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FOUNDATION NO MORE! A local construction company crew cuts up and pulverizes the last of the major foundations scheduled in the removal of the paper mill from the River Road site. The work is unrelated to the development of the Whole Oceans salmon fish farm planned nearby. Building the fish farm will require some blasting, but that work hasn't been scheduled yet.

Last foundation cleared at paper mill

BUCKSPORT – This week a crew removed the last of the final foundations scheduled for demolition at the paper mill site off the River Road.

Some of the previously cleared foundations have been left in place, buried over with stone dust and fill rather than being crushed to still more stone dust.

The work reportedly is unrelated to the sitework being planned on the nearby site that Whole Oceans LLC will redevelop as an on-shore Atlantic salmon farm.

That project will require some significant blasting of the underlying ledge, but the fate of

the material being removed there still has not been set.

According to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, former Mayor David G. Keene has suggested the town might want to accept some or all of that blasted stone for use as rip-rap at several locations.

The leading sites under consideration are along the embankments that border the waterfront and the rear embankment of the still-empty lot the town acquired and then cleared at 64 Main Street.

The Main Street site is at the base of a steep hill up to the backyards of homes along Buck Street.

No decisions have been made on whether to seek the to be blasted stone from the Whole Oceans site. Doing so would save Whole Oceans a significant sum. The firm wouldn't have to find another site further from its River Road property.

The excess rip-rap could be stockpiled by the town for use on future projects, Keene said.

When the town bought and cleared the lot, the town crew spent many days hauling away truckloads of extra fill. However, that material was laced with glass, pipes and other debris, and would not have been suitable as rip-rap on an embankment.

Town reserves remain strong Investment review slated

BUCKSPORT – While some serious spending is on the horizon, the town manager was pleased to report Bucksport's reserves - amassed over a number of years - are continuing to provide a solid cushion for whatever lies ahead.

In fact, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard was able to report the town's return on some \$1.9 million earmarked for future expenses are running about 9 percent - triple or more than the rate the town had been experiencing in recent years. That's because a quarter of that sum has been invested in stocks and other

equity-style holdings.

The rest of the \$5.5 million to \$6.6 million in "unallocated reserves" remain invested entirely in certificates of deposit and other investment considered to be risk-free.

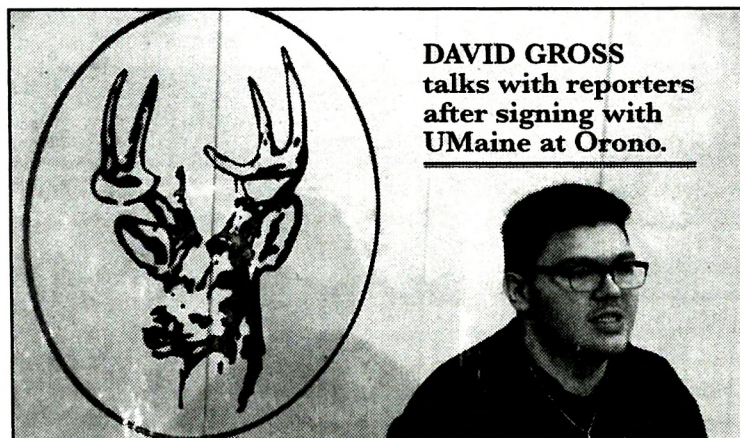
All in all, the town's reserves at the beginning of the year were down about \$350,000, but that includes a \$250,000 loan to the RSU 25 to underwrite the new Bucksport Middle School gym floor. That money, plus modest interest, is to be re-paid by the four other RSU-member towns.

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More time for Lorilei!

A surprise guest at the retirement open house for Orland Town Clerk Connie Brown on Friday was her granddaughter, Lorilei, of Williamsburg, VA. *More on Page 3.*



DAVID GROSS
talks with reporters
after signing with
UMaine at Orono.

PHOTO BY DON HOUGHTON

Gross will play for UMaine

BUCKSPORT – David Gross, the top offensive lineman in Maine high school football this year, yesterday (2/5) fulfilled another of his dreams: he signed an acceptance letter with the University of Maine at Orono.

