't ever stand when you can sit, and don't ever sit when you can lie down. And don't ever lie down without closing your eyes... that will make you a better person."

Years later, Uncle Herb succumbed to a heart attack. My brother tried to convince me Herb had gotten out of bed too quickly that day, and his body couldn't take the shock. I didn't believe that. I think Uncle Herb just couldn't find a good reason to open his eyes that day.

— DON HOUGHTON

## From the margins of an editor's notebook

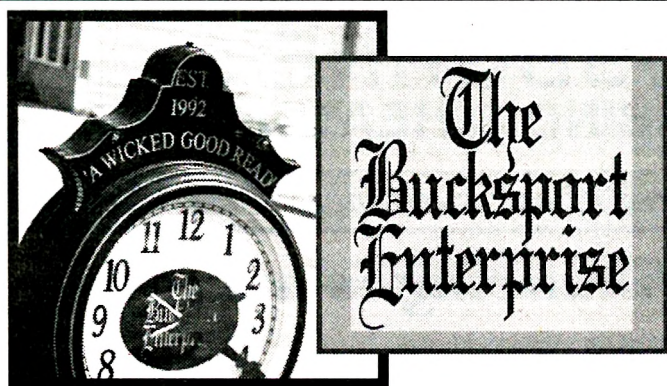
## A letter . . . to the editor

### Thank you, Nancy!

The board of Trustees of the Buck Memorial Library extends its deep appreciation and gratitude to Nancy Bourgon, who served as a trustee for 39 years, most of those years as the treasurer. Nancy worked tirelessly, not only to make payroll, pay bills and file all the myriad of tax documents

but also to ensure the financial stability of the library through wise investments and making yearly presentations to the towns of Bucksport, Orland and Verona Island to seek financial contributions. Thank you, Nancy, and we hope you enjoy your well-deserved retirement from the board.

Valorie Schaffner, for the Board of Trustees, Buck Memorial Library



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# OBITUARY

## Helen Blanche (Friend) Fickett, 1934 - 2020

BUCKSPORT - Helen Blanche Fickett was born on Aug. 13, 1934, the beloved daughter of Andrew J. and Justina (Tiny) Friend.

Helen and her brother, Arthur, grew up in Richmond and it was then that she caught the eye of a local boy, John Fickett. John went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force while Helen remained in Richmond, where he worked making shoes. John returned to sweep Helen away to Louisiana where they were married in a small chapel, and she began her life as a devoted Air Force wife.



Helen Blanche Fickett

Helen and John relocated a number of times in their life together as John changed jobs. After John completed his military service, they moved to North Anson, ME, where John worked clearing a woodlot for Helen's father. He later moved on to work at a mill in North Anson.

During these years Helen and John welcomed their oldest son, Andrew (Andy), son Donald and daughter Carole Ann. And it was during these years that John began lovingly referring to Helen as "Chiefy", his term of endearment for the rest of their marriage. The term stood for "chief bottle washer and cook."

Helen and John enjoyed taking their young family on camping trips to the Maine woods. Tragedy befell the young family when Carole died during infancy of congenital heart and lung defects. They later moved to Portsmouth, New Hampshire when John took a job at the Portsmouth Navy Shipyard in the Instrument Department. Their final stop was in Bucksport, Maine where John took a position at St. Regis (later Champion) paper mill, eventually retiring as Superintendent of the Instrument Department. Unfortunately, tragedy again befell Helen and John when their son, Andy, died in 1978 as a result of a motorcycle accident. The strength of their commitment to and love for each other has sustained them after the deaths of two of their children.

In retirement John purchased a tractor trailer and began long haul trucking. Helen went along a few times but did not find the south to her liking. Instead, she lovingly prepared all John's

meals for his journey, along with clothing and necessities. Later John and Helen would travel extensively in their motor home. Helen was always happiest taking care of her home and family. John feels he has been blessed for 62 years with an "outstanding wife" and Don "I couldn't have asked for a better mother".

