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IN THE WORKS

A capsule summary

BUCKSPORT'S BUDGET – Work is underway on the 2020-2021 budget, but the town manager suggests there will be few, if any surprises.

While major spending will begin on the local roads, that is being financed by 10-year bonds, and the major repairs or replacement of the municipal pool will be paid for from accounts that already have been bankrolled.

SPRUCING UP DOWNTOWN – The town's economic development panel is recommending to the Town Council that the proposed financial aid to downtown building owners preparing to invest in their properties be launched on Aug. 1, rather than wait until next year. The money - \$100,000 for each of the next three years - would be allocated in up to \$10,000 chunks on a first-come, first-served basis to property owners prepared to spend at least as much of their own money on their exterior improvements.

The allocations of the money from the town's tax incremental financing (TIF) account will be decided by the Town Council.

SAVING WATER – At the urging of Luke Chiavelli, the code enforcement officer, the Town Council tonight (3/12) is likely to authorize spending just over \$6,000 to install water-saving toilets and sink taps at the Town Offices and the Public Safety Building.

Four plumbers have bid on the project, and their quotes range from \$6,043 to \$8,454. The town manager is recommending the work be done because the eventual savings on water bills will more than cover the initial cost.

SMOKEY BEAR MONEY – The Maine Forest Service has granted \$2,300 to the Bucksport Fire Department to purchase a variety of forest firefighting supplies and gear. The equipment ranges from radios, hoses and nozzles to two dozen sets of gloves and 15 pairs of safety glasses.

The town must come up with a matching sum from local cash.

SALTY SEASON – The Bucksport Fire Department called in crews four times last month to deal with some of the seven "weather events." The work involved a lot of scraping of the roads and the application of "very high salt usage to maintain safe traveling," according to Jay Lanpher, the public works director.

APPOINTEE – The Town Council tonight (3/12) is expected to appoint Kerry Zimmerman of Holden to the Bucksport Cemetery Committee.

GET 'ER DONE! – The code enforcement officer reported a number of recommendations proposed months ago by the town's Safety Committee have not been done. He plans to remedy that.

Millinocket firm backed for town marketing blitz

BUCKSPORT – It appears town officials will go with Designlab LLC, a small Millinocket-based marketing firm, to design the next program to market the town both locally and regionally.

The six-person firm will be paid \$9,820 for the planning effort. Any services selected by the town after the initial planning will be billed separately.

While the final decision lies with the Town Council tonight (3/12), the hiring of Designlab has the backing of the group that interviewed the four finalists during the past week. The decision also was backed by the Community and Economic Development Committee on Monday.

Jessica Masse, the director of business development, at Designlab, said in a telephone interview this week that the firm is "very excited" to be selected.

She said working for Bucksport is linked to one of the

passions that spawned the firm deep in the Katahdin region. She said the marketing crew wants to be part of breathing new life and sustainable businesses into rural areas, for the good of those who already reside there and those attracted by the quality of life in small communities.

The four firms' representatives were interviewed by Town Councilors Kathy Downes, Mark Eastman and James Morrison. Also representing the town in the closed-door sessions were Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and Richard Rotella, the director of community and economic development.

While the bid price was not a factor, Designlab agreed to do the initial work for \$180 less than the other three finalists. Those firms are Sutherland Weston Marketing of Bangor, Marshall Communications of Augusta and the Belfort Group of Boston.



PHOTOGRAPHY BY DON HOUGHTON

Bucksport's future

Maine Gov. Janet T. Mills came to town yesterday (3/11) to learn more about this area's future. Above, at left, William Brennan of the Maine Maritime Academy, shows her where the academy will expand. *More on Page 4.*

ON THE ROADS ... Major roadway spending detailed

BUCKSPORT – The town councilors tonight (3/12) will take up the details for the three-year, \$3 million plan to upgrade local roads, a project endorsed by the voters in November.

If the town is able to act fast enough it could benefit from the very recent plunge in petroleum prices, for that could result in sharply lower asphalt costs, according to Town Manager Suisan M. Lessard.

That could allow more work to be done sooner. However, like all essential commodities, volatile pricing almost has become the norm.