At a press conference at Bucksport High School, Gross maintained his low-key, yet hard-charging approach to football and life.

He thanked everyone who had contributed to his success, and explained how excited he is to be donning one of those treasured helmets with a Maine decal on it.

Gross is proud to represent this community, his school and his supportive family. He the key for him has been working hard at everything he's attempted.

It's been an exciting few days for Gross recently earned "the big one",

the Gaziano award recognizing him as the top offensive Maine high school lineman. Always a major honor, the award is especially sweet for an athlete playing Class C football. It carries a \$5,000 scholarship.

Coach Joel Sankey was unable to be at the ceremony in Augusta, but he arrived home from North Carolina about 3 a.m. yesterday and was at the school at 8 a.m. to congratulate, "a very fine young man."

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

NEW TOWN OFFICE

The town manager again is floating the idea of relocating the municipal offices, freeing up

a prime commercial or retail downtown location. This time Susan M. Lessard is suggesting the Town Council might be open to at least considering moving the town offices to the Masonic building at Elm and Franklin streets. That structure is being offered for \$200,000, and includes the parking area the town now leases for those going to and from the Public Safety

Building next door.

A couple of years ago, Lessard briefly toyed with the idea of suggesting moving the Town Offices to the Jewett School Community Center. The Felicity Lodge of Masons have found the building too large for their needs. The cost of renovations has not been explored.

REALLY BIG PIPES –

There are culverts and there are culverts: Bucksport just got \$190,000 toward the cost of replacing two huge ones, one on Jacob Buck Pond Road and the other on the Bucks Mills Road. The two \$95,000 state Department of Environmental Protection grants will have to be matched with local money.

The goal is to keep streams open

for fish, while keeping existing ones from more deterioration or erosion. The latest round of awards total \$2.5 million. The work must be done by the end of 2021.

CHARGING AHEAD? –

Town officials are considering wiring the new parking lot off Main Street with electric charging stations.

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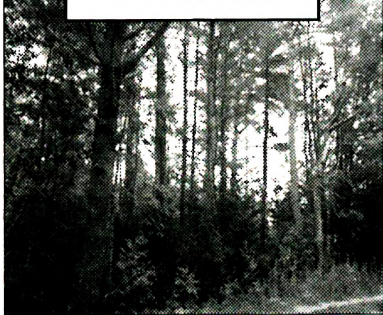


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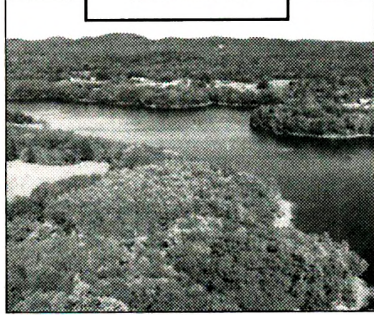


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Bucksport—Wooded 1+ acre building lot convenient to Bucksport, Bangor, Ellsworth. Build your home nestled in the woods near ponds and hiking trails and close to Great Pond Mountain Wildlands and Bucksport Golf Course.

Waterfront



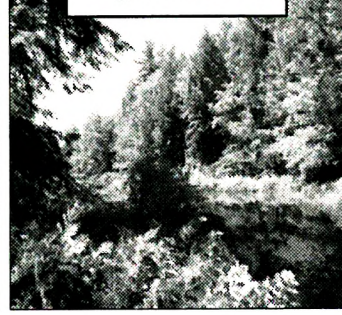
Orland—Privacy & peacefulness is what you will find on this heavily wooded 21.57 acre waterfront lot. With over 400' of frontage on the Orland River, this lot provides many great opportunities with easterly views near a small cove. Rolling topography & mature hardwood timber are only a few of its nice features.

New Listing



Bucksport—Commercial storefront building located right in the heart of Bucksport's Main Street Downtown. Excellent location and visibility with an open space and large windows facing the street, and proximity to the Riverwalk, restaurants & other downtown businesses. Join the Bucksport growth and energy! Updates in 2019 include a new wheelchair accessible bath plus electrical, plumbing & insulation upgrades. Second floor offers possible living quarters after remodel.

