

urged on local facade grants

BUCKSPORT - As Bucksport moves ahead with plans to provide up to \$300,000 worth of incentives over three years to downtown property owners to upgrade their properties, some advisors suggested the projects start in July.

The town's Community and Economic Development Committee members say there's nothing to be gained by waiting until Jan. 1 as originally proposed.

The earlier start would take advantage of the next construction season and provide more work for local contractors, they said last week.

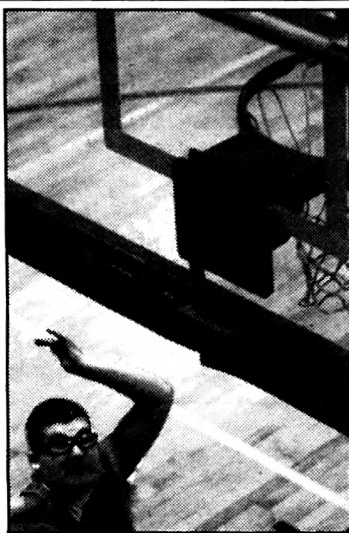
The grants - a maximum of \$10,000 per accepted project, will be financed with \$300,000 of tax incremental finance (TIF) money generated from several large projects which have received major tax breaks.

Owners of properties within the area bounded by Main Street between Mill Street and Bagley Avenue and Franklin Street, could submit applications. However, the owners also must match at least the sum they are seeking from the town. Some will be investing more than \$10,000 of their own money.

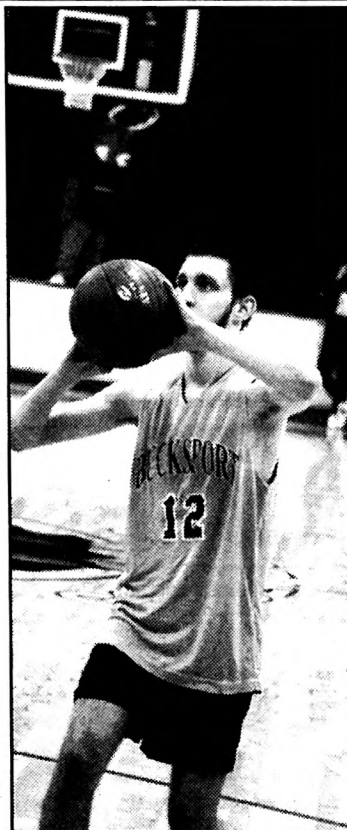
The final details of the proposal will be submitted to the Town Council, which has indicated it endorses the general idea.

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All-round winning performance



Bucksport High School's Golden Bucks unified basketball team, a co-ed group of exceptionally spirited players, concluded its season yesterday (2/27) with a game against the Brewer High School Witches.

PHOTOS BY DON HOUGHTON

'PORT LOOP'

Bucksport aims for major role in regional fete

BUCKSPORT - It's but four months to "show time," so a small group that's been meeting regularly to plan this community's participation in the state's Bicentennial blowout this summer is asking for lots of helpers.

There's also more serious money to be raised to underwrite the expenses. Organizers are seeking multiple ways to pay the bills.

They're also concerned that fair weather is needed to gain maximum participation and widespread exposure of the region to investors and to tourists both this year and in the years to come.

Locally, the events are part of a series of programs planned from July 8-14 under the umbrella of Penobscot Maritime Heritage Committee. (The traditional Bucksport Bay Festival has been rescheduled this year to make it part of the Bicentennial celebration.)

Tonight (2/27) the leader of the local regional group, state Rep. Richard Campbell, will provide a "show-and-tell" update on what's in the offing. He'll do so at the Town Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Town Offices.

Then, on Saturday, there will be a public "kick-off" event from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center in the Bucksport Middle School at the end of Miles Lane. Anyone interested in the project is welcome.

The "Port Loop" includes Bucksport, Bangor/Brewer, Searsport and Castine.

PLEASE SEE LOOP PAGE2.

The final four?

Interviews slated to select firm to market Bucksport

BUCKSPORT - The latest effort to put a new marketing face on Bucksport will go behind closed doors next week to interview those considered the best of the ten firms competing for the job.

The interview committee, working under a self-imposed deadline, is trying to have a recommendation ready for the Town Council as soon as possible so the actual planning of a comprehensive marketing campaign can begin as soon as possible.

Conducting the interviews were Councilors Kathy L. Downes, Mark Eastman, and James Morrison; Town Manager Susan M. Lessard; and Richard Rotella, the town's economic development director.

Rotella last week said the interviews would not be done in public, a decision that limits the number of town councilors participating to three. Closed sessions are not allowed when a majority of the councilors are present except for very specific purposes defined by state law.

Instead, the interviews will be conducted by Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, Councilors Kathy L. Downes, Eastman, James R. Morrison and Rotella.

The four companies selected for the initial - and, apparently, - final round of interviews are, alphabetically:

- The Belfort Group of Boston, a more than 40-year-old firm which noted in its pitch, "Like Bucksport itself, BG is

small but scrappy, and long ago realized staying agile and adapting to changing times is a recipe for success."