The plan calls for surfacing

roughly 19 miles of roads beginning in July with projects totalling \$1.3 million.

During the 2021-2022 construction season another 1.3 miles along four roads would be milled and filled at a cost of \$183,000. Three of those are short stretches on Mill, Franklin and School Streets. The fourth project that year is scheduled to be a 0.65 of a mile on Broadway.

However, the bulk of that spending that season is aimed at rebuilding and restoring 2.6 miles of Millvale Road from Route 15 to the Silver Lake Road intersection.

That section was heavily damaged by the installation of gas lines several years ago when the area was not properly excavated, refilled and then repaved by the contractors hired by the Bangor Gas Co., according to town officials.

It's not clear what, if any, steps were taken to recoup some of that expense from the utility.

Year three of the 10-year bond financed work would involve spending \$600,000 to rebuild and repave 3.1 miles of Silver Lake Road from Millvale Road to the power lines.

The actual work over the three years will total \$2,585,000

over the three years, according to figures from Jay Lanpher, the road superintendent.

However the cost of issuing the bonds and the interest that will be paid on them over the next decade must also be considered.

The council's Infrastructure and Property Committee will review the plan at 6 p.m. tonight in the council chamber.

Some councilors have suggested that they may ask for the town's plans for the subsequent years to avoid so much repaving in such a short period in the future.

Going underground? Group seeking to find where bodies are buried

BUCKSPORT – The volunteers on the Bucksport Cemetery Committee are trying to protect a long-unused cemetery, but they've got to find it first.

While there's plenty of vigor and determination, even enthusiasm, to root out the exact boundaries of the old Methodist Cemetery off the River Road, nobody seems to be exactly certain where the boundaries lie.

The panel is coping with the pas-

sage of the decades, a serious lack of documentation and many fading memories - mixed with a little hearsay and some conjecture. All in all, reclaiming the overgrown cemetery - has muddled the situation.

While the burial ground site is known, the boundaries of it are not.

This week the committee decided to gather next Monday afternoon for a field trip. They also launched a search for someone with ground-penetrating radar equipment and the willingness to use it here.

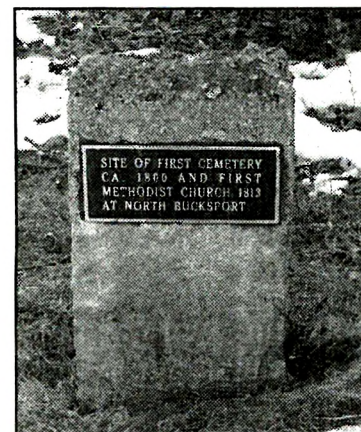
The electronic gear may yield some clues as to what may lie beneath the soil without disturbing it.

While it's known that a number of folks were interred there during much of 19th century, including a

few veterans of the Revolutionary War, it's not clear if any of their remains still remain there.

It's known the stones that marked some of the graves aren't there, for the most-intact of them were removed, supposedly for safe-keeping. Those stones now lie exposed flat on the ground at the Riverview Cemetery just up the road in North Bucksport. The stones apparently were moved in the 1990s, by the town crew with the then-town manager's blessing. Other broken gravestones are said to have been unceremoniously dumped in a hole dug at the old cemetery, and then were covered with dirt.

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THIS STONE marks the site, but not the boundaries of the old Methodist Cemetery.

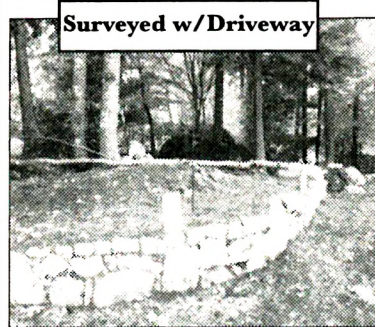
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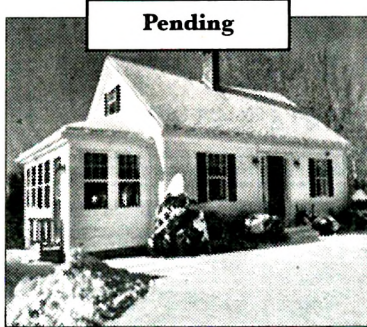
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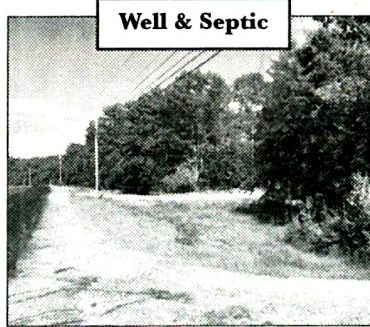
Surveyed w/Driveway