Long Pond Stream



Bucksport—Easy access 1.3 acre lot with frontage on Long Pond Stream. Enjoy the sound of the babbling water over the rocks along with woods for privacy. Power pole at road and gravel drive in place. Convenient access to Bucksport, Bangor, Ellsworth. Make this your special place!

Land



Bucksport—Build your new home on this 2+ acre lot in an excellent location with several new homes in the area. Convenient to Bangor, Orrington, Brewer and Bucksport and close to shopping, walking trails and area lakes.

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Orland-Shady Nook! This classic Maine cottage sits less than 50' from the shore of Alamosook 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 \$229,000

Ready to Build



Orland-Great building lot! This 7.1 acre lot is conveniently located between Bangor and Ellsworth. Improvements include an established driveway and a slab for a 2 car garage. Nice open lot with good southern exposure and seasonal views of Branch Lake. Lots of recreational opportunities including Great Pond Mountain Conversation Trust, state owned land on Branch Lake with a beach and an organic farm right up the road. Easy commute to Bangor, Ellsworth, Bucksport or Blue Hill. Bring your building plans!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$59,000



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



Bucksport-Great Contemporary home with many updates. This 3 Bedroom 2 Bath home sits on a sun filled 2ac lot. Recent improvements include Brazilian cherry flooring, hardwood in the master bedroom as well as a new 3rd bedroom. The roof was replaced in 2017 and a finished room in the basement was added in 2018 including a wood stove. Great deck for summer entertaining. Enjoy good natural light with a short commute to Bangor or minutes to Bucksport. Come take a look!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$188,000

For this girl, fencing's really just swordplay

ORLAND – Hope Bowden of Orland will compete in the Junior Olympic Fencing Championship Feb. 14-17 in Columbus, OH.

The George Stevens Academy junior, began fencing in fifth-grade, and has been moving up in the sport ever since.

Now, she's out to encourage more girls to join what has been a male-dominated sport.

In addition to participating in a "Sisterhood of the Sword" match-up in January, she recently competed in the "Capitol Clash" in Maryland.

The sport is more than swinging a weapon; it's developing the physical moves and, just as importantly, becoming mentally prepared and to think ahead throughout the match.

In Ohio, she will compete



Hope Bowden

in the junior women's saber event on Saturday, and the cadet women's event two days later.

Bowden prefers the saber, one of three fencing disciplines. Saber involves more slashing and more aggression. It's also faster.

While she prefers the saber she's also comfortable wielding the foil and epee.

After graduating next year, Bowden wants to study marine ecology or marine biology at a college with a fencing program.

"It would be cool to go to the Olympics," she added.

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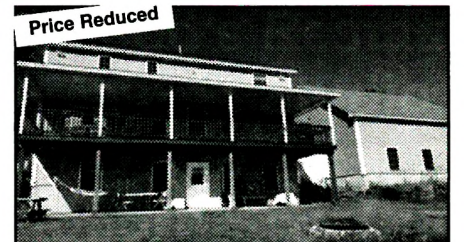
Bucksport: Build your dream home close to Jacob Buck Pond boat landing and enjoy a country setting. Electric at street. Additional land available. \$15,000



Holden: Spacious ranch situated on 2.27 country acres! 4-5 bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms, large living room with pellet stove, master bedroom with full bath whirlpool tub and additional shower, walk-in closets - all part of new addition in 2007. Fenced in back yard, 3-4 car garage with storage space above. Call to see today! \$239,900



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



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! \$339,500



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Friends & Family

OPEN HOUSE – The businesses at the **Orland Community Center** are hosting an open house on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Folks can stop in to the Community Center at 21 School House Road to see what is going on in the building. Some of the vendors will be offering door prizes.

HEART & SOUL – The **Bucksport Heart & Soul Stewardship** Group will meet on Tuesday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the conference room at the RSU 25 Superintendent's Office at 62 Mechanic Street at Bucksport.