- Designlab LLC of Millinocket, which bills itself as "passionate supporters of small towns seeking a new path forward." The six-person outfit began in 2004, has done work for the towns of Lincoln and Millinocket, the New England Outdoor Center and the Nature Conservancy.

- Marshall Communications in Augusta, a self-described, "award winning boutique marketing and public relations agency" formed in 1991. The outfit has worked for the city of Saco, a community it dubbed, "Friendly by Nature." It also worked with Sanford, giving

that community the tagline, "Explore. Create. Grow."

- Sutherland Weston Marketing Communications in Bangor, a firm that has held contracts with Bucksport in the past. The company's cover letter describes the firm as, "Maine marketing experts." It has worked for C&L Aviation Group, the Town of Veazie, the Greater Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Each of the firms offered to do the work for the \$10,000 the town is offering for that phase of the latest marketing effort.

Carrying out any of the marketing goals will cost extra.

Some town officials want to begin the effort as soon as possible.

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

READY! SET! PAVE! - The long-awaited local road improvement plan will be previewed to a Bucksport Town Council subcommittee tonight (2/27) at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Offices. As passed by the voters in November, the plan is to detail what will be done where over each of the next three years.

The bonds to pay for the three years of beefed-up roadwork repairs and rebuilding will be paid back over the next ten years.

IN THE RUNNING? The Town of Bucksport has an entry in a HGTV cable television network program's search for a small community interested in having one or more pieces of local real estate receive a make-over as part of a town-wide rejuvenation effort.

There are many entries in the "Home Town" program competition, with Bucksport officials enhancing their submission with a fresh approach.

CONCERN AIRED - A North Bucksport resident, Christopher Johnson, has balked at the idea that the Community and Economic Development Committee

begin previewing the annual requests for town financial support submitted by community organizations.

Last week he cited town regulations that he believes requires that role to be handled solely by locally elected officials, not a panel of composed of both elected and appointed people, some of whom do not reside in the town. A town official agreed to review the regulations.

FISCAL REVIEW - Bucksport's Finance Committee will meet tonight (2/27) at 6 p.m. with the community's professional investment advisors to review the strategy for investing the town's sur-

plus cash for the months ahead.

The town has fared especially well with its investments during the past year, but the unsettled investment markets this week could raise new concerns about what lies immediately ahead.

FIELD TRIP - A visit by some or all of the Bucksport Cemetery Committee's members to a long-neglected and out-of-the-way cemetery may be in the offing. The visit would be aimed at confirming whether the town legally is responsible for maintaining the site.

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Your guide to primaries & caucuses

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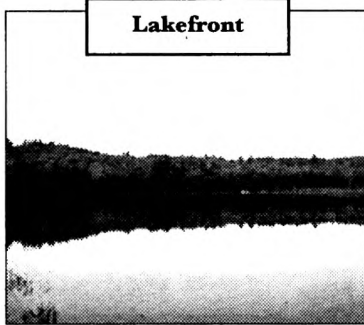


New Listing

Bucksport—Prime commercial development location in downtown Bucksport on busy US Route 1. This surveyed 2.26 acre lot offers over 100' of road frontage in the (C1) commercial zone. Existing home needs extensive repair and could be removed to make way for possible commercial development opportunity. Property has access to town water, sewer & natural gas nearby. Don't wait, invest in Bucksport!

Call Dan Burpee 735-5337

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Lakefront

Bucksport—Beautiful 83 acre lakefront parcel w/1530 feet of breathtaking frontage on Long Pond. Build your dream home with panoramic views of captivating water & rolling mountains with wooded privacy. Yours alone or possible subdivision, family compound. Rare lakefront opportunity! Bucksport is a vibrant coastal town with walking trails, a riverwalk, downtown shops and restaurants.

Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$249,900

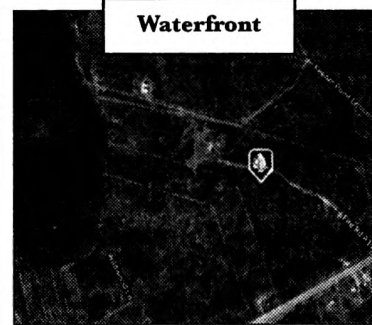
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Penobscot
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Waldo
+18.00 - 4.35%



Waterfront

Orland—Waterfront parcel on 21 acres w/400' on desirable Alamoosook Lake. This special property offers convenient access from Acadia Highway with 700+ feet of road frontage as well as lake front privacy. Possible uses include campground or other recreational use or commercial site on Acadia Highway. Property offers woods and lakefront where you can swim, boat and hear the loons! A garage/shop with power is located on Acadia Highway. Convenient to Ellsworth, Blue Hill, Bucksport & Bangor. Town and other site approval would be required for shoreland zoning.

