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### Emergency personnel urge calm

BUCKSPORT – While this area obviously has no immunity to the global concerns over COVID-19 virus, local public safety officials said they are confident the right steps have been taken here to cope with the frequent-changing situation.

Fire Chief Michael Denning stated it simply: “Be calm. Be civil.”

Answer them quickly and honestly, and the response will be faster and the most-appropriate for the situation.

**One major change the department needs the public to understand and comply with is this: Calls for ambulance or EMT services now require answering a few simple questions which will be asked by the emergency dispatcher.**

**These questions will allow the EMTs to know as they respond what, if any, special precautions they should take for everyone’s protection.**

**Quick, truthful responses will speed the response, and responses always will be made no matter the situation.**

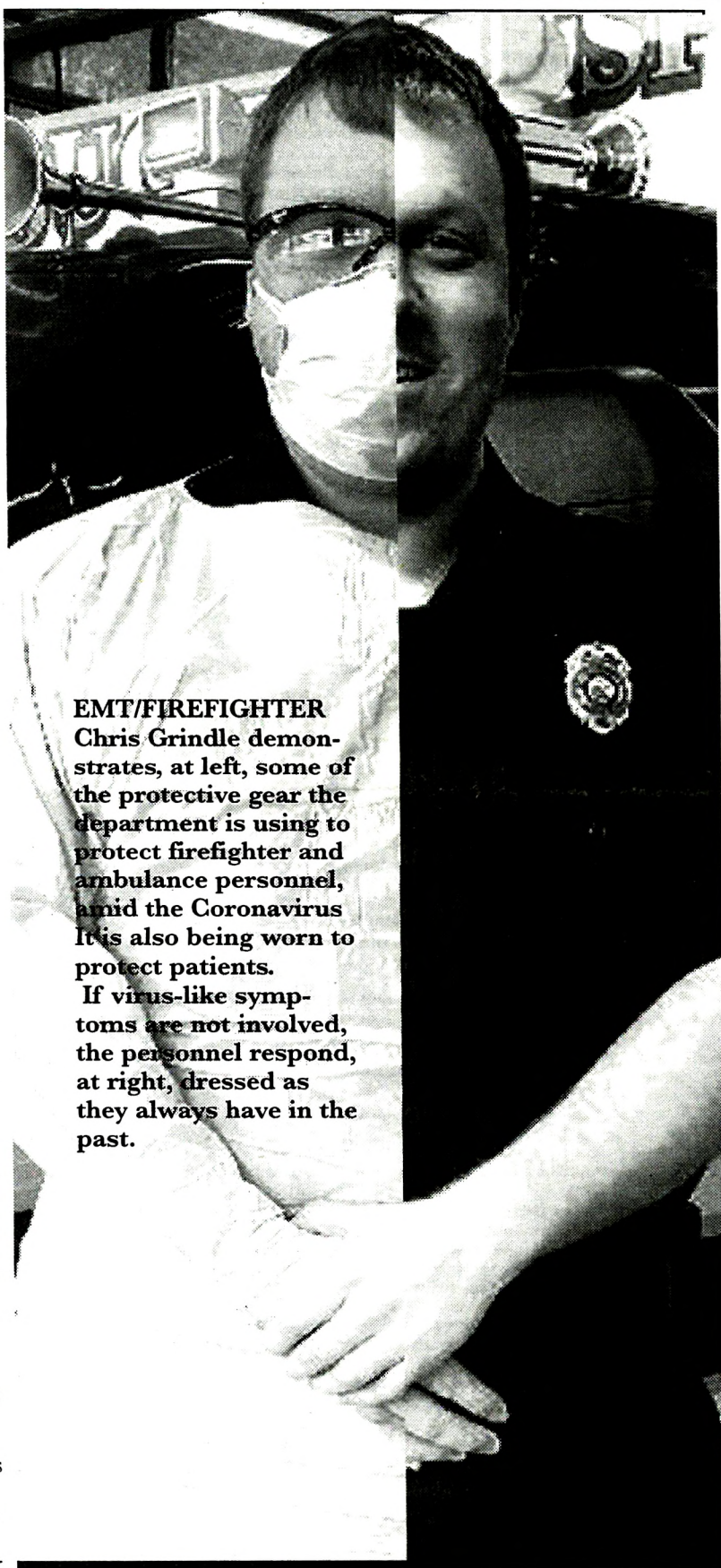
Chief Denning said Bucksport’s fire and police departments “are ahead of the curve”, thanks to extensive training and equipment obtained long before the virus was identified as a public health menace.

Each of the police and fire department personnel have medical grade masks, and each person has had her or his mask fit-tested.