Helen was a well-known and loved member of the Bucksport community. She was a member of the Eastern Star and volunteered at the Talk'n' Shop. Helen would do

anything within her power to help someone in need, always offering a kind word. She had few material desires, it was the simple joys of life that fulfilled Helen, her family and home, friends and community. Helen was an accomplished seamstress, knitter, crocheter and master of needlework. Her beautiful works adorn her home and those of her dear ones. She always was happy to pick up a partially completed quilt or afghan at the Talk 'n' Shop, complete it and gift it to someone she cared for. Helen could coax a nearly dead fifty-cent plant from Lowe's into a breathtaking plant on her summer porch.

Helen passed from her earthly life unexpectedly on Jan. 13, 2020 after suffering a brain hemorrhage and never regaining consciousness. She was surrounded with love from her family and passed peacefully after a long and full life.

Helen was predeceased by her parents and brother Arthur; her in-laws: Jeanette (Fickett) Robinson, and Maurice (Robbie) Robinson; her daughter, Carole Ann; and her son, Andrew ("Andy") in 1978.

Helen is survived by her husband of 62 years, John; her son, Donald; her beloved dog, Susie, and extended family.

There will be no public visiting hours or funeral, as Helen wished. Please remember Helen in offering to help someone in need, with a smile and kindness, as Helen has done.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Bucksport.

• mitchelltweedie-young.com •

## Watchin' the box!

The Leemans - Christy, David, Alexis, Jade and Mason - are doing it again. Fresh from last year's win of roughly \$100,000 on Deal or No Deal with Howie Mandel, the Bucksport family will be on the next episode of Maine Cabin Masters. David, who with his beard, tarred in the Deal/No Deal show, now is very excited his entire family gets to participate.

Their latest performance will be on the DIY cable network on Monday at 9 p.m.

While they found appearing in a TV commercial for the Town of Bucksport to be a real root, showcasing the family business - Knox Masonry - on one of the final episodes of Bill Green's Maine wasn't exactly shabby either.

David suspects his natural inclination to share himself and his views of Maine is a genetic thing,

for he spent what seemed like years sitting in his grandfather's various barber shops on Main Street, where the gift of gab was honed sharper than any of barber Frank Dunbar's razors.

Said David, "I've met all sorts of interesting people all over the United States during filming. I continue to get calls for other opportunities: game shows, TV shows, commercials, etc. . . . Not everything is a guarantee, but I have fun trying out even if I don't get picked. Right now we're working on a couple of potential projects, and will see what happens. I'm taking it all in stride and keeping it fun. It's still just a hobby and our masonry business also is alive and well."

Still, being on TV in a warm place sometimes beats carrying a stack of bricks up a ladder, especially during a Maine winter.

## Chairs collapse; new ones coming

BUCKSPORT - The folks at the Public Safety Building have been having a lot of meetings lately, many of them to discuss the coordination of the police and fire departments under the new director of public safety.

However, sitting in those sessions the fire and police officers have to be especially alert, not to answer alarms, but to avoid falling on the floor as more and more welds on their chairs give up the ghost, sending them to the ground like so many suspects.

Sean P. Geagan, the new public safety director, reports help is on its way. The Town Council tonight (1/23) will be asked to order 100 new chairs at just under \$30 a pop.

Add in shipping and some racks to move the chairs when they are not in use and the tab should come to about \$3,500.

Geagan has provided the councilors with 14 pages of chair specifications, some of them for chairs costing several times the amount of the ones he is recommending the council to buy.



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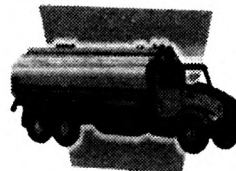
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## Growing older, wiser Luncheons

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

- **Friday, Jan. 24** — Scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries and muffins
- **Monday, Jan. 27** — Baked ham dinner, mashed potato and cake
- **Wednesday, Jan. 29** — Chicken alfredo, caesar salad, garlic bread and ice cream.
- **Friday, Jan. 31** — Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, garden salad and a cookie.
- **Monday, Feb. 3** — Chicken pot pie, stuffing, roll and fruit.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 5** — Pot roast, mashed potato, peas, and whoopie pie.