Call Kathy Coogan 632-5246 \$219,900



New Listing

Verona Island—Development opportunity with this high visibility location on US-1. With the Penobscot River in view, this surveyed 0.77 acre lot offers 213.2' of road frontage with public sewer access. Many possibilities exist for this great residential/commercially zoned location. Existing single-family home has been vacant for many years and is uninhabitable. Less than 2 minutes from downtown Bucksport & within 30 minutes of Bangor, Belfast & Ellsworth.

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SOLD

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



Multi Unit

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: Mark Eastman

\$209,000



PENDING

Orland—Many improvements make this house very affordable and attractive. The pellet stove means low heating costs as well. Two Bedroom, one bath. This property is very private. Enjoy the quiet living.

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$72,000



Verona Island—This wooded 16.2 acre lot is located on very desirable Verona Island. Build your new home and be centrally located to Belfast, Bangor, Blue Hill, Castine and Ellsworth. This parcel has frontage on both West Side Drive and the Verona Park Road. Land has been recently surveyed.

Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter

\$45,000

'Port Loop'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

The 4-Port Loop events will begin after Searsport celebrates its 175th birthday. Tall Ships America will use Searsport as a muster point, then send ships upriver to Bucksport, Brewer and Bangor.

Bangor and Brewer will jointly host various events on their waterfronts July 9-10.

The Maine Maritime Academy's *Bowdoin* is expected to visit Bucksport.

On July 11-12, Bucksport will host the Bay Festival and Orrington its birthday celebration and launching its annual Old Home Week.

Searsport will offer a "Tall and Small Vessel Gam", a picnic and fireworks.

There will be a Civil War encampment at Fort Knox and there will be special films at The Alamo in Bucksport.

The new Maine Maritime Training Center in Bucksport will be open. Other activities, including guided tours that traverse the Penobscot River, visits on-board the many smaller sloops, schooners and wooden boats, and a session on how to build and row a puffin boat are in the works by others.

Educational activities that reflect Maine's 200 years will be offered at historical society locations up and down the Penobscot and at the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport.

On July 13, many of the small and tall vessels will set sail for their next seaport destination.

Castine will wrap up the 4-Port Loop celebrations with various maritime and historical society events and conclude on July 14, with the town's annual "Bastille Day" celebration, in recognition of the French period of occupation of the territory.

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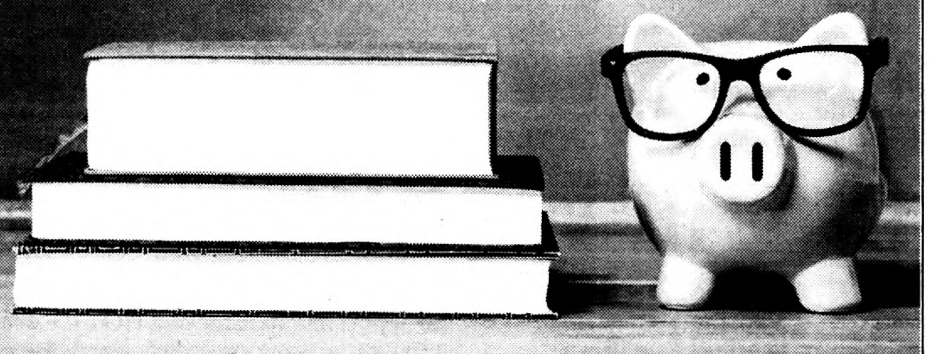
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Friends & Family

IN THE SPIRIT – The state's 129th Legislature presented a Spirit of America Foundation award to **Kathy L. Downes**, the former Bucksport town clerk and current town councilor.

The award, signed by the top officers of both the state Senate and the House of Representatives, recognizes those who promote volunteerism and recognizes them for their service to their communities.

Downes was nominated for the award by state Sen. **Kimberley Rosen**, R-Hancock County, and state Rep. **Richard Campbell**, R-Orrington and Bucksport.

STRICTLY PERSONNEL – These are the personnel decisions ratified by the **RSU 25 School Board** this week:

• Four teachers are retiring: **Ian Craven**, a teacher at the Bucksport Middle School; **Charlotte Carrier**, a teacher at the Bucksport Middle School;

Barbara Levesque, a teacher at the Miles Lane School; and **Kyle Webb**, the health teacher at the Bucksport high and middle schools.

• **Erika Bisher**, the art teacher and gifted and talented student instructor at the middle school, submitted her resignation this week because she's moving out of Maine.

• **Terry Swazey**, a long-time educational technician at the G.H. Jewett School, is retiring.

• **Kyle McGeechan**, the junior varsity baseball coach at the high school, has resigned that post.

• **Ashley McGuire**, has been promoted to manager of the kitchen at the middle school, while **Stephanie Allen** is the lead cook at the middle school.

ON THE ROLL! – The **University of Maine at Farmington** has listed these Bucksport-area students on its latest honor roll:

Bucksport: **Kristina Cloutier**.

Orrington: **Zoe Stonetree**.
Penobscot: **Natalie Gray**,
Stockton Springs: **Cassie Donald**.

