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Who bought
what property
recently?

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Fish in the hole!

Dig out the ice fishing gear! The annual Bucks Mills Rod & Gun Club derby at Silver Lake is coming up fast - on Saturday, Feb. 16, to be exact. Here's one of the very happy previous participants.

Swimming pool may cost 'far less' than \$1 million

Councilor speaks after consultants visit

BUCKSPORT — It's beginning to sound like earlier critics may have been right, for the town's newly hired consultants on replacing or repairing the municipal swimming pool have suggested the pool either can be repaired or heavily renovated in time for swimmers by July 1 at a cost "far less" than the voters to approve at a referendum in November.

Town Councilor Paul Bissonnette reported on a Jan. 17 meeting here with representatives of the Boston-based consulting firm, and said he now is far more confident the project can be pulled off for considerably less than the \$1 million estimate.

The Town Council, acting at the suggestion of Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, had posted the \$1 million figure after gathering two or three estimates from poten-

tial bidders on the project.

Lessard had said she expected the price would be less, but appeared surprised to learn how much less the consultants now suggest the work might cost.

A committee of residents, led by former Mayor David Keene, has held several sessions and conducted some research that also indicated the project can be done for less than the \$1 million estimate. The consultant's first pass at the planning now seems to confirm that review.

The consultants also apparently are suggesting that the new pool will be very similar in size to the existing one, which was a gift to the town from one of the previous owners of the paper mill.

There are still a number of ands, ifs and buts before the bids go out, but the project now is on

the fast track because everyone wants the pool to be welcoming swimmers as soon as possible this year.

Town officials last week were still vague about the scope and nature of the work that will be requested until they receive more detailed information from the consultants.

The money for the project will come from the town's unallocated reserves, and easily won support from both voters and town officials.

The repair or replacement of the pool is necessitated by a continuing series of major leaks in the plumbing used to fill the pool. Previous efforts over several years have failed to stem the flow, and last year the pool was shut soon after it opened, because it was requiring too much water.

Town mulls new services

BUCKSPORT - The town manager has been asked to look for ways Bucksport might encourage the development of services, many of them volunteer-based, to assist some homeowners with maintaining their properties.

A former town councilor, Paul F. Rabs, also suggested last week that Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and the current council explore the possibility of giving larger local property tax breaks to older residents.

The new emphasis on serving those with limited or fixed incomes comes in the wake of a push by newly elected Councilor James R. Morrison to see what can be done to help long-time residents stay in this community.

The latest plans were aired by the new Services Committee last Thursday (1/23).

The town manager has agreed to prepare a survey of all

residents to gain their thoughts and suggestions on services.

Morrison has agreed to research what is being done in other nearby communities, while Lessard has been asked to assess any financial or legal liability issues that might accompany an expansion of services.

While Morrison reported on the comments and situations he encountered while campaigning, Rabs shared his research into the minimal amount many on Social Security will experience this year. While most checks will increase marginally, much of the gain will be offset by higher insurance and medical expenses, Rabs said.

The councilors on the panel generally supported the idea of providing aid where that can be done, and a couple want to be certain the town does not incur legal problems with work done on private property.

All of those on the committee, including Morrison, also were clear that they do not want the town to pre-empt work that otherwise might be done by local trades people.

However, some of the tasks - like shoveling a walk or replacing a hinge - while important to an aging homeowner, are too small a project to interest many private contractors.

At the core are two ideas: In Morrison's concerns, a "neighbor-helping-neighbor" effort, perhaps with a little help from the town, could fill small gaps that now are economic and psychological burdens on homeowners who do not want to leave their homes.

In Rabs' view a little more savings in taxes could free up money for use in arranging for services privately to keep the most vulnerable safe and comfortable.

Orland man charged after fatal accident

ORLAND - A 48-year-old Orland man has been charged after he lost control of his pickup truck on the Cedar Swamp Road here Tuesday afternoon, resulting in the death of his passenger.

The state police say speed and alcohol were factors in the accident which took the life of Valerie Seavey, 50, of Orland.

Robert Cunningham was driving west about 4:15 p.m. when he lost control of the truck, and Seavey, who was not wearing a seatbelt, apparently was ejected from the vehicle during the resulting accident.

Cunningham was approaching a left hand turn and went off the left side

of the roadway, striking an embankment.

The vehicle came to rest on its wheels in the middle of the roadway.

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Seavey was pronounced dead at the scene.

Cunningham was treated for minor injuries at a hospital, and then was arrested and taken to the Hancock County Jail in Ellsworth.

He is charged with manslaughter, aggravated driving while under the influence, driving so as to endanger and driving more than 30 miles an hour above the posted limit.

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

A SOLAR PANEL? - The first meeting of Bucksport's new solar energy exploratory group will be held tonight (1/30) at 5 p.m. at the Town Offices. The group will select a chairperson, and initiate a review of the zoning requirements which currently limit solar operations to very limited portions of

the town. The group also will launch a review to make recommendations on what to do, if anything, with encouraging a solar farm to be erected atop the long-closed landfill off Central Street.

Last month's electricity bill showed only a 1,280 kilowatt-hour saving from the array installed on the roof of the sewage treatment plant, on U.S. Route 1, but added it is the worst time of year for solar generation, "But every little bit helps," Lessard added.

BIG PLANS - The Town Council will hold a special session tonight (1/30) at 6 p.m. at the Town Offices in an effort to set

some very specific goals for the town, especially ones that can be achieved during the next year-or-so.

Town Manager Susan M. Lessard has noted that the council has accumulated a long list of possible goals, but has asked that the list be prioritized so money can be allocated in the 2020-2021 budget to accomplish the most-immediate ones. Mayor Peter L. Stewart has suggested the single-item agenda could take two to three hours. The public is welcome.

POSTPONED - A meeting of representatives from a number of the 16 agencies that craft-

ed a local "Thriving in Place" program for older residents has been re-scheduled for Thursday, March 5, because of poor weather on the original date. The plan was paused when the money obtained to hire a staff person ran out.

MASS TRANSIT? - The town manager, a new appointee to the state's Public Transportation Advisory Committee, participated in her first session this month. Susan M. Lessard reported, "Much of the discussion centered around the need for improved public

transportation in rural areas and it will be helpful to be part of those discussions."

SELLING BUCKSPORT - The plan to spend up to \$10,000 to develop a marketing program for the town already has drawn inquiries from five firms, including one in Boston. Each submitted questions seeking specifics on what the town expects to accomplish.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 10. Only full-service firms are eligible.

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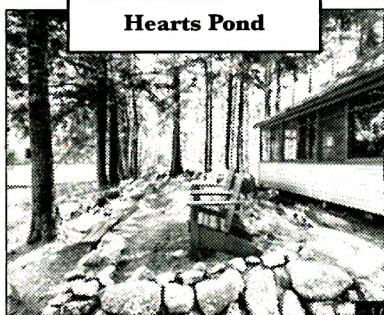
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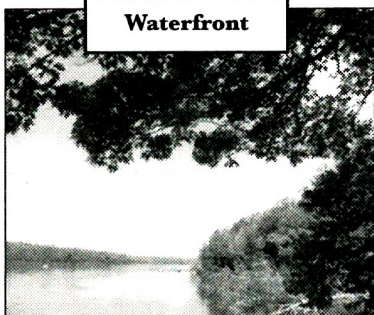


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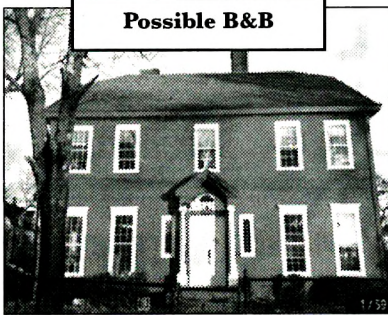


Waterfront

Orland—Waterfront parcel on 21 acres w/400' on desirable Alamoosook Lake. This special property offers lakefront privacy and convenient access from Acadia Highway with 700+ of road frontage. Enjoy woods and lakefront where you can swim, boat and hear the loons! A garage/shop w/power is located on Acadia Highway. Convenient to Ellsworth, Blue Hill, Bucksport & Bangor and only 45 minutes to Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park.