## Calendar

Here's what is on the schedule at the Bucksport Senior Center on Outer Broadway:

**Fridays**

- 8 to 9 a.m. - Aerobics.
- Lunch: Check out the trivia contest.
- 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 8 p.m. - Bingo
- 8 a.m. to 3p.m. - Day Quilters (1st Tuesday of month.) 10 a.m. Duck 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.

## Reach out, and touch someone

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Senior Center will have a sign up sheet for a free "caring calls" program on Monday, Jan. 27, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Anyone who believes they might benefit from a free daily caring call or knows someone who would be welcome to join in the neighborly service.

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## Booked at jail

ELLSWORTH – These Bucksport-area residents or incidents resulted in bookings at the Hancock County Jail recently:

- Dawn Marie Eaton, 34, of Moody Road, Prospect was booked at the county jail about p.m. on Friday (1/17). She was taken into custody in Ellsworth for an alleged violation of a protective order.

- William Howard Pressey, 6, of Bucksport was booked into the jail about 11:30 p.m. last Thursday (1/16) after being arrested by a Bucksport police officer for an alleged criminal assault and criminal threatening with a knife incident on Central Street.

- Dennis James Fongellaz, 3, of 396 Central Street, Bucksport was booked about 11 p.m. last Thursday (1/16) for an alleged violation of his probation in an earlier case. He was arrested in Ellsworth and taken to the county jail, resulting in the revocation of his probation.

- Taylor Lincoln Lounder, 5, of Ellsworth was arrested in Bucksport for reportedly engaging in domestic violence, assault and criminal mischief. He was booked into the jail about 10:30 p.m. on Jan. 15.

## Accidents

BUCKSPORT – Local police recorded these accidents recently:

- The drivers of two vehicles that collided on State Route 46 about 6 p.m. on Jan. 14, were cited as James Rafferty, 28, of Pass Harbor and Matthew Ankin, also 28, of Orland.

- Samantha Fox, 46, of Bucksport struck a deer on U.S. Route 1 about 5:15 p.m. on Jan. 1.

- Vehicles being driven by Phillip Albert, 66, of Bucksport and Eric Kimball, 54, of

Orland collided in the parking lot of the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1 about 11 a.m. on Saturday.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were issued here:

- Joshua Simpson, 19, of Bucksport was cited for allegedly driving after his license was either suspended or revoked. His vehicle had slid off the River Road about 8 p.m. on last Thursday (1/16).

- Jenna Fleming, 35, of Bucksport was issued a summons for an alleged improper use of a cellular device while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 2:15 p.m. on Saturday.

- Eric Curtis, 31, of Prospect was cited for an alleged expired vehicle inspection sticker violation about 8 a.m. on Jan. 14.

## Other incidents

BUCKSPORT – A dead fox was found near a mailbox on Forest Hill about 2 p.m. on Jan. 14.

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## Public safety stats

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## Bucks go toe-to-toe with Central

On Jan. 7, the Bucks, starting a three game road trip, were in East Sullivan, and the Tigers and the Bucks were tied at 11 at the end of the first period. The Bucks were led by Cam Soper with 6 points. At the end of the first half, the score again tied, this time at 23, with Ty Giberson scoring 7 in the quarter. Sumner inched ahead by 2, 37 to 35 at the end of three quarters. For the third quarter, Logan Stanley was high scorer with 6. The Bucks were outscored in the fourth 18-15 and fell to the Tigers 55 to 50. Ty Giberson scored 18 and Stanley 11 while. Cam Soper had 12 rebounds, and Stanley had 6 assists and 4 steals.

On Friday, Jan. 10, the Golden were in Blue Hill to play the powerhouse George Stevens Academy Eagles. The Eagles, who are undefeated in Northern Maine Class C., outscored the Bucks 28 to 6 at the end of one and never looked back. It was 45 to 10 at halftime, 61 - 23 after three and the final score was 69 to 37. The Bucks were led in scoring by Stanley with 10 points, Giberson had 7 rebounds, with Colin Simpson coming off the bench to gather 6. Christian Chase Hurd had 3 assists.