AT THE MICROPHONE – **William Brennan**, the president of the **Maine Maritime Academy** in Castine will be the speaker at the **Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce** annual meeting on Thursday, March 9, at The Alamo theater.

There will be catered appetizers at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 7. Tickets are available at the chamber's office on Main Street.

HELP WANTED: Main Street Bucksport needs volunteers to help out at the 8th annual **Bridge the Gap Race** on Saturday, May 2, in downtown Bucksport.

Volunteers are needed to staff water stations along the course, help runners at key turns and at the finish line, and more. Volunteers can commit to an hour or four or somewhere in between.

Bridge the Gap consists of two courses, one three miles, the other ten. Both

follow the traditional start at Fort Knox in Prospect and crossing the Penobscot Narrows Bridge. The ten-mile course tours Verona Island. Both races finish on Main Street.

About 600 runners are expected.

To volunteer, contact Brook Minner at brook@mainstreetbucksport.org or 479-3933. <http://www.mainstreetbucksport.org>.

NOMINATED – Three directors have been nominated to the board of the Bucksport-based Seaboard Federal Credit Union:

• **Alan Johnson**, a director for 27 years.

• **Jeff Kneeland**, the vice chairman and a member of the board for nine years.

• **Joe Lynch**, who has served for three years and been active with the credit union for many years before that.

Nomination traditionally has lead to election at the annual meeting of the financial institution, which this year will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center.

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'No' on Question #1

This newspaper traditionally has been reluctant to tell people how to vote, especially when religious or personal freedoms are involved.

Still, there are rare times when the good of the whole outweighs the personal freedom of the minority, and this is one. As a result, we urge a "No" on Question 1 on the lone statewide referendum on March 3. The question pits those concerned about the right of those who religious or philosophic

EDITORIALS beliefs keep them - and their children - from receiving vaccinations against those concerned that those who are not vaccinated pose a risk to the others they encounter.

A "No" vote would mean only those with a medical exemption would have the right to refuse vaccinations. A significant public health concern outweighs an understandable but personal concern.

All voters can vote on this issue, while only Republicans and Democrats can vote in their party's primary. (The deadline for independents and the unenrolled to sign up for one of the party primaries has passed, so their voting will be confined to the single referendum issue).

Caution: children at play!

Most have witnessed far better verbal sparring on an elementary school playground than we've heard and seen lately on the national political scene. Cover your ears, children; it's just some "adults" trying to tell us who should run our country.

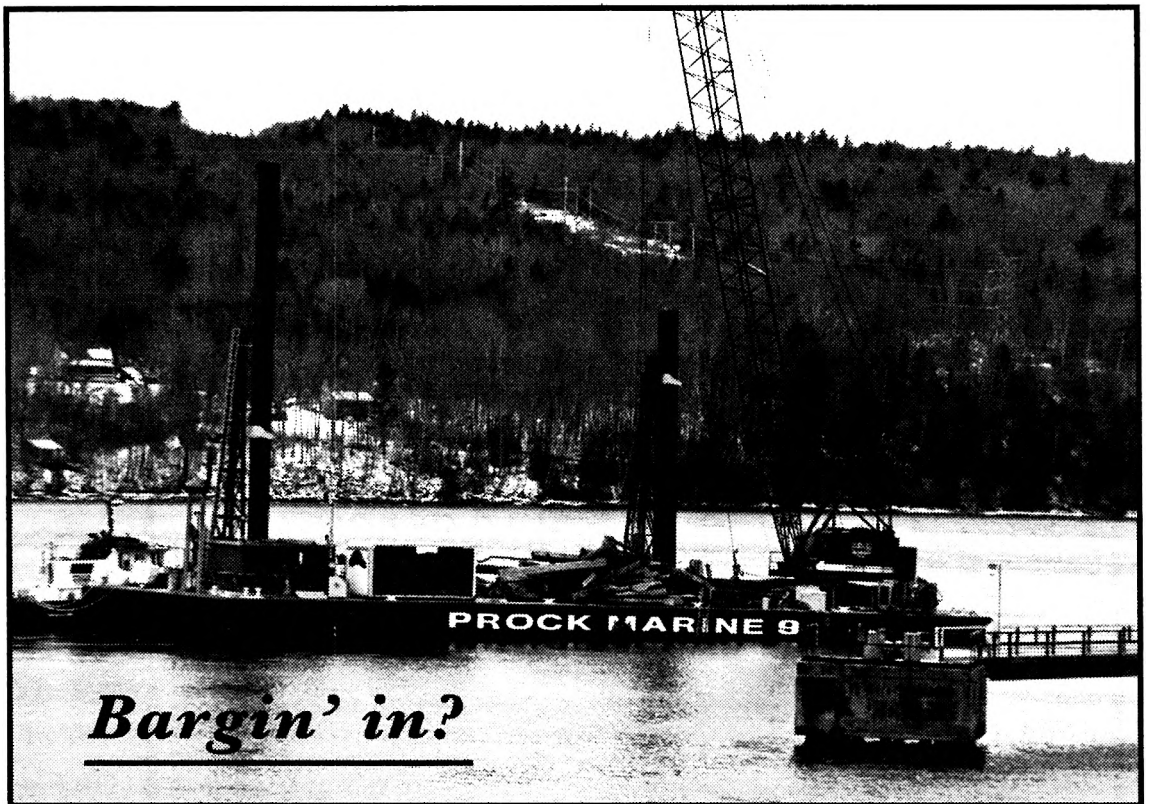
Be not naive. Political sparring and throwing of profanity-laced mud is as old as politicians, and we've got political graffiti in centuries-old caves to prove it. But, given the seriousness of the office, it remains disquieting to see those who would lead us so long on personal attacks and so short on specifics when it comes to making our country a better place.