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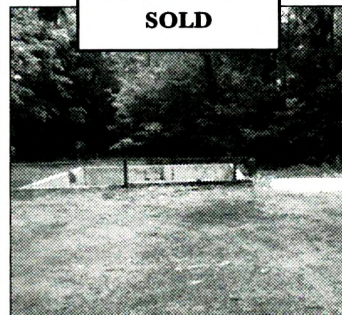


Possible B&B

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 & butler's pantry. Large open kitchen has pantry, new cabinets & Silestone 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.

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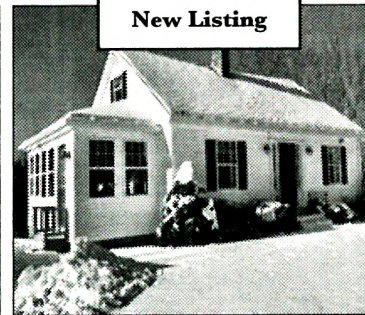
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New Listing

Bucksport—Charming Cape on a hill overlooking the Penobscot River. This home built in 2004 has almost 7 acres of land, 2-3 bedrooms, a bright sunroom, garage and over 400' of waterfront on the river. Well maintained and cozy it is a comfortable home with lots of light. Located near Orrington line, it is convenient to both Bangor and Bucksport. A special Maine home!

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



New Listing

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

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$209,000



**Price Reduced
Waterfront**

Orland—Shady Nook! This classic Maine cottage sits less than 50' from the shore of Alamoosook Lake. The main camp has 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining room as well as a living room and screen porch. The 'Barn' is a 2 to 3 bedroom apartment with kitchen and bath. Great Air B and B potential. Modern amenities include a 'comfort station' with a full bath, a 2 car garage with a sleeping loft. Plenty of space for a garden, chickens or the grandchildren! Make memories by the lake today!

Listing Agent: Mark Eastman

\$244,000



Waterfront

Verona Island—This wonderful, rustic log cabin sits on the shores of the lower Penobscot River that opens to the world renowned Penobscot Bay. Moor your sailboat, lobster boat or speedboat and enjoy time on the water. The house sits at the end of a dead end road for ultimate privacy. Enter in to the kitchen to see the eating area and open living room, that looks over the Penobscot. Off the living room is the attached three season, glassed in porch. The wrap a round deck provides space for barbecuing and entertainment. Finally, at the end of the day, enjoy the hot tub that also conveys. A recently added master bedroom suite includes a full bath and walk in closet. There is also a second bedroom on the first floor. The lower level consists of a third bedroom and bathroom.

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$525,000



Waterfront

Orland—A rare offering! This unique property, a family compound includes 1100 feet of beautiful shore frontage, 2 wonderful camps, and 23 acres on Alamoosook Lake. Camp #1 is approximately 10 feet from the water's edge. Camp #2 is completely finished and could easily become a year round residence.

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$519,000

Downtown spruce-up will be encouraged

BUCKSPORT - Town officials are in the earliest stages of developing a new program to encourage the enhancement of properties along Main Street.

The projects won't get underway in earnest until next year. However, a very preliminary early draft prepared for review by town officials suggests spending up to \$100,000 of the money being received as part of the tax incremental financing (TIF) package given to spur the Whole Oceans, LLC salmon rearing operation at the former paper mill site.

The money would be allocated on a fifty-fifty match basis to the owners of downtown buildings willing to invest to maintain or enhance the appearance of their properties.

The properties would have to

be along Main Street or generally south of Franklin Street.

One person who has viewed the idea suggested it might also be extended to encourage the redevelopment of the Masonic building at Elm and Franklin streets and/or the former Franklin Street Methodist Church. To do that would require Planning Board and other approvals.

Applications for up to \$10,000 would be received in the second half of this year, and reviewed at the first meeting of the Community and Economic Development Committee in January, 2021.

Property owners would have to front the full amount of their project, and then seek up to \$10,000 as the town's 50 percent share.

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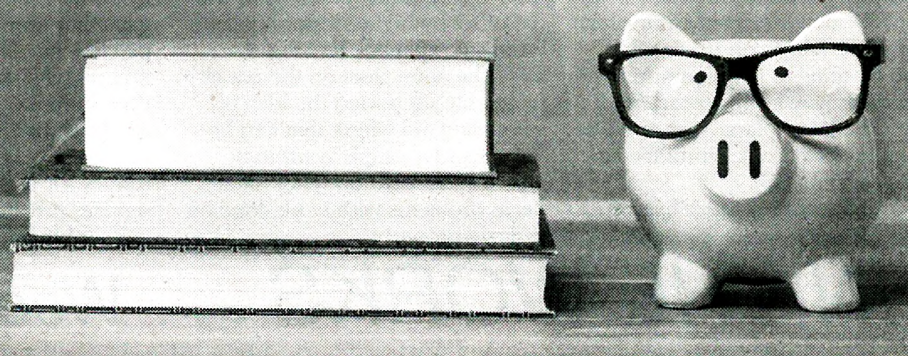
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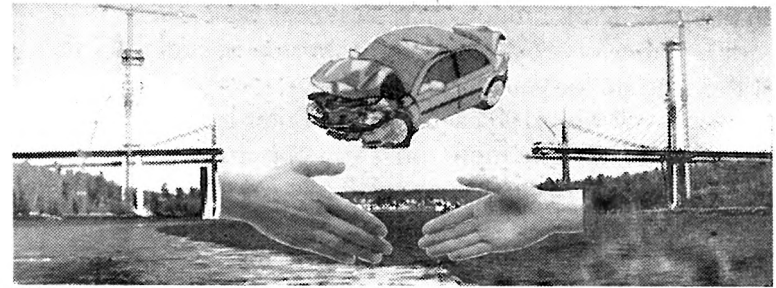
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Friends & Family

RETIRING - 29 YEARS - The public is welcome to join Orland town officials on Friday, Jan. 31 from 1 to 4 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. The event will include coffee and other refreshments.

'AUTHOR TALK' - The **Stockton Springs Community Library** will host an "Author Talk" with *Bangor Daily News* sportswriter, **John Holyoke**, the author of "Evergreens", on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m.

CANCER? - The **Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center's** new online cancer support group, "Survivorship: Finding Your Way Forward" is open to new registrations.

The group is being financed with a grant from the **Maine Cancer**

Foundation. The group is open to all cancer survivors regardless of treatment status. Group attendance can be accessed via telephone, tablet/computer, smartphone from a participant's home or wherever they happen to be.

Treatment is vital to the survival of anyone who has been given a cancer diagnosis. Both a cancer diagnosis and treatment not only present physical challenges, but emotional ones, requiring support.

The group will seek to provide information, support and skill building to improve overall wellness. Each session will cover a single topic from the introduction to the psychology behind cancer survivorship and resiliency to the impact of cancer on the body, mind and spirit.

Each group will take place every two weeks on Tuesdays, over a 12-week period. This session will take place biweekly from Tuesday, Feb 25, through May 12, from 5:45 to 7 pm. Call 664-0339 with questions or to register.



Leslie Wombacher, left, and some of her well-wishers.

HONORED - The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 22 honored the services of **Leslie Wombacher** during her years as executive director of the business group.

Her well-wishers gathered at the downtown Lighthouse Arts & Education Center.

There, Dick Petersen, the president of

the board of directors, thanked her for her service and her dedication to the chamber.

He also introduced the new executive director, **Teri Doty**.

This week, the chamber also moved to new hours. Its office which is on the lower level of the building that houses Katherine's Antique shop on Main Street, will be open daily Monday through Friday from 9 to noon. The board decided it was important to be open each business day. The chamber also is changing its weekly electronic report to an every other week schedule.

The chamber of commerce will hold its annual meeting and awards ceremony on Thursday, March 19, at The Alamo theatre. A social hour will begin at 6 p.m., and the guest speaker and awards presentations will start at 7.

Doty can be reached at teri@bucksportbaychamber.com or by calling 469-6818.

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"Friends & family" news
on Page 7.**

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Here's the deal!

Some downtown Bucksport businesses are making some special offers this holiday season, and in one of the more ambitious local promotions here in recent years, they are providing some very real inducements to stop by and see what they can do for you.