The public is welcome.

A HEARTY EVENT? There'll be free make-your-own-Valentine events at the **Lighthouse Art and Education Center** on Main Street on Thursday and again on next Thursday (1/13) and

on Friday, Feb., 14.

The programs in the gallery for those of all ages will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Just a few hundred of her closest friends turned out to mark the retirement of Town Clerk **Connie Brown**, who has presided over the town's business for 29 years.

There was hardly a parking space left unfilled Friday (1/31), for as one guest departed, another would arrive.

Inside the Town Office Brown greeted nearly every guest by name as she has done with virtually all of the visitors through the years.

If Brown did not know your name when you walked in, the chances are better than even she would know it - and remember it - before you departed.

Brown has given a strong sense of continuity to the administration of the town, for while selectmen and others might come and go through the years,



PHOTO BY DON HOUGHTON

TOWN CLERK Connie Brown and State Sen. Kimberley Rosen at Friday's retirement reception for Brown.

Brown made the office her second home. She also got involved in all sorts of committees and other activities aimed at keeping her community lively and a good place to reside.

The three-hour open house included lots of refreshments, which was fortunate, as there were hundreds there to enjoy them.

DEAN'S LIST – Andrea

Lieser, a native of Castine and a graduate of the Cate School, earned academic distinction for the most recent semester at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA.

She earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on no fewer than nine graded credits during the semester.

FUTURE NEWSGATHERERS–

R. Nathaniel W. Barrows of Deer Isle, the publisher of the **Penobscot Bay Press** weeklies, was honored by his employees with a contribution in his name to the journalism scholarship fund of the **Maine Press Association**.

Barrows publishes The Castine Patriot, The Weekly Packet in Blue Hill and the Island Ad-vantages in Stonington.

FOUND MONEY? – The **Town of**

Bucksport recently recovered several hundred dollars from the state's unclaimed property account, some of it the result of checks from a local financial institution that apparently used the wrong address when sending in some checks.

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Made for TV?

If it weren't so serious, this country's national political scene would be the perfect backdrop for a made-for-TV documentary or, perhaps, a reality show-style sitcom. Just when you think things can't get any weirder, they do.

Just look at the week that was:

On Sunday, a multi-millionaire, under threat and siege of impeachment, spends \$6 million-plus for 60 seconds of Super Bowl time to show us he's just a nice guy who's, well, just been misunderstood. Meanwhile, a bona-fide billionaire taps into tens of millions of his own dollars to convince the nation that he's the one to save us from the first guy.

Guy 2 has chosen to conduct his own campaign almost solely by prepackaged sound bites repeated so frequently they must be true. He then gets pummeled by Guy 1, for the unrefutable offense of being short.

No matter. Guy 2 calls Guy 1 a liar (again), and (again) raises questions about the authenticity of Guy 1's hair and his tan as well. Score one, and raise you one!

On the sidelines are enough men and women rushing hither and thither, spending other people's millions, to staff an entire cabinet. Nearly half of them get sidelined by the need to appear presidential and continually preen before the Washington cameras, while the seemingly endless impeachment proceedings grind to the conclusion savvy bystanders knew was inevitable months ago.

Then, on Monday, finally, came the much-touted Iowa caucuses. After that debacle the less said the better. Millions of dollars, millions of miles traveled by thousands of people, all of which to reach conclusions the average person may or may not accept as credible. Incredible screw-ups can do that amid an already sharply divided electorate.

It was only Tuesday when the President of the United States of America delivered his State of the Union address to a room that exuded all of the camaraderie and cooperative spirit of a pit of ravenous vipers. (Earlier in the day some of those on hand were each gathering their ten minutes of camera time, alternately hailing or hating the man they would be inviting into "the People's House" that evening. *(The glad-handing and back-slapping that accompanies such gatherings taxes the supply of Purell.)*

Yesterday, Wednesday (2/5), the Senate votes were cast. This time they were counted promptly, and in the open.