Orland—Your Maine getaway at 'The Cottages'. Enjoy this lot seasonally or build your new home. This surveyed & soil tested 1.35 acre private lot features a driveway, power, large clearing, beautiful stone walls and huge fern covered rocks. This lot also offers a new storage building. Plenty of potential with seasonal views of Alamoosook Lake.



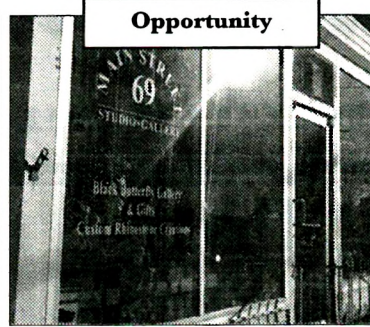
Pending

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. Living room is currently being used as a first floor bedroom but can be changed back to a living room. Located near Orrington line, it is convenient to both Bangor and Bucksport. A special Maine home!



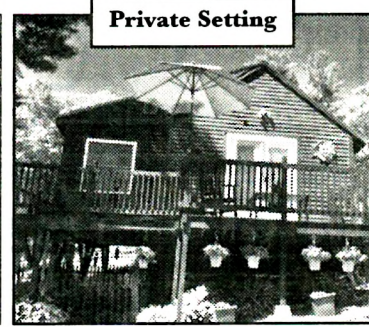
Well & Septic

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



Opportunity

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.



Private Setting

Bucksport—This charming 3 BR 2 BA home on 1.9 acres offers a private setting with pasture, room for gardens and easy access to nearby hiking, riding and snowmobile trails. Unique floor plan is adaptable to multiple uses. Heat pump for heating & cooling, cozy wood stove, deck & a wonderful gazebo. Barn has 7 stalls, 2 storage rooms, space for car w/garage door & recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles, atv's or boat.

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

Ready to Build

Orland—This home is ready for you to move in as soon as you are ready. Eat in kitchen with attractive oak cabinets, living room, full bathroom and laundry on the first floor. There are four bedrooms on the second floor. However, the smallest bedroom is just above the first floor laundry/bathroom. It would be very easy to add a bathroom on the second floor for your nighttime convenience. The home is conveniently located approximately 7 miles from Bucksport and 13 miles from Ellsworth. Oversized garage has storage up above.
Listing Agent: Wendy Carpenter \$75,000

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 Conservation 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

Ellsworth—Build a room(s) with a view! This 5 acre lot is located in an area with lots of recreational opportunities. From fishing the nearby streams with native brook trout, hiking in the Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust or exploring Branch Lake. This area has a lot to offer. Did I mention the Happytown Farm(organic) located down the road? A great area that is convenient to Bangor, Ellsworth, Blue Hill or Bucksport. Lovely views of the lake. Calling those who love the sunrise!
Listing Agent: Mark Eastman \$34,900

— Going underground?

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But that's not absolutely certain either, although some swear they were there when the deed was done.

The effort to get to the bottom of things was triggered by a near-sale of the private property abutting the old cemetery. The would-be buyer researched, and found the potential responsibilities of owning a neglected cemetery more daunting than they cared to take on. The property sale fell through.

Now, the heirs of the owner of the property, and, the abutters of the cemetery, want to get things clarified for the future.

The reopening of the not-well-recorded history of the graveyard resulted in uncovering a state law that mandates communities must maintain venerable old cemeteries when there are veterans from the nation's earliest days buried in them.