Five people will win \$100 each in cash. Enter to win each time you stop by. The more times you pop in, the more chances you will have in the drawing on Feb. 16.

EDITORIALS

The details - including the names of the businesses - are on Page 7 of today's *Bucksport Enterprise*.

Meg Keay of the Port 'O' Call shop deserves much of the credit for so quickly and thoroughly putting this effort together. Richard Rotella, the town's community and business development director, also quickly provided crucial municipal support.

Much of the attention of town officials now is on a public relations/marketing campaign to promote the Bucksport area as a place to visit and invest in. Many of those efforts, understandably, are regional and beyond. Still, providing support for local businesses operated by people who either know your name or truly want to make your acquaintance is important here.

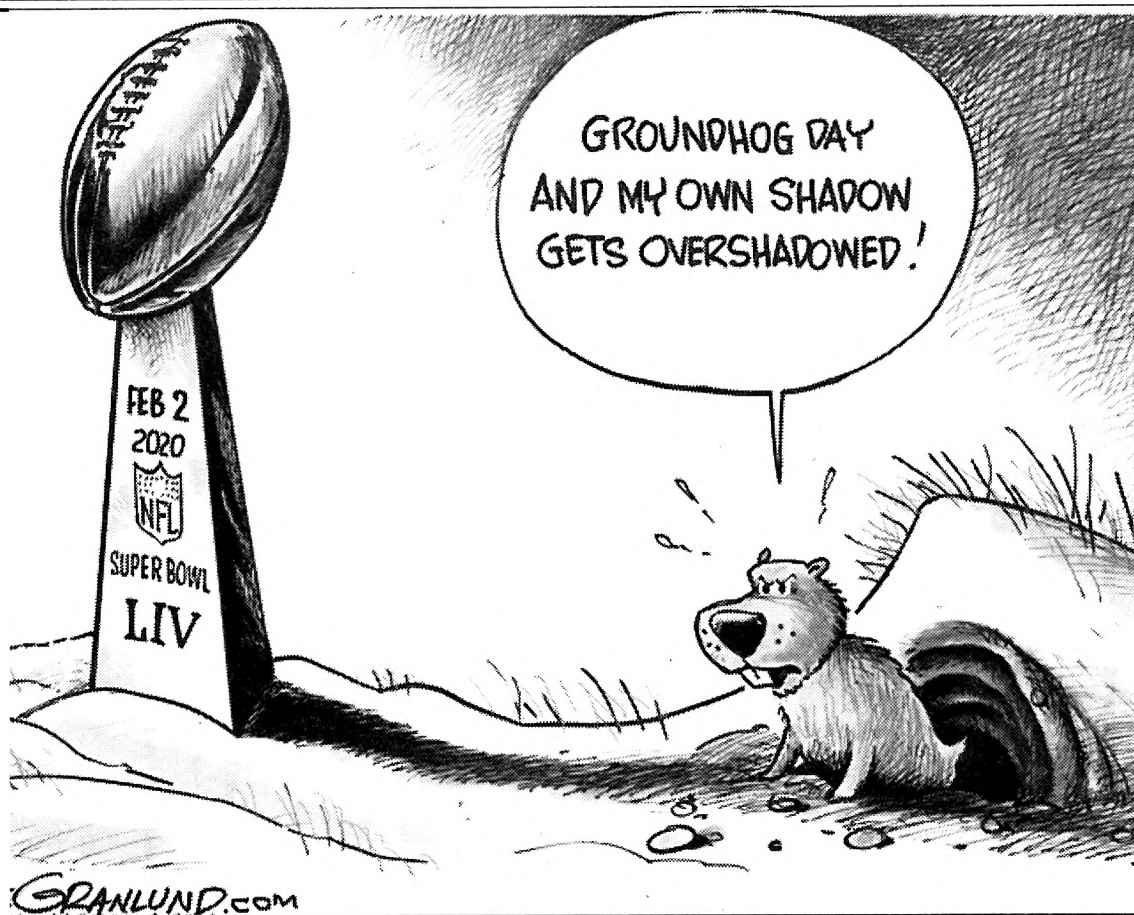
Bucksport is not just a spot that's 18 miles from somewhere else. It's a fine place to live and do business. Perhaps if you're one of the five pocketing an extra \$100 you'll consider spending it here, too.

In any event, as folks make the rounds and complete their entries, it's a good time to thank some of those business people who support so many good causes in this community. They'd appreciate hearing from you.

Metering the results

As Bucksport launches its group to study the possibilities for more solar panel installations in the town, especially one proposed atop the closed landfill off Central Street, it's vital the numbers add up to significant savings. It's wise to explore all of the options for power, especially those which involve renewable resources. Still, it's easy to be caught up in the marketing hoopla and sales pitches.

The town now has an arrangement with a firm gathering solar power from panels atop the Town Garage on Central Street, and it has entered into its own arrangement for a large solar array at the sewage treatment plant on U.S. Route 1. The first has been operating for over a year, the second for just over a month. Before getting too excited about the potential, the new committee would benefit from an extensive scrutiny of the results to date, while monitoring the numbers that are being metered each month.



Why men stay out of delivery rooms

Ink-stained wretches who remember the days of pounding out the missives on typewriters ("yes, typewriters, look it up") have a special place in their gnarled hearts for newspaper photographers.

These photographers always have been an odd breed, a curious blend of skills, egos and quirks, lots of quirks.

These folks have their ancestral roots in the Speed Graphic, flashbulb-popping chroniclers who, day-in and day-out, devoted their lives to the quest of being in the right place at the right time to click that shutter and capture in a fraction of a second something nobody else saw until they had memorialized it with a print.

Their reward on their best days: a tiny credit line in the margin of their artistry and a hearty, "well, what have you got for me for today's paper?"

Their digital offspring are no different, still driving miles, often for nothing, and on bad days finding their dramatically wonderful vertical photo transformed into a stupid horizontal by an ax-wielding editor faced with a "hole" to fill. Horizontal, vertical? What difference does it make?

With that kind of inspiration it's clear why some of the world's finest news photographers from the past are also certifiable looney-tunes.

At the top of my heap is Virgil, a wonderful game hunter-lensman who could snap his quarry in a way that communicated true emotion, and he did it day after day. Virgil also was the sort of fellow young women never took home to meet their parents, for Virgil, well he was Virgil. He could talk the birds from the trees one moment, and get in the face or the chest of the latest gatekeeper to stand between him and his quarry the next. Whatever works was his motto.

There came a day, however, when Virgil met a very young and very attractive doctor who grew up and went to medical school in the Philippines. Suddenly, Virgil was carrying about photos of this young woman. He had thousands of them, each a photographic *tour du force*. One photo led to another, and that soon led to marriage. Not long after that, it also led to a pregnancy.

Now, Virgil truly became a man on a mission. He was out to document his greatest accomplishment to date on this planet. He convinced (conned?) the obstetrician, telling him everything would be done right. The photos would be just for the happy couple, and were not headed to a fold-out in some publication, medical or otherwise.

Virgil took classes with his wife, back when that was not the fashion. Men were not welcome in delivery rooms, and in fact, they were in the way.

When the contractions began, Virgil grabbed the two kits, one for his wife and the other a much-larger satchel stuffed with at least six cameras, six lenses, a tripod and other gear for him.

At the hospital he deposited his wife in the labor room, while he ran to the car to get the rest of his gear, which included a small stepladder from the trunk. ("You never know when you're going to wish you had it!")

Upstairs, they at first balked at the ladder, but after Virgil swathed it in alcohol, he was ready to don his own robe and mask and become the ultimate baby-to-be photographer.

He returned to the labor room just in time to see his wife being rolled down the hall. "You're doing fine, honey. Now, breathe!" he said, popping shots as he ran ahead of them, lest he missed the critical coming-through-the-delivery-room door shot. "Got it! Great, sweetie! Now, look up here, but breathe", advised the coach from his perch atop the ladder. (He had but the one helpful hint, but hadn't learned when to offer it.)

Then, a symphony of snapping shutters: wide shots, close-ups, people peering over their masks, a nice scene-setter of the delivery room featuring a diminutive but extremely pregnant woman. She was thinking her own thoughts about the process, at least that's what Virgil's shot communicated.