Those who fear the Trump I series will evolve into the Trump II series next season still are upset, even angry. Those who silently nurture Trump I and Trump II evolving into a Son (or Daughter) of Trump sequel in future seasons will continue to hold their beliefs. As for the rest of us, let's just get on with some old-fashioned governing based solely on what's best for our nation.

Getting ahead with a new economy

STATE SEN. KIMBERLEY ROSEN

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, from 2001 through 2011, Hancock and Penobscot counties combined, lost 2,300 jobs, but starting in 2012, when voters gave Republicans control of state government, that situation reversed course, and over the next seven years the two counties added more than 3,100 jobs.

Today these jobs pay an average of more than \$43,000 per year, which is nearly \$15,000 more annually and well beyond the rate of inflation over the same period.

The two counties have added more than 3,100 new jobs paying on average \$15,000 more per year than in 2001.

In 2011, the unemployment rate in Penobscot County's was at 9.1 percent and last summer hit a record low of 2.3 percent. Likewise in 2011, the unemployment rate in Hancock County hit a high of 12.7 percent, but last summer dropped to 1.8 percent, the lowest rate ever recorded.

Perhaps no community is a better example of renewal than Bucksport. The huge paper mill along the Penobscot River here made its first paper on Thanksgiving Day in 1930, and for decades afterward was the primary employer in the region.

Into the 21st Century, however, worldwide demand for its primary product — coated paper used in magazines and catalogs — dropped as more and more people got their information and did their shopping online. *Life* magazine ceased publishing in 2000, for example, and *Newsweek* in 2012. The mill owners adopted a short-sighted strategy which closed the mill for good in 2014.

Rather than accept the permanent decline of our community as inevitable, Bucksport reinvented itself to meet the challenges of the future. The town has attracted new investments such as a \$180 million salmon farm now under construction. Also, the Maine Maritime Academy has opened its

Center for Professional Mariner Development on the site of the old mill, and soon will draw 2,400 students to the town annually.

Today, Bucksport's business district is nearly full and many more businesses operate out of the Buckstown Business Park.

Lincoln has also endured the closure of a paper mill and has begun the process of adapting its economy to a new reality. Last fall, a company that manufactures cross-laminated timber announced plans to build a manufacturing plant to take advantage of the region's plentiful timber and modern composite technology to make a new, wood-based alternative to steel for use in construction.

The Lincoln project was made possible by the federal tax reform passed by Congress in 2017 which helped Lincoln earn a designation as an Opportunity Zone and establish a fund to assist new businesses.

Times change. Phonographs have been replaced by downloadable music, landlines have given way to cell phones, life happens as much online as it does in brick and mortar buildings. As each evolutionary change comes our way, we adapt and make use of our local resources, not the least of which is our work ethic and determination to find a new and better way to keep our communities prosperous.

In my time in Augusta, I have seen that the best role that state government can play in helping communities to adapt, is to enact policies that encourage the growth of businesses and our economy. This approach has enabled the dramatic shift in Maine's economy since 2012, and the prosperity we enjoy today. These business-friendly policies made it possible for towns like Bucksport and Lincoln to reinvent themselves in a changing world.

Kimberley Rosen, R-Bucksport, represents District 8 in the Maine State Senate.

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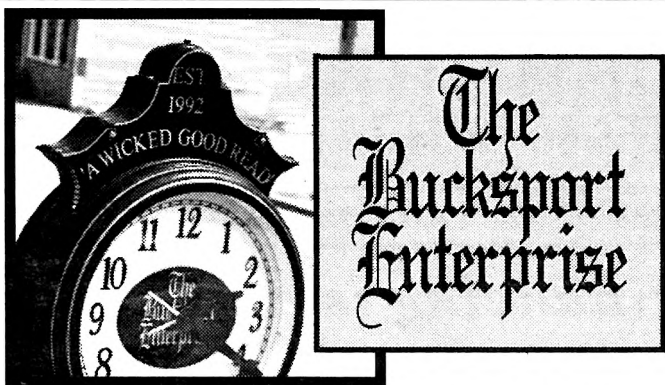
FOR SALE — The building at 60 Main Street that for years housed a florist shop and, more recently, an arts business is back on the market. The asking price for the retail site: \$148,000.