Tuesday's "Super Tuesday" party primaries offer only one choice on the Republican side and too many choices on the Democrat side (Some of the Democrat candidates listed on the ballot already have withdrawn, leaving some lesser-informed voters to waste their precious vote Tuesday.)

Donald J. Trump will prevail among Maine Republicans, there being little support for "Write-in."

The Democrats' faithful will have their own second bite at the proverbial apple when they gather to caucus on March 8 and allocate their delegates to their national convention. Area Republicans already will have done the same this Saturday.

Like our wonderful republic, we will survive, but gird yourself, for there are many more months of expensive, divisive and, sometimes, nauseating campaigning still to go before the real election on Nov. 3. That's when every vote truly will count.



The contractor performing a major upgrade of the fuel tanker pier on Bucksport's waterfront took advantage of a brief lull in the weather yesterday (2/26) to reposition a crucial barge using the small tug in the rear at the far left.

Primary elections — March 3, 2020

BUCKSPORT AREA — Here's a summary of what will happen when and where in the current run-up to selecting the delegates to the political conventions later this year.

Voting in this region in the primaries on Tuesday will be at the usual polling places and times in each town, although Bucksport will continue to open its polls at the G.H. Jewett School at 7 a.m., an hour earlier than most others in the area. The voting ends at 8 p.m. Those in other area towns will vote at their town offices.

INDEPENDENTS, THE UNENROLLED, DEMOCRATS and REPUBLICANS

There is one choice every registered Maine voter will get on Tuesday - "Super Tuesday", and that is to vote on the single referendum question on the state-wide ballot. That question asks,

"Do you want to reject the new law that removes religious and philosophical exemptions to requiring immunization against certain communicable diseases for students to attend schools and colleges and for employees of nursery schools and health care facilities?"

A "Yes" vote would reject the new law, and keep the exemption for those with religious or philosophical reservations about vaccinations.

A "no" vote would approve the new law, removing the exemption.

DEMOCRATS and REPUBLICANS

Only those enrolled in one of the political parties may vote in their party's primary.

Unenrolled voters may re-register up to and including the primary on Tuesday. Town clerks will be at the polling places. The documentation needed to register is on the Secretary of State website. Voters who will be 18 by Nov. 3 this year also may register to vote in the primary and participate in the caucuses.

CAUCUSES

The Maine caucus system is about to get underway with the party faithful gathering in small groups open only to those already enrolled in the party.

• **REPUBLICANS:** Those in Bucksport,

Dedham, Orland, Penobscot and Verona Island can attend the party's caucuses at the Orland Community Center at 2 School House Road on Saturday. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the caucus starts at 10.

• **DEMOCRATS** Area Democrats will caucus on Saturday, March 8, after the primary election. Bucksport and Verona Island Democrats will gather at the G.H. Jewett School gymnasium at 12:30 to sign in, and the caucus will begin at 1 p.m. Orland Democrats will gather at the Orland Community Center at 1 p.m. to sign in with the caucus starting at 2. (If the weather is inclement, the caucuses for Bucksport and Verona Island will be held on Sunday, March 15, at 12:30 p.m. The Orland caucus will be on Wednesday, March 11, starting the sign-in session at 5:30 p.m. with the caucus opening at 6.)

PRIMARY ELECTIONS - Tuesday

After 20 years, Maine's party-enrolled voters again will participate in a presidential primary.

DEMOCRATS — The primary will determine how many of Maine's delegates to the Democrat National Convention July 13-16 in Milwaukee each Presidential candidate will earn.

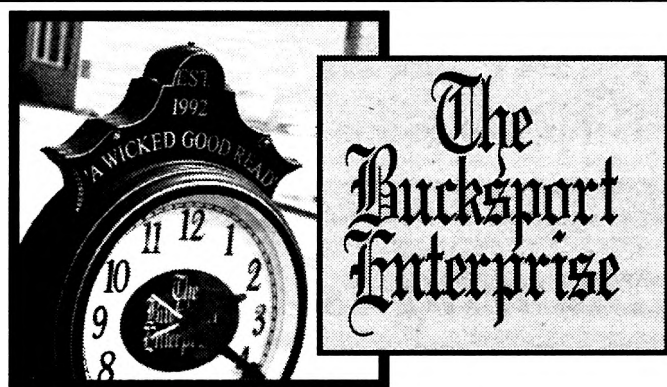
In the past four presidential elections, Maine Democrats decided how many delegates each candidate would get at the municipal caucuses.