"Great, now let's do it! The doctor and the nurses now were into it. Then, finally, a child was born -but not the kind you see in the old Westerns where the brand new mom, fresh from the beautician, is cuddling what appears to be a very clean nine-month-old. No, this was, well, a real baby, lying there on her mom's belly. Virgil had the shot.

"Isn't she beautiful?" whispered the mom through a sort of an euphoric daze.

Virgil looked down. For the first time he saw what he had been photographing, but this now without benefit of a lens or viewfinder. He saw what he and his wife had brought into the world.

Accounts differ as to whether the stepladder in his hand or Virgil's head hit the floor first. Virgil, out cold, missed the new-mom-emerges-from-the-delivery-room shot.

— DON HOUGHTON

From the margins of an editor's notebook

A letter . . . to the editor

Thank you!

To the editor,

I would like to thank the Bucksport Fire Department for their prompt and professional response to a fire at a building at 84 Main Street last Thursday (1/16) evening. The firefighters

arrived within a minute or two of receiving the call and they took charge of the situation, making certain the fire had been completely put out and would re-start later. They remained until they could assure everyone the building was safe to use.

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Patrick G. Bouchard, 1930 - 2020

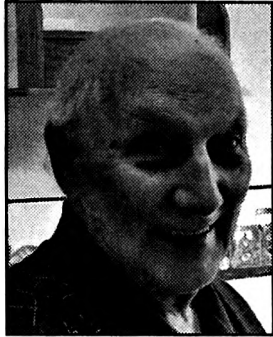
ORLAND - Patrick G. Bouchard, 89, died at his home on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

He was born in Boston on March 17, 1930, the son of Wilbrod and Aurore (Beaulieu) Bouchard.

Patrick served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He then worked for and retired from the paper mill in Bucksport.

Pat loved to be with family and enjoyed all family gatherings and going out to eat. He was very much a people person, he loved to talk and visit and meet new people. He enjoyed traveling the world, as in returning to Germany to the area where he was stationed while in the Army.

He was a long-time member of the Bucksport United Methodist Church, he was a "Prayer Warrior," very often getting his prayers answered for the people he prayed for. He is



Patrick G. Bouchard

survived by a daughter Kathy Small and husband Keith of Orland; a son, Timothy Bouchard of Bangor; grandchildren; Jereme of Hancock, Adam, Christian and Joseph of Oklahoma; a great-grandchild, Aiden; three brothers; Eugene of Penobscot, Charles of Alabama and Norman of California; a sister, Teresa Bakeman of Ellsworth; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Patrick was predeceased by three wives; Nancy, Bertha and Bea; a son, Gerold; a grandson, Troy; and two brothers, Butch and Wilbrod Jr. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the Oak Grove Cemetery Orland. Arrangements are by the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home in Bucksport.

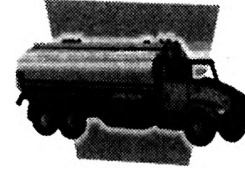
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BUCKSPORT - The good news for Bucksport last week is that the revenue side of the budget is looking good, in some cases very good. However, some major expenses loom.

The town's investment of its unallocated reserves has resulted in unusually high rates of return, both in interest and in dividends of some of the stock it is invested in.

While she noted she's always wary of putting public money into equity investments such as stocks, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard acknowledged that this has been a good time to be in the market.

The Town Council and the manager will be meeting soon with the town's financial advisors to determine what, if any, changes might be prudent to increase the town's return on several million dollars worth of reserves.

Still, the council also must prepare to repay the \$3 million in bonds they and the voters have agreed to spend on local roads.

The one-time financial infusion into the road project was brought on by growing signs of deterioration in many of the town's roads. And, while there is enough interest being generated on the town's investments to balance the interest on the planned bonds, money also will have to be set aside to service the principal on that

debt over the next decade-or-so.

The town also must pay for the new swimming pool or replacement of the present one (See article on Page 1.)

There's also the replacement of a long-crumbling retaining walls along Main Street, including those near the traffic lights, and other long-discussed projects being added to the town's current list of pressing concerns.

Former Town Councilor Paul F. Rabs last week reminded his former colleagues that each \$400,000 in locally financed spending puts roughly \$1 on the tax rate. That translates to a \$100-a-year increase for those owning property assessed at \$100,000, \$150 for those with \$150,000 assessments, and \$200 for those with \$200,000 worth of real estate.

While the town's industrial growth, such as the salmon fish farm and the seafood processors in the industrial park will add to the prosperity of the town over time, the immediate tax benefits are comparatively low.

The Maine Maritime Academy's new maritime safety satellite campus soon to open here also is tax-exempt because the school is a state institution.

All of these factors will be considered in preparing the 2020-2021 municipal budget.

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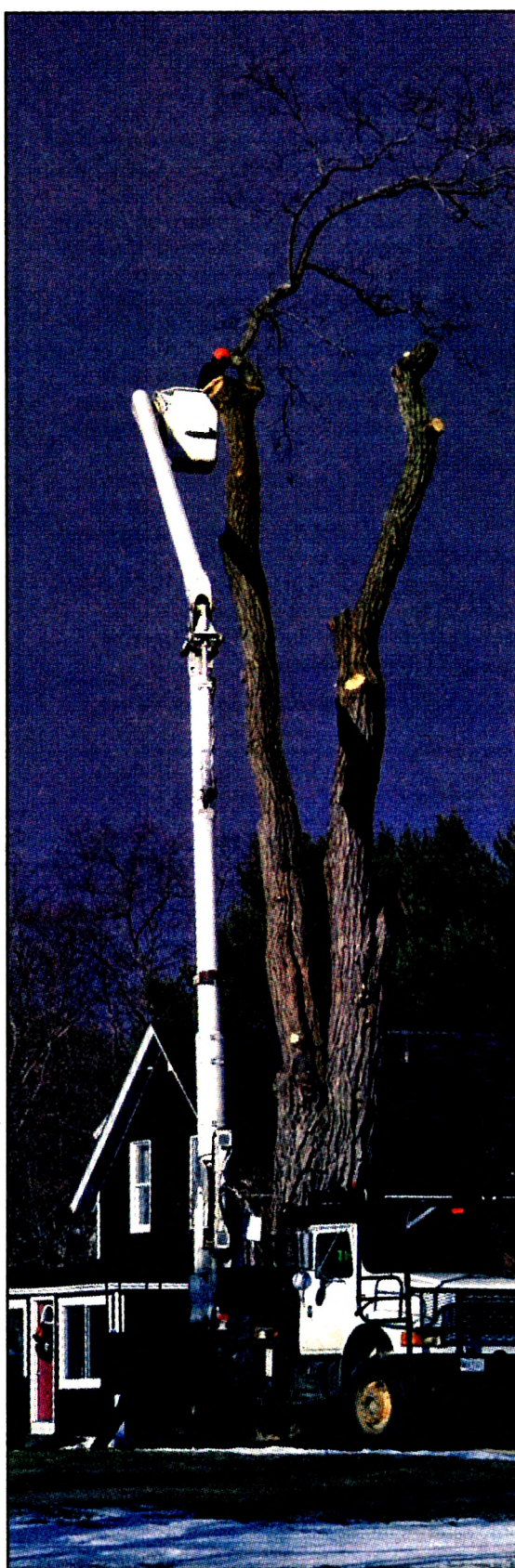
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Up a tree?

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Sign of progress?

Whole Oceans posts concerns about site safety

BUCKSPORT Whole Oceans, LLC the salmon farm operator, is making it clear that while the firm may welcome visitors once the operation is up and running, sneak peekers will be discouraged at the River Road site.

A sign was erected spelling out the cautionary note, and a Facebook posting makes the message very clear:

"As we prepare to start work at the site in Bucksport, we are posting the boundaries of the property in order to keep members of the public and site workers safe. Large project signs have been installed at the North and South Gates.

"In 2011, Maine passed a

— In the works

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VOTE OF CONFIDENCE – The RSU 25 School Board has approved a one-year extension in the contract of Supt. of Schools James Boothby. That means his contract now runs through June of 2024. At that point the now 59-year-old school official will be eligible for retirement, although he has given no indication he plans to do that. The annual vote has been an almost routine one throughout Boothby's tenure.