The Town Council sought to encourage the re-use of the building after briefly considering purchasing it and then tearing it down.

The current owner has made a number of improvements, although a small apartment on

the second floor at the rear of the structure remains essentially as it has been for decades.

BUCKSPORT MAKEOVER? — Town Manager Susan M. Lessard plans to apply to a cable television reality show shopping for small town locales in which it can fix up a couple of homes and, perhaps, do some downtown spruce-up work. Lessard learned of the show last week, and plans to meet the deadline: tomorrow (2/7).



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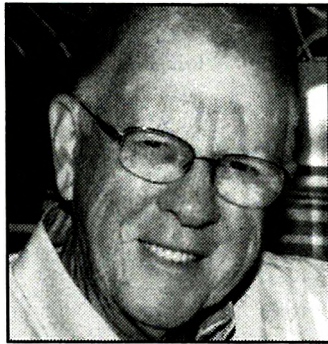
OBITUARY

Alfred Howe Deans, 1930 - 2020

EDGEWATER, FL - Alfred Howe "Al Deans" Deans, 71, died peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at the Halifax Health-Hospice Center here.

Al leaves a loving wife of 19 years, Lori (Piscitello) of New Smyrna Beach, FL. He also is survived by his two sons, Stephen and Scott, and Scott's wife, Lorna from Wallingford, CT; stepson Al and Shelly Ward of New Smyrna Beach, and four grandchildren: Patrick, Casey, Alan and Colin.

Al also is survived by his sister Brenda from Levant, and three brothers: Lewis, Lloyd and Larry of Orland.



Alfred Howe Deans

He was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Hilda Deans (Heath) and two brothers, Laurant (Elwin) Bennett and Douglas Deans.

Richard K. Ames, 1939 - 2020

BUCKSPORT - Richard K. Ames, 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at home on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020.

He was born on March 20, 1939 in Castine, the son of Maxwell and Imogene (Shirley) Ames.

Richard was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and uncle. He loved his family and was the love of his wife Pamela's life.

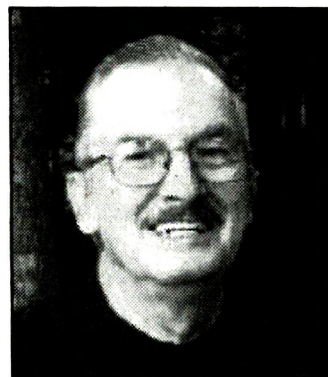
He was a humble, stubborn, proud man. He served in the U.S. Air Force for eight years.

Richard managed Webber Tanks for 17 years, and worked and retired from the paper mill.

He was an entrepreneur who loved to paint pictures using oil paints.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Pam; three children:

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Richard K. Ames

Richard K. Ames II and wife Jen; Lynella Ames; and Kelly Ryan Ames; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, six brothers and sisters, along with many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for a visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, until the time of the service at 3 p.m. at the Mitchell-Tweedie Funeral Home, 28 Elm St., Bucksport.

—Reserves

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The Town Council will meet with representatives of the community's financial advisors, The First, on Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. to discuss what, if any, adjustments should be made in the municipal investment strategy for the months ahead.

Over the next few months, the town will be paying for the repair or replacement of the town's swimming pool, the repair or replacement of several hundred thousand dollars in deteriorating retaining walls downtown and the repayment of the principal and the interest on \$3 million worth of borrowing for a beefed-up road maintenance program.

The roadwork money will be spent over three years, while the repayment period will go on for ten years.

Town officials also gathered last week in an effort to start the prioritizing of other major municipal projects over the next one to three years. They also were asked to consider providing some form of additional tax breaks for long-time residents facing financial pressures when it comes to repairing or even retaining their current homes.

They also indicated they will try to keep a lid on the local property tax rate.

Chaplain appointed

BUCKSPORT - Peter Remick, who long has provided spiritual and other supportive services to the local fire and police departments, now is expected to become a bona fide, badge-toting chaplain for the two agencies.