This would involve twice-a-year visits to spruce up the place, and may result in retrieving the grave-stones from the Riverview Cemetery.

This week the newly reconstituted cemetery committee, a group that had not met in several years, gathered to share some highlights of what they know about the cemetery, which apparently is very little.

They also continued formulating some of the questions they want answered before they report their findings and recommendations to the Town Council. Eventually, the councilors will have to take some action to fulfill the town's obligations under the law.

These include some sort of agreement on the boundaries of the cemetery, and even establishing an acceptable easement so maintenance personnel twice-a-year can have legal access to the now land-locked graveyard. The only other option would be for someone or some group to take perpetual responsibility for the cemetery's upkeep, and that's not likely.

The local dilemma has drawn interest from several other communities with long neglected burial sites.

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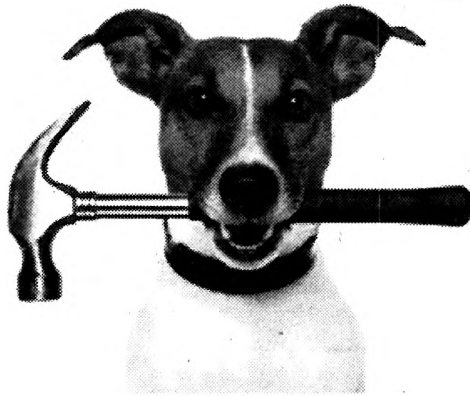
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Friends & Family

FOR THE CHILDREN — The **23rd Annual Children's Fair** on April 4 will carry the theme of, "Color My World With Kindness!"

The annual event will be held this year on Saturday, April 4, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the gymnasium at the Jewett School Community Center at Bridge Street and Broadway.

Parents, guardians, grandparents, and other family caretakers can bring their babies, toddlers or pre-schoolers for a fun-filled morning of creative play.

This year's theme, *Color My World With Kindness!*, will showcase the many learning opportunities that can enhance young children's readiness for school.

The fair is a project of the RSU25 Early Childhood Committee, comprised of educators, community members and child specialists, who are working to engage the entire community in improving the lives of young children.

The focus is on children from birth

to school readiness to promote good health practices, educational opportunities, and heightening caregiver's awareness of the available community resources.

For more information call 469-6644.

FESTIVAL PLANNERS — Everyone is invited to join the planning committee to share ideas for this year's **Bucksport Bay Festival**, July 10-12.

The **Bucksport Bay Festival Committee** each year plans for the annual event. The panel will determine the events and locations and select the volunteers to carry out the many details.

This year the committee is working with the Penobscot Maritime Heritage Association to celebrate Maine's Bicentennial. That resulted in scheduling this year's festival a bit earlier in July than in the past.

PURR-FECT PETS! — The **municipal shelter** off Central Street



PHOTO BY HANS KRICHELS

A GROUP gathered on the waterfront on Sunday to mark the 10th annual International Womens' Day and the 100th year since women successfully won the right to vote in this country.

has both cats and dogs ready for welcoming homes.

Contact **Dan Joy**, the animal officer, at 469-7951 for all of the adoption details or to arrange a get-acquainted visit to the shelter.

Volunteers always are welcome.

WHAT TO DO? — The Town Council's current contract for marketing the empty town-owned commercial lot at 27 Main Street expires on July 8.

An Illinois real estate speculator has offered to buy the property for \$49,377. The town has some \$300,000 invested in the site.

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Who will get what?

Recently, a resident complained the Community and Economic Development Committee - composed of residents and non-residents, and elected- and non-elected officials - ought not to decide which community groups should receive how much public support in the municipal budget. He cited the town's rules of the road that specify only elected officials can make those decisions.

The Town manager offered a memo to guide the economic development panel, as this week it evaluated the first seven requests to be aired. She said the panel can only recommend who gets aid and, perhaps, how much; but only the council can grant the money. Against that backdrop the committee made fairly short work of the pages and pages of documents submitted with the applications, and in the end recommended how some \$50,000-or-so be allocated.