A retroactive pay increase is expected, but in keeping with recent policy the board has opted to postpone that financial settlement until such times as contractual talks with other school employee groups are concluded. The board and Boothby do not want those negotiations to be impacted up-front by whatever the percentage proves to be in the superintendent's rate of pay.

IN CHARGE – Town Councilor Daniel Ormsby has been elected the chairperson of the Services Committee, while Councilor Mark Eastman is heading up the Bucksport Community & Economic Development Committee. Both votes were unanimous.

Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic development director, wants the Town Council and the economic development panel to consider adding a representative of the Main Street Bucksport organization to the committee. The group already includes a Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce representative and a minimum of three town councilors.

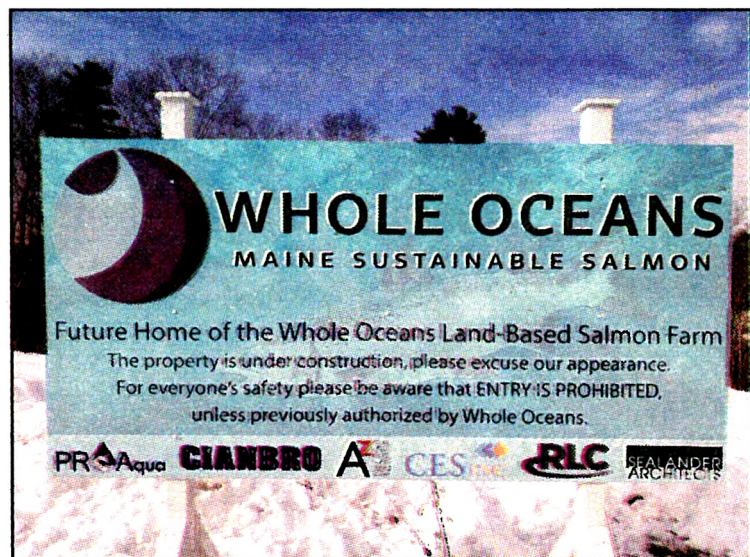
BACK IN LIMBO – A 33-acre tract off Drakes Lane not far from the landfill at the former paper mill, eyed until recently for potential housing - has been "withdrawn from the Market by its owner, an affiliate of the American Iron & Metal concern that bought and then subdivided the former paper mill.

Also back in only the talking phase is what will happen at the business/commercial/residential site at the back of the business park lot that houses the Family Dollar and Subway shops on U.S. Route 1. The town for months has been preparing plans to improve the roadway that links Outer Broadway with Park Street, which flows onto U.S. Route 1.

That much-discussed development is being withheld until more planning can be carried out, according to town officials.

MOBILE HOME PARK – The developer of the new mobile home park off Central Street expects to have 42 lots available later this year. Another has been set aside for a small community center. All of the utilities are being installed underground to provide a more pleasing setting.

MORE LIGHT - A plan to replace downtown streetlamps with light-emitting diode-style illumination is being considered, but many questions need to be answered before the first LED light is lit there.



HERE'S ONE of several signs being erected around the perimeter of the Whole Oceans LLC salmon hatchery site off River Road.

law allowing private property owners to denote "No Trespassing" areas on their property using vertical stripes of purple paint. We will be using a combination of purple paint and "No Trespassing" signage to demarcate the perimeter of our property at 100-foot intervals. Please take care and look for these markings to avoid trespassing on the site.

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Friends & Family

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ON THE STAFF — **Two Rivers Realty** has added **Douglas Burpee** as a sales agent.

Burpee grew up in Bucksport and graduated from Bucksport High School in 2007.

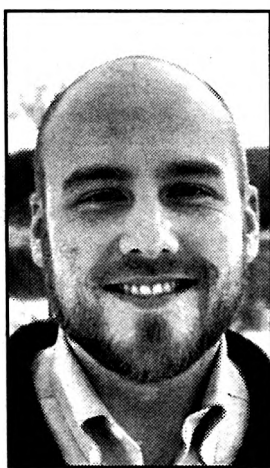
An experienced salesman, he earned a bachelor's degree in college, and then went on to serve businesses across Maine, including working as an account manager for a major telecommunications carrier for several years before taking on his current role as a sales consultant for UniFirst.

After years of encouragement from his brother, **Dan Burpee**, also an agent with Two Rivers, Doug joined the local

real estate agency.

Doug and his family often can be seen around town participating in various activities, including walking the hiking trails in the region.

MADE THE LISTS — These students earned places on the dean's lists at



Douglas Burpee

their schools during the fall semester:

Eastern Maine Community College in Bangor has posted its fall semester president's and dean's lists.

The dean's list students who have earned a grade point average of 4.0 are recognized on the president's list.

Here are the Bucksport-area students who earned places on those lists:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Bucksport — **Colleen LeClair** and **Cecilia Wardwell**.

DEAN'S LIST

Bucksport — **Lucas R. Brann**, **Tracy J. Davis**, **Melanie L. Hall**, **Jenny L. Jordan**, **Kelsey D. Maguire**, **Stacey M. McLellan**, **Caleb P. Smith** and **Stephen J. Wagner**.

Orland — **Isabelle M. Gray**, **Darian W. Jellison**, **William E. Meehan**, **Tamisha E. Parsons**, **Margaret O. Peckenham**, **Ian A. Ramsay**, **Kaylah S. Rankin** and **Dylan P. Wight**.

Orrington — **Stephanie Barker**, **Jasmyne M. DeBarge**, **Alexis R. Enman**, **Samantha V. Johnson**, **Tori E. Knowles**, **Nicholas Patrick A. Lander**, **Rachelle L. Seward**, **Abigail Jamie** and **E. Stoneton**.

Penobscot — **Max P. Astbury-King**.

AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE — **Morgan Zenter** of Castine, of the Class of 2020 at Connecticut College in New London, has been named to the dean's list. Zenter is majoring in biological sciences and environmental studies.

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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 is welcome to join in the neighborly service.

"Caring calls" is a free program for those who'd accept a daily phone call from a friendly volunteer. The goal is to brighten the day for both the caller and the person called, while confirming all's well without being intrusive. 469-3633.

Luncheons

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

Friday, Jan. 31 —

Spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, garden salad and a cookie.

Monday, Feb. 3 —

Chicken pot pie w/stuffing, roll and fruit.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 —

Pot roast, mashed potato, peas, and whoppie pie.

Friday, Feb. 7 —

Meatloaf, baked potato, baby carrots and a cookie.

Monday, Feb. 10 —

Chicken Cordon Bleu, rice, carrots and peas, and cake.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 —

Baked stuffed haddock, wild rice, garden salad and a raspberry cookie.

Friday, Feb. 14 —

Chop suey, baked roll, garden salad and pudding.

Monday, Feb. 17 —

President's Day - no meal.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 —

Roast chicken w/gravy over mashed potato, stuffing, cranberry sauce and fruit.

Friday, Feb. 21 —

Pot roast, mashed potato, green beans and lemon tarts.

Monday, Feb. 24 —

Roast tenderloin pork, baked potato, carrots and bread pudding.

Wednesday, Feb. 26 —


Baked haddock, rice pilaf, snap peas and a cookie.

Friday, Feb. 28 —

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Small downtown fire extinguished

BUCKSPORT — A very small fire in a narrow alleyway between two downtown buildings was doused quickly by firefighters last Thursday (1/23) evening.

However, the safety personnel remained at the scene for a while because the fire might have gotten into a wall of a building, owned by Michael R. Jacques of Bucksport. They opened a very small hole in the wall and made certain the fire would not rekindle or damage either structure.

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Booked at jail

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

- Tara Anne Thurlow, 40, of 196 Route 1, the Fountain Inn, in Bucksport was booked into the jail about 10 a.m. on Friday (1/24) after being charged in Ellsworth for violating the terms of her probation and two counts of failing to appear for a court proceeding.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT – These arrests were recorded at the Public Safety Building:

- Stephen Klenowski, 58, of Bucksport came to the police station on Monday, knowing he was wanted on a warrant.
- Timothy Moon, 37, of Bucksport was arrested on Friday (1/24) on warrants alleging he had driven while under the influence on Friday. He was arrested on School Street.