The Democrats' primary ballot lists a dozen presidential candidates, but a number of those have withdrawn.

Candidates who receive at least 15 percent of the vote earn delegates to the Democrat National Convention. The votes for candidates at or above the 15 percent threshold will be allocated proportionately. The Hancock County votes will be part of earning eight statewide delegates and seven from the Second Congressional District. Candidates who poll less than 15 percent will not be counted in the allocation of delegates.

• **REPUBLICANS** — The Republican primary ballot is considerably simpler for there is but one candidate's name on it: President Donald J. Trump.

The only option on the ballot: "Write-in."



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LETTER . . . to the editor

Marina parking

To the Editor,

Here are some suggestions concerning the parking spots at the marina.

Most people parking at the marina just need to load or unload for/from their boat activity - a half-hour should be adequate to do those activities.

The signs for each of the two marina parking spaces

should read "Half-Hour Parking Only".

Once the boaters have unloaded/loaded their car, they leave in their boat for hours and (maybe, days). The car should then be moved out of the area. It is unfair for someone to leave their car in such a convenient parking space for a long time.

By having such a sign, other cars can come and go in those convenient loading areas. Since the parking in that area is very

limited, that would help relieve some of the parking pressure for the boaters. In the beginning, the expense of signs will be needed and extra monitoring by the police, but once the limited parking is enforced, I believe people will respect and enjoy having the convenient parking spaces for the short time that they really need.

Sandra Bowden Dillon
Philadelphia, PA

OBITUARY

Harold J. Gray, 1970 - 2020

PENOBSCOT - Harold J. Gray, 50, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2020 at the Togus VA Medical Center in Augusta.

Harold was born on Jan. 19, 1970, the son of George A. and Claudette R. (Astbury) Gray.

Harold served in the Maine Army National Guard and was proud to wear the uniform. He was wounded in the line of duty in Iraq. In 2004, Harold was awarded the Purple Heart for his injuries.

Harold was a dedicated son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. His family, children and grandchildren were the upmost important people in his life; he cherished each one of them. He also enjoyed racing and playing golf.

Harold is survived by his mother, Claudette R. Gray; his loving wife Laurie Gray; his children: Natalie, Mercedes and Isabelle Gray, Shawn, Christopher and Kayla Allen; six grandchildren: Abby, Ryann, Jayden,

Myles, Colton and Lincoln.

He also leaves his siblings; Wendy Gray and wife Ann-dee, Dale Gray, Brittany Gray and Kyle Gray and wife

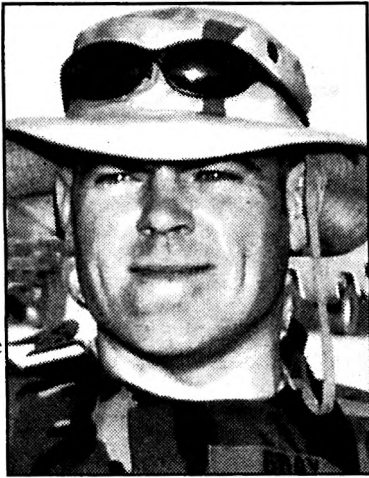
Dani, along with many brothers- and sisters-in-law. He had two special nieces, Hannah and Courtney as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He also is survived by his mother- and father-in-law, Gayle and Leroy Hamm; a very special friend Daniel Trojecki; as well as many other friends.

Harold was predeceased by his father George Gray, and grandfather, Grampy Phil, and a brother-in-law, Ron Allen.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and staff of Togus VA Medical Center for the dedication, love and compassion they showed to Harold.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 7, 2020, at 11 am at the Verona Town Hall .16 School St. Verona Island, with Pastor Peter Remick officiating.

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Harold J. Gray

What's new at RSU?

School bus pact extended a year

BUCKSPORT - The RSU 25 School Board this week unanimously extended the school bus contract by a year, giving the First Student company a 5 percent increase.

The new \$1,075,000 contract was not competitively bid because Supt. of Schools James Boothby said it was unlikely there would be another firm interested in the local, shorter-term contract.

In the past, First Student's annual increases have been in the 3 to 3.5 percent range, but the 5 percent probably can be justified by the shorter term and rising payroll expenses, Boothby said.

The school official said he plans to explore all of the options available to the RSU before the new contract expires.

Central office realignment set

BUCKSPORT - The administrative office for the RSU 25 is being reor-

ganized, with a net reduction in the staff from five to four.

The move is coming as two key employees - Jane Marston and Helen Wardwell - prepare to retire at the end of the current school year.