Only one group - the not-for-profit Lighthouse Arts and Education Center on Main Street - had its request rejected. It sought \$5,000 to help open an impromptu "cultural and arts coffee house", where folks could drop in, chat, take in some art, and share ideas without feeling guilty about tying up a table.

Several committee members thought that sounded like too much competition for private businesses trying to turn a profit by selling coffee, cappuccino or other light fare. The issue may not be over, however, as Town Councilor Mark Eastman plans to meet with Town Manager Susan M. Lessard to get her thoughts.

Now, here's the editorial in this editorial: we don't believe any existing business or even potential business here will be mortally wounded by such a low-key gathering spot. The town says it wants to encourage the arts and increase downtown activity. The more options the more people have, and the better everyone will fare,

The committee endorsed:

- \$20,000 to Main Street Bucksport, a group seeking to encourage downtown projects, and development;
- \$26,000 to the chamber of commerce, with most of that to help underwrite some of the expenses of the Bucksport Bay Festival. Chamber officials, citing some concerns about their own numbers because of some confusing record-keeping in the past, will result in them submitting a combined request detailing how the town's money will be used. They also have agreed to forego hiring of a festival coordinator this year because the chamber's board believes the money would be better spent directly on the festival and on other chamber activities.

The chamber has embarked on a more business-oriented approach to its future projects, officials of the group said. They said they now are devoted solely to promoting business promotion and not simply on entertainment.

- \$4,000 to the Wednesday on Main weekly summertime entertainment and education series. That group has lost a major sponsor, but is seeking to recruit more smaller donors and corporate benefactors.

- \$2,000 to the Friends of Fort Knox for electricity cost to illuminate the exterior of the fort and the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

WHEN Gov. Janet T. Mills spotted a sign marking a course at the professional mariners' training session, she insisted on having a 'selfie' taken. She wanted the folks in Augusta to know she was using her time wisely.



ENTERPRISE PHOTOS
BY DON HOUGHTON

Governor goes to mariners' school

BUCKSPORT - As part of a swing up the coast looking at sites related to renewable energy, including offshore installations, Gov. Janet T. Mills paused in Bucksport to take in the new Maine Maritime School for professional mariners in the training building at the former paper mill.

During a brief luncheon, Mills was briefed on Bucksport's post-mill progress by Mayor Peter L. Stewart, Town Manager Susan M. Lessard and Richard Rotella, the town's community and economic development director.

Mills also got a tour of the newly opened school with William Brennan, the president of the Castine-based Maine Maritime Academy.

Brennan, whose personal and family roots go deep in Bucksport (he and his wife attended the former junior high school here) said he's excited to see the long-discussed training school begin operating.

He believes the school is good for Maine, for the academy and for Bucksport. The long-held plan has been to use the revenues generated at the school to hold down the undergraduate tuition at the academy. He said the plan also is to work toward the day when any Maine student who qualifies for admission will be able to attend the academy regardless of their ability to pay.

He told the governor that the Bucksport site is ideal for not-for-profit school's purposes.

He stressed the Bucksport site is the nucleus for what are expected to be a broad series of training programs, both those who must certify their sea-going skills every four to five years, and those who are becoming more involved in maritime matters, such as those building and staffing a growing number of offshore platforms to tap into both recoverable energy and renewable energy, including wind and solar.

Mills and some of her staff arrived from a visit to the Mack Port Terminal in Searsport, where she announced her administration wants to find opportunities to support Maine's renewable energy industry, and specifically offshore wind farms.

She noted in Searsport, and again here, that she was very impressed with what she had seen during a state and federal delegation organized by the trip to Scotland to explore the offshore wind options. She wants to foster those businesses in Maine.

While she offered no additional announcement during a luncheon at the mariners' school here, she indicated she was impressed with what she'd learned about the town's efforts to recover from the loss of the mill.

After the visit to the school, located at what now has been dubbed 24 Mainers' Way, Mills and her group did a walking tour along a portion of Main Street, accompanied by local officials.



LIKE NEW - William Brennan, the president of the Maritime Academy, shows Gov. Janet T. Mills one of the rooms now under renovation at the professional mariners' training center here. Abandoned for several years, the former mill training center once again is bright and alive with activity.