Both men posted bail and were released.

Accidents

BUCKSPORT – Local police recorded these accidents recently:

- Vehicles being driven by Cody Ames, 34, and William Beaumont, 61, both of Bucksport, collided head-on on the River Road, Jan. 21. Both drivers were taken to a hospital by ambulance.
- Nicolette Yerxa, 38, of Clifton struck a deer on State Route 46, near the Long Pond, about 7:30 a.m. on Friday (1/24). The deer ran off.
- Keith Birmingham, 56, of Bucksport struck a deer while driving on the River Road about noon on Jan. 22.
- A vehicle driven by Tina Koch, 29, of Bucksport struck a vehicle parked on Middle Street about 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 21. The damage was described as minor.
- A collision of vehicles being operated on the River Road by Wade Stevens, 50, of Orland and John McIntyre, 58, of Verona Island, resulted in minor damage. The accident occurred about 8 a.m. on Jan. 21.

Assault claimed

BUCKSPORT – The police are looking into the alleged sexual assault of a young girl roughly a year ago. The case was only reported to the authorities

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recently, but now is being actively investigated.

Forgery alleged

BUCKSPORT – A 34-year-old East Millinocket man has been charged with forgery and allegedly violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case.

Drew Pooler has been charged with altering a forged document and then submitting it locally.

The alleged offense was discovered during a routine background check.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These summonses were issued here:

- Jamie Wright, 44, of Bucksport was cited for reportedly failing to register a vehicle after he was stopped on U.S. Route 1 shortly before 3 p.m. on Sunday.
- Sharon Harvey, 47, of Orland was given a summons for alleged inspection and property liability insurance violations. She was halted on Franklin Street about 2 p.m. on Sunday.
- Andrew Lovely, 19, of Bucksport got a ticket for an alleged vehicle registration violation after being stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.
- Moriah Johnson, 26, of Bucksport was given a summons for allegedly failing to register a vehicle. She was stopped on the Millvale Road about 1:15 p.m. on Saturday.
- Rhiannon Swift, 16, of Bucksport was cited for having a passenger in the vehicle, which is an alleged violation of license restrictions for the young driver.
- Wayne Pierce, 28, of Stockton Springs was charged with driving an unregistered snowmobile on Mill Street.

Juvenile charged

BUCKSPORT – A 12-year-old boy was alleged to be in possession of marijuana at the Bucksport Middle School.

He was charged shortly after 1 p.m. on Friday (1/24), and the case will be handled in the juvenile justice system.

Shoplifting alleged

BUCKSPORT – There were two reports of shoplifting here during the past week:

- The police have a suspect in the taking of an estimated \$300 worth of items from the Hannaford Bros. supermarket on U.S. Route 1 Saturday evening.
- As yet no charges have been filed in a reported theft of merchandise at the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1 Saturday morning.

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BUCKSPORT – There's a nice selection of kitties, each purring for a loving home, now available for adoption at the municipal animal shelter off Central Street.

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Pedestrian dies after being hit in Orrington

ORRINGTON – A 34-year-old Bangor woman with strong Bucksport ties died after being struck - apparently while hitchhiking - on Route 15 early last Thursday (1/23) evening.

Megan McGraw was pronounced dead at the scene, which was near the McGinn Road intersection.

A sports utility vehicle being driven by Kelli Veilleux, 45, of Bucksport, struck McGraw as McGraw was walking toward Bucksport around 5:30 p.m.

The visibility at the time was deteriorating as the sky was overcast and rain had begun to fall. The road was closed for several hours.

McGraw reportedly had multiple family and other personal links to Bucksport.

Local fire victim will not face charges

BUCKSPORT – The prosecutors last week dropped charges against a Bucksport man who had gone into his burning house on Town Farm Road in November after being told by the authorities on the scene not to do so.

Timothy Jerome, 61, had been charged with refusing to submit to arrest and obstructing the firefighting operation.

Jerome's wife, Aza Jerome Vasylyk, 56, has been charged with setting fire to the house and a nearby shed.

The case against Jerome apparently was dropped because he told authorities he thought his wife might be inside.

Vasylyk, 56, is charged with setting five fires on the property on Nov. 11.

She fled on foot, and was found wandering in the woods near the Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland days later. She apparently had spent the cold nights in the East Orland area.

Vasylyk, a Ukrainian with limited skills in English, currently

is free on \$1,000 bail, pending a court hearing on March 12 in Ellsworth.

According to some accounts Vasylyk has continued to act somewhat irrationally. She has left the Town Farm Road property twice, once recently for a day and a night. She reportedly has been refusing to use her limited English, take her medication or go for medical help.

She remains free on \$1,000 bail and is due in Hancock County Unified Criminal Court on March 12, a clerk said.

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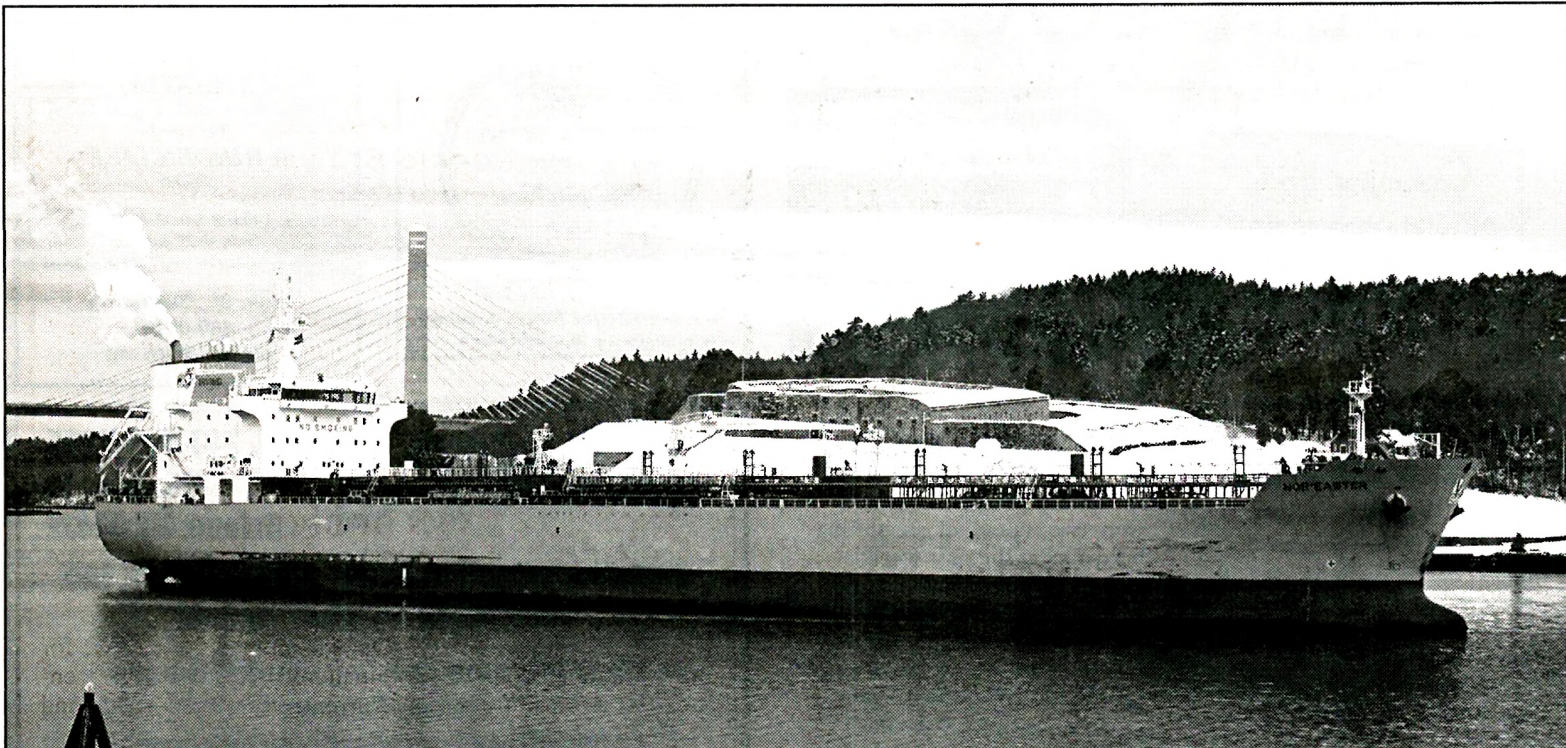
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Busy in the bay

Bucksport Bay has been handling a number of fuel tankers this winter, no doubt the result of the very cold temperatures.