"Pastor Pete" has attended courses on how to best provide aid and comfort to those in the public safety services.

His appointment is expected at next week's Town Council meeting.



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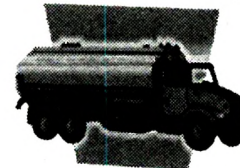


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Police name night duty supervisor

BUCKSPORT - The Bucksport Police Department has hired Darrin Moody, a corporal with the Waldo County Sheriff's office, to be the night supervisor of the patrol officers. Moody, a Bucksport High School graduate, will continue to

serve as the acting part-time chief of the Stockton Springs Police Department.

He succeeds David Winchester, who recently was promoted to deputy chief of the Bucksport department.

Moody, who has worked in

the sheriff's office for a decade, resides nearby in Waldo County.

Movin' on up!

BUCKSPORT - Four Bucksport firefighters have moved up the ladder, so to speak.

• John Gavelek has been promoted to captain.

• Shane Bowden and Ryan McGuire now are lieutenants.

• And Eugene Bass is the department's head engineer.

Thank You

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Booked at jail

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

- Jill Kathleen Jones-Carter, 40, of Penobscot was booked about 7 p.m. on Friday (1/31) after being arrested in Bucksport for trafficking in scheduled drugs. She posted bail.

- Richard Ross Files, 47 East Side Drive, Verona Island was taken to jail late Friday night after being arrested on the island for drug trafficking and possessing of scheduled drugs. He put up bail.

- Glenda A. David, 46, of 35 McDonald St., Bucksport was booked just before 2 a.m. on Saturday after being arrested in Bucksport for theft, unauthorized taking or transfer.

- Brianna Nashay Muhammad, 21, of New York City was taken to the jail about 2 a.m. on Saturday after being arrested on the island for trafficking in scheduled drugs.

- Cory Joseph Downing, 24, of Barnstead, NH was arrested in Penobscot and taken to the jail about 3 a.m. on Sunday. He was charged with allegedly violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case.

- Travis Shane Redman, 46, of 21 Maple Street, Verona Island was booked at the jail shortly before 4 p.m. on Sunday after being arrested on the island for allegedly violating the conditions of his release in an earlier case, possession of a scheduled drug and driving after a license suspension or revocation.

- Stephen James Davis, 23, of 26 Cross Lane, Stockton Springs was

booked at the jail about 6 a.m. on Saturday after being arrested on Verona Island for allegedly being a fugitive from justice and trafficking in drugs.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT - Rebecca Cutchins, 44, of Ellsworth was arrested last Thursday (1/30) on a warrant alleging theft by deception.

The warrant was found after she was stopped on Miles Lane for reportedly driving after a license suspension. She put up bail and was released.

Summons issued

BUCKSPORT - These court summonses were written up locally in recent days:

- Jessie Moore, 24, of Ellsworth was given a summons for alleging damaging a door at a Central Street location about 10:45 p.m. on Jan. 27.

- Kristy Beaulieu, 37, of Orland was cited for reportedly for using a cell phone while driving on Broadway about 7 a.m. on Jan. 28.

- Cody Patten, 50, of Stockton Springs was issued a summons for reportedly failing to register a vehicle. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 on Sunday about 2 p.m.

Check incident

BUCKSPORT - Police are investigating an apparent effort to take several thousand dollars from the Seaboard Federal Credit Union. The incident was reported on Jan. 28.

In an unrelated incident, the police are looking into a misuse of a credit card allegation in

which several hundred dollars reportedly were spent without the cardholder's approval.

Shoplifting alleged

BUCKSPORT - Glenda David, 46, of Bucksport was charged Saturday morning in connection with two alleged recent shoplifting incidents, one at the Family Dollar store and the other at Hannaford Bros. stores here.

Accidents listed

BUCKSPORT - Stacy Whitmore, 36, of Bucksport reported that someone backed into her vehicle while it was parked at a business on U.S. Route 1.

The second motorist drove away.

The accident occurred about 7:30 p.m. last Thursday (1/30).