Letter to the editor

She is missed

To the editor,

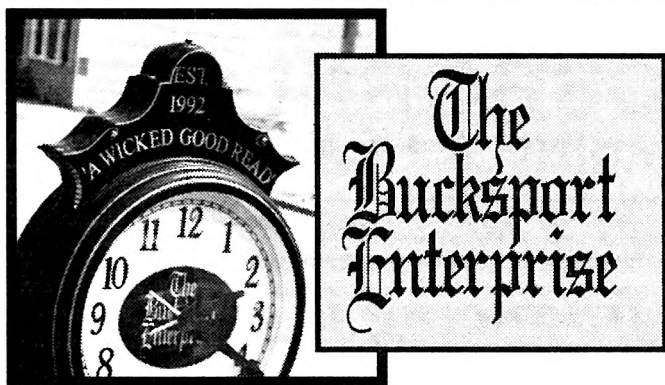
Here at the Senior Center we recently had to say goodbye to a dear friend.

We want to express our sympathy to the family and friends of Paulette Dow. She was a fixture here at the center. She had her regular seat at lunch where she talked and joked with fellow friends and diners - a spot that I imagine will remain empty for sometime now as a sign of respect for a treasured friend.

We also wish to thank her family and friends for donations made to the center in her memory. In the near future a ceremony will be held at the Center as Paulette's name is added to a special plaque.

With great sympathy and respect from all your friends and neighbors at the Bucksport Area Senior Center.

William Foster, Director
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OBITUARY

Emily Jane Benson, 1943 - 2020

HOLDEN - Emily Jane (Smith) Benson, 76, passed away on February 26, 2020 after a short illness.

She was born on April 21, 1943 in Bucksport, the daughter of Emily (Phinney) and Oscar Smith.

Emily was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking, reading and spending time with her family, especially the holiday gatherings.

She is survived by her son, Chester Benson and daughter-in-law, Linda Benson of Bucksport; daughter Emily Witham and son-in-law, Jeff Witham of Florida.

She also leaves granddaughters: Rebecca French of Brewer, Melissa Tweedie and her hus-



Emily Jane Benson

band, Marcus Tweedie of Orland, Meagan Jackson and her husband Matt Jackson of Bucksport, and Nicole Wells and her husband Corey Wells of Florida; and great-grandchildren: Laycee, Austin and Blake Tweedie of Orland and Myka Jackson of Bucksport.

She was predeceased by her parents, Oscar and Emily (Phinney) Smith, brothers and sisters: Mila Moore, Walter Smith, Frank Smith, Charlie Smith, Bobby Smith, Patsy Witham, Ralph Smith, Sheldon Smith, Geraldine Hopkins, Barbara Calvi, Maxine Atwood and Brenda Tinker.

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

Accidents - Deer

BUCKSPORT - The deer were roaming last week, resulting in several accidents:

- Lucas Hanscom, 23, of Bucksport struck a deer while driving on the Jacob Buck Pond Road about 11 p.m. on Sunday.

- Laura Cunningham, 50, of Orland hit a deer while driving on Central Street about 6 a.m. on Friday (3/6).

- A dead deer was found on the side of a local road, and the Department of Transportation was called to remove it.

- Michael McSharry, 47, of Bucksport hit one on the River Road about 4:30 a.m. on March 3.

- Robert Day, 59, of Penobscot also hit one on the River Road about 6:30 p.m. on March 3.

Wrestling tourney results

Middle school finishes 4th

BUCKSPORT - On Saturday 11 Maine schools fielded over 200 wrestlers for the East Crossover Tournament with five teams from the west region and a half dozen teams from the east competing.

The teams were allowed to enter junior varsity and varsity squad members.

TEAM SCORES

The Pine Tree Wrestling League is composed of two dozen middle schools and recreation programs across Maine.

Bucksport finished in fourth

Accident

BUCKSPORT - Vehicles being driven by Corey Pelletier and Brandon Moulton, both 33, and both of Bucksport, collided on the Millvale Road about 6 p.m. on Friday (3/6).

Pelletier was cited for driving with an expired vehicle registration.