The ambulance crews also have access to gowns, gloves, facial shields and other protective items.

The department is monitoring all advisories from federal and state health agencies, but Chief Denning said the procedures being advised so far are ones the department has long practiced or were regularly trained to use.

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**EMT/FIREFIGHTER**  
Chris Grindle demonstrates, at left, some of the protective gear the department is using to protect firefighter and ambulance personnel, amid the Coronavirus. It is also being worn to protect patients.

If virus-like symptoms are not involved, the personnel respond, at right, dressed as they always have in the past.

### State shuts many firms

#### Changes urged at ‘essential businesses’

AUGUSTA – The governor yesterday asked large essential businesses to limit their customers and step up curbside pick-up and delivery services.

Gov. Janet T. Mills also asked the businesses to physically mark off distances near their cash registers so patrons will not be standing close together or too close to the clerk.

Under the State of Civil Emergency decree already in place, Mills issued an executive order closing all non-essential businesses and operations in Maine that involve the public.

That applies to those businesses which involve in-person

contact with vendors or others.

The order also closed non-essential business sites that require more than ten workers to be in a space where physical distancing is not possible. Non-essential businesses and operations may continue activities that do not involve these types of in-person contacts.

It also encourages the use of a maximum number of employees who can work remotely.

The order went into effect yesterday (3/25) at 12:01 a.m. and runs through April 8 at midnight.

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### Council slates ‘virtual meeting’

#### Historic session ‘open’ to public

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council next Thursday (4/2) will hold an unprecedented meeting with none of the councilors physically present in the Council Chamber. The public will be able to interact by calling in as the meeting is cablecast and streamed on the internet.

The live streaming will begin at 7 p.m., with Town Manager Susan M. Lessard fielding any calls and the councilors visible from their town-owned laptop computers.

The usual council subcommittee sessions have been cancelled and the councilors will focus on the most-immediate concerns listed on an agenda that’s still being prepared.

Lessard said the arrangements for the session still are being finalized, but the public can watch the council via cable-TV or computer,

and participate by calling the town’s number: 469-7368 or e-mailing [www.bucksportmaine.gov](http://www.bucksportmaine.gov).

Any updates will be published in the *Enterprise* on next Thursday (4/2), the day of the meeting.

Last year, a former councilor sought to allow the members to attend sessions using the internet when out-of-town, but the manager found that was not legally allowed. However, under the state emergency provisions, the town now is meeting all of the requirements, including providing public notice and access.

## Information you ought to know

### Town governments

**COMMUNITY SERVICES** – All essential services are operating normally throughout the Bucksport area. All of the town offices are closed, but most have someone to answer the telephone or check messages on answering machines.

The Public Safety Building is closed to everyone police and firefighters on duty. There is an intercom in the vestibule.

Some routine services - including

registry and vehicle inspections have had deadlines extended or penalties waived for those unable to handle them in person or by telephone.

### Local businesses

**MANY BUSINESSES** have locked their doors, but most are offering special services and welcome telephone calls or e-mail inquiries.

A number of businesses, including restaurants, and even

some lawyers are offering some curbside services, when appropriate. However, a phone call in advance is generally requested to assure everyone is accommodated with minimal face-to-face exposure.

Some professionals have shut down their practices to anything but emergency situations.

Most fuel firms are continuing their deliveries, but limiting their service technicians to emergency situations. Plumbers and others are doing the same.

In doubt? Call ahead!

### Public events

“Forget about it” appear to be the watchwords as people hunker down and, following health authorities’ advice, avoid most gatherings.

The *Bucksport Enterprise* has suspended its activities column, but will continue to do its best to publicize not-for-profit projects that benefit the community.

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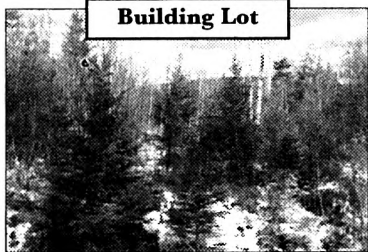
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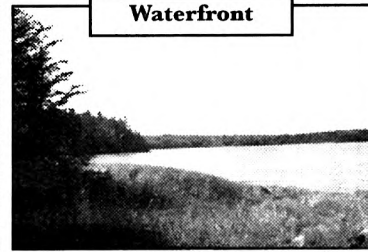
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## – Firms closed

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While the latest rules are directed at large businesses, the impacts also may be experienced in the Bucksport area. The latest rules also extend the ban already in place on dine-in services throughout the state.

The governor said, "I am taking further action to mitigate the spread of the virus, to protect the health of our loved ones and fellow citizens, and to safeguard the capacity of our health care system." She then added, "I recognize these decisions will create significant difficulties for people and businesses across our state, but we are confronting an unprecedented challenge that is threatening the health and safety of our people."