In an unrelated accident, the driver of an 18-wheel tractor-trailer rig backed into a vehicle that had been parked outside the Family Dollar store on U.S. Route 1. That accident occurred early in the morning on Jan. 7.

Parking at marina

BUCKSPORT - After weeks of on-again, off-again talk, the issue of maintaining public parking spaces outside the municipal marina appears to be resolved.

The marina employees will work with the boat owners and the public to assure spaces are reserved for the public, including the two regular spaces and one handicapped parking space closest to the Penobscot River Walkway.

- Golden Buck Track -

BHS team readying for big one!

ORONO - Ending the regular season Saturday, Bucksport High School's indoor track team had a lot to celebrate.

These athletes all finished the last few weeks with personal bests in at least one event: Breanna Allen, Emma Brezovsky, Rylee Coombs, Ella Hosford, Abigail Hunt, Meg Morrison, Ella Orcutt, Rebekah Ireland, Johanna Stiles, Victoria Watkins, Helaina Winslow, Britney Bussey, Ava Knowles, Addie Morrison, Abigail Rotella, Alexis Wardwell, Emily Crocker, Brookelyn Knowles, Katelyn Cloutier, Madison Cyr, Drew Godreau, Rylee Whalen, William Hatch, Evan Trojano, Matthew Brannen, Tyler Hallett, James Palkie, Liam Swift, Kyle Cloutier, Hugh Jack, Micah Hileman, Dakota Lanpher-Kashey, Anthony Smith, Jade Smith, Gabriel Stegner, Skyler McNair, Carter Pereira, David Hileman and Lucky Mourredes.

With the Penobscot Valley Conference Small School Championship on Saturday, individuals and relay teams are focused on seeking their best performances of the year. They will run against Narraguagus, Sumner, PCHS, Dover-Foxcroft, John Bapst, Central, Mattanawcook, George Stevens, Ellsworth, and Orono teams. The girls' team also is in a tight race with Central, George Stevens and Orono for the team title.

Gabriel Stegner, who has made major strides in the triple jump, is going against a very competitive field. In the long jump, Tyler Hallett, Hugh Jack, and Carter Pereira have improved dramati-

cally in recent weeks and will try to score points. Jade Smith, the team's top runner in the 55 meter dash, will compete alongside Hallett, Jack, and Pereira. In the shot put, Skyler McNair leads the Bucks and will compete with Dakota Lanpher-Kashey. Distance runners David Hileman and Anthony Smith - running just seconds apart - will compete in the 1-mile and 2-mile while Riley Whalen, James Palkie, Micah Hileman, Liam Swift, and Matthew Brannen will run the 4x800m relay. Running the 4x200m relay are Stegner, Pereira, Jade Smith, and Hallett.

For the girls, Helaina Winslow, Emma Brezovsky, and Ella Hosford lead the team in the long jump while Victoria Watkins is the Bucks' lone entrant in the pole vault and high jump. Watkins will also compete in the 55m hurdles with Emily Crocker. Crocker will join Johanna Stiles, Britney Bussey, Addie Morrison, Winslow, Ella Hosford, and Abigail Hunt in the 55m dash. Stiles, Bussey, and Morrison will also compete in the 200m dash, with Morrison and Hunt also running the 400m dash. Distance runners Hope Rankin, Madison Cyr, Ella Orcutt, and Rebekah Ireland will run the 4x800m relay while Ireland will compete in the one-mile. Throwing the shot will be Ava Knowles, Brookelyn Knowles, Meg Morrison, and Rylee Coombs. In the 4x100m thrower's relay will be Ava Knowles, Meg Morrison, Katelyn Cloutier and Coombs. In the 4x200m relay it's Bussey, Winslow, Hunt and Stiles.

- MATT MORRISON



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Saturday, Feb 16

FISH FRY — Bucksport Council #5756 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a fish fry at 5 p.m. in the parish hall at the St. Vincent de Paul Church at Franklin and Central streets. The meal, which will benefit the council, will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.



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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

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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.

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• **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.
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