The plowers of snow may not have reaped the rewards of many heavy storms, but the fuel industry always seems to fare quite well.



REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

BUCKSPORT – Here are some of the real estate transfers recorded with Bucksport's assessor, Katlin Howlett during her first three months in that position:

- 732 River Road from the Dortha Brouty Grey Living Trust to Michelle Moore and Michael Milan on Nov. 27 for \$162,500. The 1.38-acre developed property is assessed at \$136,770.

- Woodland Heights, from Suzzane L and Christopher A Macleod to Brady A Macleod on Nov. 4 for \$0. The 3.19 acres is assessed at \$53,640, and was transferred among related parties.

- River Road, from the Estate of Rita Mae Debeck to Robert M Debeck Sr on Oct. 1 for \$0. The 2.8 acres are assessed at \$53,640.

- 18 Seekins Street, from Horace S and Geraldine M. Smith to Jeffrey W and April M Hall on Nov. 4 for \$177,000. The 0.9-acre developed site is assessed at \$161,770.

- 44 Bridge Street, from Diane S and Stephen E O'Connell to Christopher M and Samantha B Pickering on Oct. 4 for \$215,000. The 0.18-acre

developed lot is assessed at \$129,820.

- Estate of Robert E Glidden to Michael S and Eileen M. Ormsby on Oct. 4 for \$0. The developed half-acre is assessed at \$89,340.

- State Route 46, from the Estate of Robert C Jackson to Kevin and Marchese, Wendy Lynn and Jackson, Weston Scott on Oct. 4 for \$0. The three developed acres, assessed at \$34,700, were transferred among related parties.

- 6 Forsythe Avenue, from Shirley J Meng to Christian E. Jerome on Oct. 8 for \$135,800. The developed acre is assessed \$127,130.

- 341 Mast Hill Road, from Claire J Rossignol to Edmund II and Valeria Mason on Nov. 9 for \$0. The 9.7 developed acres are assessed at \$179,610.

- 103 Elmwood Street, from Dakin, Susan C and Wayne M Dakin to Kenneth D Webb on Oct. 11 for \$47,000. The 11.2 acre developed parcel is assessed at \$49,130.

- 68 Royal Ridge Lane, from Saltwater Homestead, LLC to Maguire Enterprises, LLC on Oct. 11 for \$0. The 2.7 developed acres are assessed at \$41,800.

- 219 River Road, from North Country Associates to Ashley and Damian Ames on Oct. 15 for \$50,000. The developed fifth of an acre is assessed at \$54,010.

- 321 Second Avenue, from Michael J and Mary L Soucy, to Jeremiah H and Areal Hanlon on Oct. 18 for \$62,500. The 60 acres are assessed at \$33,230.

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- 321 Second Avenue, from Michael J and Mary L Soucy,

to Jeremiah H and Areal Hanlon on Oct. 18 for \$62,500. The 60 acres are assessed at \$33,230.

- 13 Pine Street, from Alicia A (FKA Mooney, Alicia A) Murray to Sean C Gross on Pct. 22 22-19 \$0. The small property is assessed at \$82,590.

- 2024 State Route 46, from Michael and Iris C Wood to Elizabeth L Stevens, on Oct. 25 for \$127,000. The developed acre is assessed at \$138,610.

- 336 Millvale Road, from David R. and Caryn E. Howard, to Jacob H and Kathryn J Barto on Oct. 25 for \$285,000. The nearly 8.6 developed parcel is assessed at \$216,350.

- 54 Main Street, from Maine State Grange on Oct. 28 for \$0 to the Leeman family of Bucksport. The developed 0.12 acre is assessed at \$94,110.

(This property housed the former rented office of the Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. The chamber now is on the lower level of the Main Street building where the antiques shop is located.)

- 38 Broadway, from Dianne E. Newbegin and Jeanne E. Gray, successor trustees of the

James E. Leeman and Minerva E., Leeman Trust, to Kathryn Newbegin on Oct. 29 for \$75,000. The property is assessed at \$132,260.

- 341 Mast Hill Road, from Claire J Rossignol to Edmund II and Valeria Mason on Oct. 9 for \$0. The 9.7-acre property is assessed at \$179,610.

- 336 Millvale Road, from David R & Caryn E Howard, to Jacob H & Kathryn J Barto on 10-25-19 for \$285,000 assessed at \$216,350 developed 8.58 acres arms length

- 890 Silver Lake Road, from Frank M & Jacqueline A Dunbar to Jared M. and Krystle S Bowden on Dec. 6 for \$49,000. The 86-acre property is Assessed at \$116,020.

- Bucks Mills Road, from Brianna L Sullivan to Kimberly and James Johnson on Dec. 6 for \$31,000. The 11 acre developed acres are assessed at \$31,940.

- 1022 River Road from Changing Seasons Federal Credit Union to W & S, Inc. on Dec. 9 for \$40,000. The 1.4 developed acres are assessed at \$113,220. This was a foreclosure sale.

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GOLDEN BUCK SPORTS

Bucksport runners fare well

ORONO – Here are the results compiled by Bucksport High School runners at the fieldhouse here on Saturday:

GIRLS' SCORES 1. Bangor, 193; 2. Old Town, 124; 3. Bucksport, 49; 4. Orono 43; 5. George Stevens Academy, 32.

BOYS' SCORES 7. Bucksport 17; and 8. Sumner, 14.

Here's how the local runners fared individually:

Girls 55 Meter Dash Meet A Preliminaries 1, Johanna Stiles, 7.79.

Girls 55 Meter Dash Meet A Final 2, Johanna Stiles, 7.66.

Boys 55 Meter Dash Meet A Preliminaries 5, Tyler Hallett, 7.31.

Boys 55 Meter Dash Meet A Finals 5, Tyler Hallett, 7.23.

Girls 1 Mile Run Meet A: 6, Rebekah Ireland, 6:28.09.

Girls 400 Meter Dash Meet A: 2,

Addie Morrison, 1:02.68; 5, Abigail Hunt, 1:09.71.

Girls 200 Meter Dash Meet A: 2, Johanna Stiles, 28.57; 4, Addie Morrison, 28.71; and 6, Britney Bussey, 29.42.

Girls Two-Mile Run Meet A: 5, Rebekah Ireland, 15:04.21.

Boys Two-Mile Run Meet A: 5, David Hileman, 11:13.47, and 6, Anthoney Smith, 11:40.25.

Boys 4x200 Meter Relay Meet A: 5, Bucksport High School (Gabriel Stegner Jr., Carter Pereira Jr., Hugh Jack, Tyler Hallett), 1:47.51.

Girls Shot Put Meet A: 6, Ava Knowles, 26-06.

Girls Long Jump Meet A: 5, Helaina Winslow, 15-03.50.

Boys Long Jump Meet A: 5, Tyler Hallett, 19-00.50. Boys Triple Jump Meet A: 2, Gabriel Stegner, 36-01.75.

Girls High Jump Meet A: 2, Victoria Watkins, 4-08.

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Friday, Feb 14

FLICKERING CANDLES! A candlelight dinner will be held at the Bucksport United Methodist Church at 3 River Road. There will be music and random prizes. The dinner offers appetizers, turkey, twice-baked potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower medley, cranberry/apple stuffing, rolls, and a surprise Valentine dessert. The 6 p.m. meal is by reservation only, and registration ends Friday, Feb. 7. The cost is \$12.50 per person or \$25 per couple. 469-3622 or BucksportUMC@aol.com.

local entertainment from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Elks of Ellsworth #2743 hall at 317 High Street in Ellsworth. The dinner will include a choice of pasta (spaghetti or ziti), sauce (red or alfredo), rolls or garlic bread, and a salad. There will be a raffle during dessert, but the ticket holder must be present to win. Amanda Motts with Dot's Photography will take free photos. Tickets for this event are \$10 for an adult, \$5 for children 10 and younger, or \$20 for a family.