Nirav D. Shah, director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, said, "Maine people should live their lives as if COVID-19 is in their community."

"Physical distancing in every part of Maine is crucial to limit potential spread of the virus. You can be there for loved ones without being in the same place."

Mills urged Mainers to practice physical distancing. She urged those who considered at higher risk from COVID-19, such as older Mainers and those with underlying health conditions, to limit physical interactions with others.

Non-essential businesses subject to the new rules include, but are shopping malls, fitness and exercise gyms, spas, barber shops, hair salons, tattoo and piercing

parlors, massage facilities, nail technicians, cosmetologists and estheticians, electrolysis services, laser hair removal services, and similar personal care and treatment facilities and services.

Essential services include, but food processing, agriculture, industrial manufacturing, construction, trash collection, grocery and household goods (including convenience stores), home repair and hardware and auto repair, pharmacy and other medical facilities, biomedical, behavioral health and health care providers, child care, post offices and shipping outlets, insurance, banks, gas stations, laundromats, veterinary clinics and animal feed and supply stores, shipping stores, public transportation, and hotel and commercial lodging.

State government remains open, but offices have moved to telework and dispatch from home and have limited contact with outsiders and set restricted office building policies.

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services estimates that 70 percent of state government employees, not including 24/7, emergency, and public safety personnel, are working remotely.

The governor urged people to a use the state's online services and resources, but to do so via telephone and the internet.

**We welcome your news, but**

... for the time being we ask that you e-mail, snail mail, or use our mail box on our porch. You can call us - 469-6722.

We're acting out of mutual concern for you, our readers, and us.

During this extraordinary situation, we consider it prudent to practice the policies we promote: be vigilant and act rationally.

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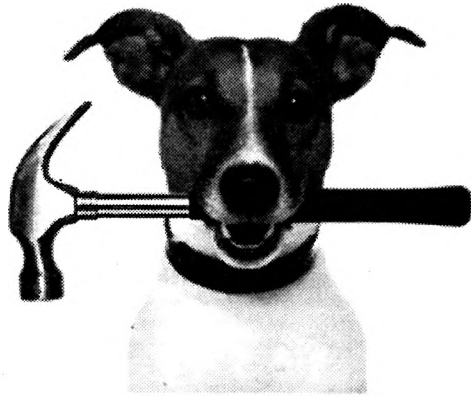
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## Friends & Family

SAY IT AIN'T SO . . . A classified ad in today's *Bucksport Enterprise* describe what, some hope, may have been an unknowing act with cruel consequences.

Somebody took a wheelchair off the lawn at the East Orland home of **Sheldon Heath**, and he needs it returned. "It was not free, and it was not for sale," Heath wrote in his ad.

Heath can be reached at 469-3914, or the chair simply can be returned, no questions asked.

**IN-PERSON MEETING NIXED —** The **Seaboard Federal Credit Union** has pulled the plug on its annual meeting at the Bucksport Performing Arts Center because of the COVID-19 virus.

Instead, there will be a very brief meeting in the lobby at the Bucksport office on April 24. There will be a video link for those want to view the proceedings.

The credit union acted because gov-

ernment health authorities want to limit public gatherings for a while, and many members of the credit union are in a high risk group when it comes to the impact of the virus.

Members will receive more specifics on how to access the meeting via video.

**CELEBRATING ELECTRONICAL-  
LY —** The **Buck Memorial Library** had planned to showcase several items documenting the launching from a Verona Island shipyard of the *Roosevelt*, the celebrated ice-breaking ship that took explorer Adm. Robert E. Peary into the Arctic.

The ship hit the water at 12:35 p.m. on March 23, 1905, making Monday the 115th anniversary of the event.

The launching of the ship into the Penobscot River brought crowds on special trains from Bangor to Bucksport. Some estimated that roughly 10,000 were on hand.

However, nobody could be on hand for a library exhibit this week, for the

library has closed in response to the virus pandemic. No problem, the library has posted the material on its Facebook site on the internet.

The ship was fashioned by local craftsmen from 1,600 tons of Nova Scotian lumber and locally poured cement. Much more about the historic event will be available once the library reopens.

**GARDEN CLUB —** The **Bucksport Garden Club** is offering a \$500 scholarship to a **Bucksport High School** senior with a scholastic average of "B" or better who plans to enter one or more of several fields: horticulture, environmental science, agriculture, landscaping, biology, entomology, forestry, the warden service. Applications are available in the school guidance office.

The scholarship, awarded at graduation, is payable to a college or university upon the student's successful completion of the first semester and enrollment for the second semester.