The administrative assistant duties the two perform for the superintendent of schools and the curriculum coordinator will be combined in a single position. Some of their other duties will be redistributed to others already on the staff.

Board nixes third meal idea

BUCKSPORT - Acting on the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the School Board this week opted out of participating in a federal program set up to encourage school systems to provide late afternoon meals for students.

The local RSU will continue to provide end-of-school day snacks for those attending the Miles Lane School. It also has a weekend take-home food

program for those who often get their main meals during the week from the school's kitchen.

Money shifted for buses, meals

BUCKSPORT - In a typical mid-school year action, the School Board went along with the transfer of \$77,000 from various school accounts to cover shortfalls in the transportation and school meals accounts.

The transportation account required an additional \$62,000, while the meals program needed \$15,000 more, mainly to cover the increases in food costs and the increase in the minimum wage for those kitchen workers.

Pre-K closed during election

BUCKSPORT - The pre-kindergarten program at the G.H. Jewett School will be closed on Tuesday, March 8, because of the primary voting in the gym.

The rest of the school will be cordoned off.

IN THE WORKS . . .

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A DEAL? - A fellow in Illinois wants to buy the empty, town-owned commercially zoned lot at 27 Main Street for \$48,373. The town spent some \$300,000 to acquire, clear, repair utility lines and grade the property, but until now it has had no takers.

The would-be buyer claims to have bought and sold scores of properties, many of them via on-line transactions.

RE-BUILD THOSE WALLS! - The state Department of Transportation has

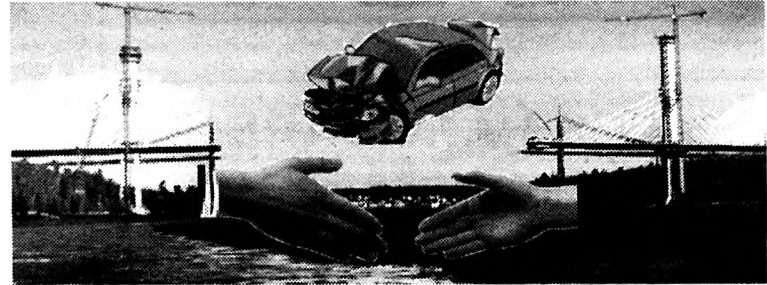
approved a major grant to help pay the cost of replacing retaining walls on Main Street, but the money won't be available until next year.

Questions have been raised about the retaining wall on Franklin Street, next to the Catholic church parking lot, but that wall is on private property.

CRUCHING NUMBERS - The first of Bucksport's municipal budget sessions before the Town Council has been scheduled for March 20. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard is working on the first draft of the budget.

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At the jail

ELLSWORTH – These persons were booked at the Hancock County Jail as a result of incidents in the Bucksport-area:

• Rudy Alberto Gutierrez, 48, of 35 McDonald St., Bucksport was sentenced on Monday in an Ellsworth court to 30 days in the Hancock County Jail. He was charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol after having prior convictions for that offense. He also was charged with driving without a license.

• Johanna Nichole Poole, 26, of 272 Southern Bay Road, Penobscot on Monday was sentenced in Ellsworth to two days in jail for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

• Dustin Michael Smith, 28, of 13 Seminary Road, Bucksport was arrested last Friday night (2/21) at his home by a Bucksport officer for allegedly violating the bail posted to allow his release on an earlier charge. He later posted bail and was released at the jail.

• Matthew Charles Reed, of 387 River Road, Bucksport was arrested in Ellsworth last Friday (2/21) morning for an appearance in drug court. He was taken to the county jail.

Arson suspect arrested again

BUCKSPORT – Aza Vasylyk-Jerome, 56, of 368 Town Farm Road, Bucksport was arrested in Bucksport and taken to the jail by a local officer late last Thursday (2/20) morning.

She was arrested as the result of a warrant alleging she had failed to be in court to answer an earlier allegation that she set fire to the Bucksport home she shared with her husband late last year.

Her husband, who had bailed her out of the jail previously, had reported her missing yet again, and she subsequently was located on State Route 46 on Feb. 19, where she was arrested again. She was taken to the Hancock County Jail, where she is being held under a high bail.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT – These arrests were logged here last week:

Erin Brown, 43, of Bucksport was arrested about 6 p.m. Saturday on a warrant alleging he had failed to be in court on a previous case.

• Adam Hasenbank, 325, of River Road, Bucksport was arrested at his home as the result of a warrant claiming he had failed to be in court to answer an earlier charge and was being held in contempt of court.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

• Clark McLaughlin, was

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issued a summons for allegedly possessing a Schedule Y drug. He was stopped on the River Road about 10:15 p.m. on Saturday.

• Chad Fairbrother, 18, of Belfast was cited late Saturday night for violating his learner's permit to drive and permitting the unlawful use of a vehicle.

• Timothy Helmandollar of Bangor was charged with violating his bail and driving after a license suspension or revocation. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1 just before 8 p.m. on Saturday.