Traffic tickets

BUCKSPORT - These motorists received citations:

- Ethan Welch, 29, of Old Town reportedly had failed to update his license within the required time period

- Colby Kohn, 24, of Glenburn reportedly was driving with a suspended registration when he was stopped on the

Mast Hill Road about 10 a.m. on Friday (3/6).

Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT - There were 16 ambulance runs last week, 9 in Bucksport, five to Orland addresses and two on Verona Island.

There were no fire calls. Bucksport police handled 145 calls for service.

Hospice aiding those who grieve

ELLSWORTH - Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County announce they will offer a series of grief support groups, including programs for widows, widowers and partners; those who lost someone to drug overdose; grieving parents and grandparents, and those who lost someone to suicide.

All groups are free, but require pre-registration.

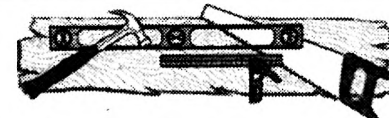
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Friday, March 13 — Roast turkey & gravy, stuffing, mashed potato, carrots and peas and a crisp.

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.

Call 469-3632 by 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to reserve a spot. Meals, including takeout, are available to all ages and income levels.

Calendar

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

Mondays

- 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.

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.



PUBLIC SAFETY LOGS

At the jail

ELLSWORTH – These Bucksport-area residents were booked at the Hancock County Jail:

- Two Bucksport residents each were arrested and charged with a domestic violence assault on one another. Nicole Lynn Morrone, 30, and Devin Wayne Bridges, 31, were arrested at their home on Dalton Lane last Sunday night on Franklin Street by a Bucksport officer. Both were taken to the Hancock County Jail.

- Ernest Everett Morse III, 34, of 90 Schoolhouse Road, Orland was arrested at the jail, where he was booked about 6:45 p.m. on Monday for allegedly failing to be in court and failing with the payment a court fine and fee.

- Anthony Severance, 29, of 124 Snow's Corner Road, Orrington on Friday (3/6) was sentenced to two days in the county jail for driving while under the influence of alcohol, and speeding more than 30 miles an hour above the posted limit.

- Aubrie E. Boyce, 21, of 100 Old Stage Lane, Searsport was arrested early Sunday in Ellsworth for allegedly driving while under the influence of alcohol. She posted bail.

- Christopher Woodard, 32, of 9 Dalton Lane, Bucksport was arrested at his home last Thursday (3/5) evening for reportedly violating the terms of his probation in an earlier case.

- Chase Alexander Hawley, 29, of 12 Parsonage Road, Orland was booked into the jail about 2:30 p.m. on Thursday (3/5) after being arrested in Ellsworth for allegedly violating a protective order.

Other arrests

BUCKSPORT – These other arrests were reportedly locally:

- Maggie Hopkins, 26, of Bucksport was arrested on Main Street about 12:30 p.m. on March 5 as the result of a warrant claiming she had failed to be in court to respond to a theft charge. She posted bail.

- Scott Strout, 33, of Bucksport was arrested about 11:30 on March 4 for allegedly driving on U.S. Route 1 while

under the influence

- Aaron Gilbert 23, of Ellsworth was arrested on a warrant stemming from a traffic offense. The warrant was found after a traffic stop on Main Street about 8:15 a.m. on March 3.

Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Alexander Atherton, 17, of Bucksport was issued a ticket for driving 68 miles an hour in a zone posted for 35
- Nicholas Giroux, 22, of Bucksport got a citation for texting while driving on U.S. Route 1 about 6:45 p.m. on U.S. Route 1 last Thursday (3/5).

- Michaela Hall, 24, of Belfast was stopped about 2:30 p.m. on March 3 for allegedly driving more than 10 miles above the posted speed limit on Nicholson Avenue.

- Timothy Holcomb, 17, of Bucksport got a ticket for alleged stop sign violation while driving on Broadway about 2:15 p.m. March 2.



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

- Perry Kuiper, 58, of Penobscot was given a citation about 11 a.m. on March 1 for reportedly attaching illegal license plates to a vehicle. He was stopped on U.S. Route 1.