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, The Bucks played their most impressive offensive game of the year, against the Central High School

Red Devils. This was a back and forth game with the Bucks off to a fast start in the first and a solid period of scoring from Soper, who put up 9 points in the quarter. Stanley also chipped in 6, and the Bucks had a 4 point lead at the end of one.

In the second quarter, the Bucks got off to a great start and built a 10 point lead. The margin withered when Soper gained a second foul and was benching him for the final 4 minutes.

Isaac Moore came in to hit his first 3 shots, all 3 pointers, to lead the Bucks in the second quarter which showed the Golden Bucks behind by 2 at the half.

The Bucks came out on fire in the third quarter, putting up 25 points with solid performances from Nick Baubonis and Giberson, each scoring 9 points in the quarter.

Julian Shook continued to give the Bucks quality minutes off the bench for Soper, playing solid defense and getting 3 rebounds. In the fourth quarter the Bucks closed out the game in solid fashion and held on for a 75 to 73 win.

The Bucks were led in scoring by Soper with 19, Giberson 17, Moore and Stanley each had 12, and Baubonis chipped in 11. Soper had 18 rebounds. Stanley 8 assists, Chase-Hurd 7 assists, and Logan Stanley also had 4 steals.

track. Several of those athletes have dramatically improved their times from last season.

Two runners, David Hileman and Anthony Smith, qualified for the PVC Championship with Smith also qualifying for States. The senior, Hileman, is just a few seconds off the pace he'll need to qualify and is pushing to do so in one of his next three meets.

Another storyline has been athletes pushing themselves out of their comfort

zones to try new events. Last year, sophomore Victoria Watkins was a sprinter and hurdler, and while she's still competing in those events, she's also leading the team in the pole vault and high jump, having qualified for States in both. Another sophomore expanding his skill set is Tyler Hallett, who has added the long jump this winter and finds himself ranked fifth in the PVC small school standings and also so to the States meet.

Not all of the returning athletes are exploring new events this year. Instead,



**JADE LEEMAN** drives the lane and puts one in for the Bucks last Saturday in Bucksport. The Bucks lost to Stearns 75-4



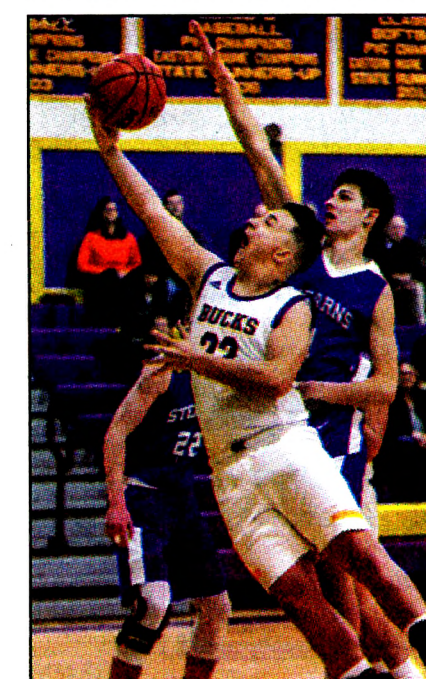
**FAITH VINCENT** scores for the Lady Bucks.



**CHRISTIAN CHASE HURD** hits a basket from the corner.



**ABBY HANSCOM** hits a jump shot for the Lady Bucks.



**TY GIBERSON** goes in for 2 points for the Golden Bucks.



**LOGAN STANLEY** makes a great move down the middle for two points.

### Next stop:

## Championship meet

**ORONO** — With two weeks left in the regular season, the Bucksport High School indoor track team has a lot to be excited about. Close to 50 students came out for the season, with returning players welcoming a lot of new talent.

After a cross country season that saw the boys' team place third at the Class C PVC Championship, almost all of coach Chris Jones' squad turned out for indoor

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they're capitalizing on their hard work in the off-season and are off to a record-setting pace in familiar events. After setting new indoor school records last year - Johanna Stiles in the 55 meter dash and Addie Morrison in the 400-meter dash - both have improved their marks, and Morrison has eclipsed the 200-meter record set by Kelly Berguon in 2007.

The league championship meet will be at the UMaine Fieldhouse on Feb. 8.

— MATT MORRISO