• Joshua Murray, 30, of Bangor got a speeding ticket after being stopped on the Mast Hill Road about 10:15 a.m. on Saturday.

• Lucas Seavey, 18, of Bucksport on Saturday night was charged with violating his bail in an earlier case.

• Laura Manson, 55, of Corinna was issued a summons for inspection sticker and liability insurance violations after being stopped on the River Road shortly after 11 a.m. on Friday (2/21).

• Heather Distrie, 45, of Stockton Springs was cited for a cell phone infraction after being stopped on U.S. Route 1 about 10 p.m. on Feb. 16.

Dog bite listed

BUCKSPORT – A 10-year-old boy who lives on Moosehorn Drive was bitten by the family dog last Thursday 2/20.

The boy was taken to a hospital by ambulance, and the dog was secured by the animal control officer.

Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT – There were 26 ambulance runs last week, 20 in Bucksport, five to Orland and one on Verona Island.

There was a single fire call in Bucksport.

Bucksport police had 100 calls for service.

The ambulance crews rolled on 28 runs the previous week, an average of four a day. Eleven of those calls were to Bucksport addresses, five to Orland sites and two on Verona Island. The police handled 111 calls for services during the same period.

The week prior to that included 16 ambulance runs, 11 in Bucksport, three in Orland and two on Verona Island. The police responded to 91 calls for service.

And the week before that, the emergency medical crews had 24 ambulance runs, a dozen in Bucksport, 10 in Orland and two on the island. The police responded to 115 calls.

Purr & fur

BUCKSPORT – The municipal shelter off Central Street has a nice selection of cats, each ready and waiting for a good home.

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—Friends & family

ANOTHER TRIBUTE — Two Bucksport Fire Department paramedics — **Pay Payson** and **Michael Sealy** — were selected for the annual American Red Cross lifesaving award, and will be honored at the annual "Hero's Breakfast" in Brewer on March 25.

The two previously were honored for their successful intervention in a potential suicide attempt on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge last year.

GROWING A COMMUNITY? — A \$500 college scholarship from the **Bucksport Garden Club** is available to a **Bucksport High School** senior, with an average of a "B" or above, who is planning on entering one of these fields: Horticulture, environmental sci-

ence, agriculture, landscaping, biology, entomology, forestry, warden service or arborist.

The deadline is April 1, 2020, and applications are now available at the guidance office.

The scholarship will be granted at graduation and will be paid to the college upon successful completion of the first semester, and the student's enrollment for the second semester-classes.

IN THE RUNNING! Addie Morrison this weekend will represent **Bucksport High School** as she competes in the New England indoor track championships at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

She is the daughter of the local track coach, **Matt Morrison**.

Bucksport prints to be donated

BUCKSPORT — A Massachusetts man with deep roots in Bucksport is donating several thousand dollars worth of prints he has produced through the years of historical sites around this area.

Edward DesJardins of Merrimac, MA., a retired archi-

tect and a long-time recorder in detailed pen and ink drawings of Bucksport area landmarks, is donating his remaining artwork to several not-for-profit groups here. Each group is free to do what they like with prints, including sell them to raise money.

Senior Center calendar

BUCKSPORT — 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 3 p.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.
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Senior College being launched

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The two local will focus on the life and movies by Chinese director Zhang Yimou and the milestones of America's space program. Another 16 courses will be offered in the Brewer-Bangor area.

Class sizes are limited. Course descriptions and instructions are at <http://pssc.myrec.com> or contact 659-1359. Or call Gina Bushong, at 299-4848 or visit ginabushong@gmail.com.

Senior Center luncheons listed

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

• **Friday, Feb. 28** — Spaghetti with meatballs, garden salad and cake.

Monday March 2 — Salisbury steak w/gravy, green beans, mashed potato and a cookie.

Wednesday, March 4 — Baked haddock, rice pilaf, carrots and cake.

Friday, March 6 — Meatloaf, baked potato, carrots & peas and a raspberry cookie.

Monday, March 9 — Chicken alfredo, broccoli, garlic bread and ice cream.

Wednesday, March 11 — Pot roast, mashed potato, green beans and pudding

Friday, March 13 — Roast turkey & gravy, stuffing, mashed potato, carrots and peas and a crisp.

Monday, March 16 — Baked chicken, baked potato, broccoli, and a whoopie pie.

Wednesday, March 18 — Baked ham dinner, mashed potato, corn and a cookie

Friday, March 20 — French toast, sausage, home fries and muffins.

Monday, March 23 — Baked stuffed haddock, rice pilaf, garden salad and a cookie.

Wednesday, March 25 — Pot roast, baked potato, baby carrots and cake.

Friday, March 27 — Baked haddock, mashed potato, broccoli and ice cream.

Monday, March 30 — Oven-fried chicken, mashed potato, green beans and pudding

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Found *& lost

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport emergency dispatcher can reunite the owner with a bicycle that's been in police custody since it was found on Jan. 27. Among the missing items recently lost are a purse, gloves and a pink wallet.

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