- Zachary Hutchins, 28, of Bucksport was given a ticket shortly after 1 p.m. on March 1 for allegedly attaching illegal plates to a vehicle. He was stopped on Main Street.

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

EVENTS

Thursday, March 12

REPUBLICANS – The Hancock County Republican's public Lincoln Day dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the Ellsworth VFW Hall. There will be entertainment by Joe Marshall, the three congressional candidates will speak and there will be a potluck dinner. There's no charge, but folks are asked to bring something to share.

FREE FILM – The Friends of the Blue Hill Public Library Film Series continues with two free showings of *Contact* (1997), starring Jodie Foster and Matthew McConaughey, one at noon and the other at 6 p.m. The film follows Dr. Ellie Arroway, who after years of search, finds conclusive proof of extra-terrestrial intelligence sending plans for a mysterious machine. 374-5515.

Friday, March 13

OPERA FOR EVERYONE! – Bagaduce Music and Friends of the

Blue Hill Public Library will present a preview of Richard Wagner's opera, *Der Fliegende Holländer*, at the Blue Hill Public Library at 1 p.m. The opera will be live simulcast at The Grand in Ellsworth the next day from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. No previous opera knowledge is needed, and admission is free. 374-5515.

Saturday, March 14

MAPLE SYRUP event and an Irish celebration at the Curran Homestead in Orrington with a breakfast from 8:30 to 10:30. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The main event will run from 10 to 3 with an egg hunt for prizes and Irish stew (beef or lamb), Irish soda bread, ginger ice cream with syrup, a sugaring off in the Sugar Shack, draft horses and sled rides (wagon, if no snow), old gas engines processing firewood, wood splitter demo, blacksmithing and more. The main event activities are \$12 for adults and \$3 for children.

GUN SAFETY – The Blue Hill Public Library will offer a home firearm safety class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The course covers the basic knowledge and skills necessary for the safe handling and storage of firearms and ammunition in the home. The class is free and open to everyone. Advance registration is required via the library's online calendar at www.bhpl.net or call 374-5515.

Wednesday, March 18

FOR THE BIRDS – The Stockton Springs Community Library will host "The Changing Bird Population in Maine" featuring Nick Lund, Maine Audubon's Outreach and network manager, at 6 p.m. Land's talk will cover the past few decades of change and discuss the species which are disappearing, which are increasing and look to the future of Maine birds.

FLY-TYER – The Downeast Trout Unlimited group will meet at Pat's Pizza, 396 High St, Ellsworth at 5:30 p.m., and all are welcome at the free event. At 6, Megan Hess: will talk about aquatic

insects and tying flies to imitate them.
Sunday, March 29

'ROOTIN', TOOTIN, FRUITIN!' – The Bucksport United Methodist Church will host an evening of "Pot Luck Music" from 6 to 8 p.m. at the church on River Road. The "Singspration" will feature solos and singalongs. The refreshment will be a "Pot Luck Fruitfest" so those attending are asked to bring fruit dishes, fruit salads, fruit treats to share. 669-3622.

PUBLIC MEALS

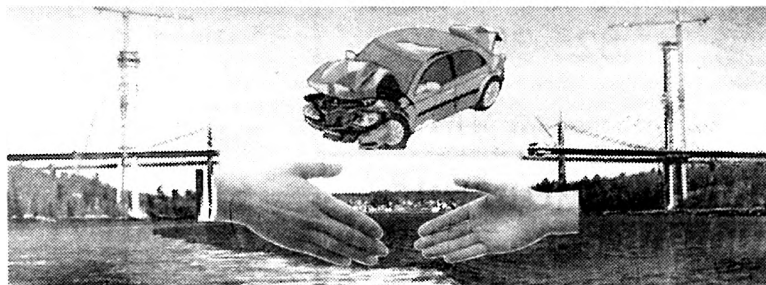
Saturday, March 14

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – There will be the annual St Patrick's Day benefit corned beef and cabbage supper at the East Orrington Congregational Church from 5 to 6 p.m. The full meal is \$10. Call 825-3404 or visit their website, www.eoccm.com for more information.



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