Saturday, Feb 8

VALENTINE'S DINNER — The East Orrington Congregational Church will host a Valentine's dinner and dance at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$25 per couple. A line dance instructor

PUBLIC MEALS

Saturday, Feb 1

CHURCH SUPPER — The East Orrington Congregational Church is offering a traditional baked bean supper from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the church at 38 Johnson Mill Road in Orrington. The meal includes casseroles and hot dogs and the rest of the traditional Maine church supper fare. The meal is \$8 for adults, and \$4 for each under 12. 825-3404 or coccme.com.

Friday, Feb 7

RELAY FOR LIFE BENEFIT — The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Hancock County is hosting dinner and a show with cabaret singers. Volunteers will host a pasta dinner with live

State Representative

Hutchins seeks re-election

PENOBSCOT Sherman Hutchins, R-Penobscot, is seeking re-election to the state House seat that represents seven area communities including Orland, Prospect and Verona Island.

House District Seat 131 also includes Dedham, Otis, Penobscot and Stockton Springs.

Hutchins, who has been involved in the commercial fishing, outlined his concerns for the way of life of many in his community who have made a living for generations from the working on the water.

"I think these whale rules have everyone anxious about the coming season," he said of a federal effort to tighten rules. "Obstermen must comply with in order to protect endangered right whales that many believe may be traveling through the Gulf of Maine, and it's not going to be good if guys have to spend a lot of money to fish where they always have, or are told by the feds they can't fish there. I hear that every day serving on the Marine Resources Committee."

Hutchins said he's concerned also about the decline of

clamming, the increased focus on offshore wind and the struggle fishermen have finding a place to put their traps without causing gear conflict.

"Fishing has changed a lot since I was in the Legislature in the 90s, but whether you are a fisherman or not, some of these changes, like this push to get offshore windmills up and down our coast from one end to the other, may affect tourism just as much as fishing. If tourism suffers, our local businesses that depend on those dollars are really going to be in a crunch, just as much as our fishermen and clambers are," he said.

Hutchins also expressed concern about the number of seniors in the area who are struggling. "They're fighting to keep their homes, buy food, pay for medicine, stay independent, and many feel alone," he said. "Like the state doesn't care, or has left them behind. And I think we need to change the way we look at and think about that, and what an older population means for our community. We're all getting older."

326-8545 or shhutch01@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

An Invitation to...
Connie Brown's
Retirement Open House!
January 31, 2020
1-4pm At the Orland Town Office
Come visit & celebrate Connie's 29 years as Town Clerk of the Town of Orland!
All are welcome to come enjoy coffee, refreshments, & wish Connie a Happy Retirement!

TOWN OF BUCKSPORT
PUBLIC NOTICE

2020 dog licenses are due by January 31. The cost is \$6 for spayed/neutered dogs, \$11 for unaltered dogs, or \$42 for kennels. Residents must present current rabies certificates and proof of neutering upon registration.

A late fee of \$25 per dog will be charged for any license renewed after January 31.

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BUCKSPORT There will be a public reception for "Dreamscapes", a Bucksport Middle School Art Club program featuring young local artists and artist-in-residence, Randy Fein.

The group of young artists is being taught by Fein and co-taught by Sadie Personeni of the Lighthouse Arts & Education Center.

The reception will be at the arts center on Main Street on Tuesday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 5 p.m.

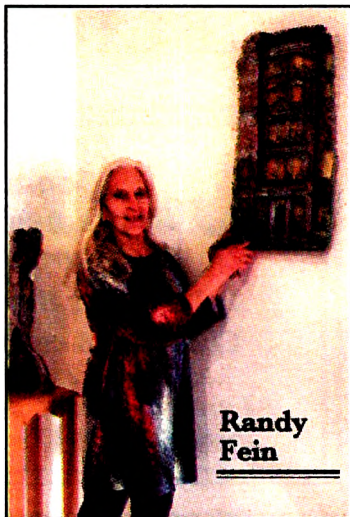
The students will be showcasing their work and talking about the creative process with parents, friends and the general and community.

Each student developed their own ceramic "dreamscape".

Fein, who spent several classes over the past 10 weeks with students, will show a collection of her own work displayed alongside her students' works in the gallery at the Lighthouse on Main Street.

Fein has been doing works in clay for the last four decades. Her works are in private and public collections throughout the world.

Her large-scale relief tile works are permanently installed in libraries, schools, and hospitals. These 16 to 30 foot installa-



ARTIST prepares an exhibition of her works, and those of young local students.

tions are in the lobby of the pediatric section of the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, the emergency section of the Maine Medical Center in Portland, the Gorham Middle School, the theater entrance in Gorham and 15 other sites throughout New England.

Fein has worked with thousands of students over the past 45 years as an art workshop leader. She has visited hundreds of schools throughout the United States, France, Spain, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Caribbean. During her travels she has mentored students in ceramic sculpture, pottery, and mural-making in all mediums.

She operates Randy Fein's Studio in Camden.

RandyFein.com or Sadie Personeni at 702-9135.

PLACES TO GO . . . things to do

EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 30

LGBT Group - The LETTER Community, a lesbian, gay, biu-sexual and transgender support group, will meet at 4:30p.m. at the REACH School, 14 First Street in Bucksport. For more information, check the LETTER Community posting on Facebook.

Through January 31

ART SHOW - The Ellsworth Public Library and Nadine Murphy invite the public to the January art show in the library, 2020. The show, entitled "Organic Impressionism Meets Minimalism" explores Maine from a deeper perspective. The public also is invited to a reception with the artist on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday, Feb. 1

KNITTING NOOK - The Ellsworth Public Library knitting group will gather at 10 a.m. as it does for two hours on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Fiber arts of all types and levels are welcome. 667-6363.

FREE FILM - At 7 p.m. at the Blue Hill Library, Peninsula Peace & Justice will screen a 2018 film tracking the effects of out-of-state corporate money and influence in the political system in the era of "Dark Money" or campaign financing from

sources that remain undisclosed. The film focuses on a Montana reporter writing about corporate money and advertising during a state legislative campaign season. The film is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. 610-0396.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

READ ON! - The Tuesday Readers, the book discussion group at the Ellsworth Public Library, meets the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict will be discussed. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be served. 667-6363.

Friday, Feb. 6

DEMOCRATS - The Hancock County Democratic Committee, will hear Wayne Kinney from the Maine Democratic Party speak about the preparations for this year's elections. The explanations will also cover the Maine election process, those in other early states such as Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada will be detailed. The public meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Moore Community Center on State Street in Ellsworth. The group's regular monthly meeting will be on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. at the same location. U.S. Rep. Jared Golden will speak. chair@hancockdems.org.

Friday, Feb. 7

IN THE OFFICE - State Rep. Sherman H. Hutchins, R-Penobscot, at the Penobscot

Elementary School gym at 66 North Penobscot Road, beginning at 6:30 p.m. His seven-town district includes Orland, Verona Island, Prospect, Stocktown Springs and Penobscot.

Feb. 7, 8-9 - 14-16

GILBERT & SULLIVAN -

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Maine has been filling cold nights with the warmth of laughter and good company as it prepares to offer *The Gondoliers* on February Feb. 7-9 and Feb. 14-16 at The Grand in Ellsworth. The Friday shows (Feb. 7 and 14) are at 7 pm and the Saturday and Sunday show (Feb. 8, 9 and Feb. 15,16) will be at 2 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

GOP - The annual Lincoln Day celebration of the Hancock County Republicans will begin at 6 p.m. at the Ellsworth Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. There's no charge, but those attending are asked to bring food to share. Sandi0p4472@mail.com.

FOR THE KIDS

Saturday, Feb 1

STORY HOUR - The Stockton Springs Community Library will have "Story Hour", beginning at 10 am. In addition to the story, there will be a craft activity and a snack. All are welcome free of charge. 567 4147.

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