**READ ON . . . SAFELY —** Some people have raised the question of whether their mail or packages are "safe" to touch during the pandemic.

Experts report that while there is a very small chance for coronavirus to be transmitted via packages or mail, it's highly unlikely. Paper is not a good "host", they say.

"I don't believe mail or packages should be a major concern for individuals," according to Dr. Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security. "This is not going to be a major route of the illness."

Anyone still worried can follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC)'s general advice for protecting oneself from the coronavirus. Just wash your hands thoroughly after handling the mail.

Others have suggested cardboard might carry the virus for short periods, but removing excess packaging outside your premise, and then washing one's hands vigorously should make most everyone feel safe.

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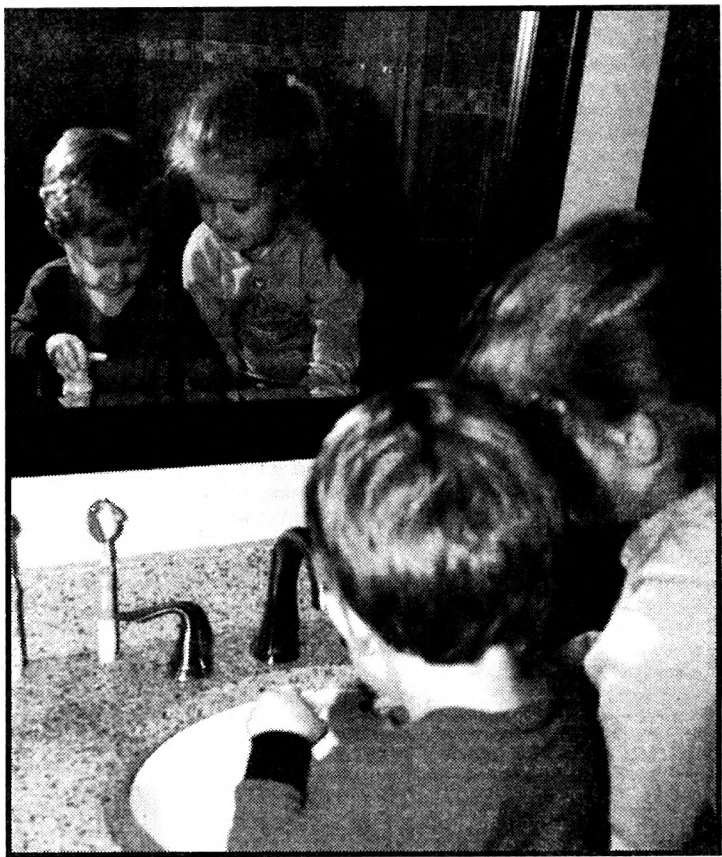
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Your parents can send us a picture of you washing your hands. Don't forget the soap.

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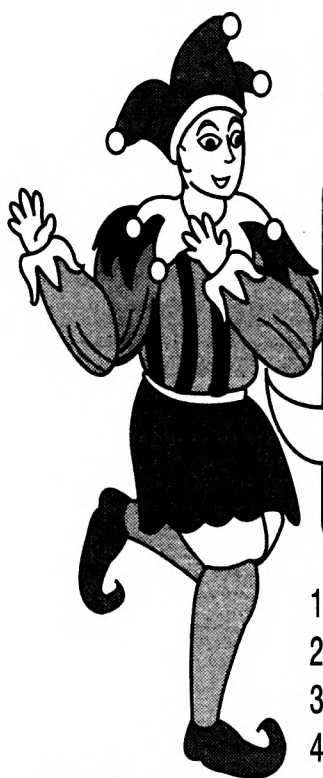


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# SCRUB-A-DUB-DUB!

*We hope you have fun doing these puzzles. Maybe parents can help!*



## April Fools' Day and Fun!

April is a month of surprises. People play pranks while enjoying its first day – April Fools' Day! Clouds pop up and rain down on us. Breezes tug and break kite strings. Kites float quickly away or spiral down and crash! Fish pull on fishing lines and then swim away. Hey...are they laughing? Well, so shall we!

**Ask someone with a good sense of humor to work with you to finish my puzzles!**

1. The \_\_\_\_ day of April is known as April Fools' Day.
2. It is a day of fun. People like to play jokes and \_\_\_\_.
3. Make sure that any pranks you might pull are \_\_\_\_.
4. This fun day used to be called "All Fool's Day" and is thought to have started in \_\_\_\_ a long time ago.
5. In those times, the date of the New Year was March 21st. People had \_\_\_\_ and fun for about a week, right through the last day of the celebration, April 1st. On that day people would visit and exchange gifts.
6. In the 16th century (1500s) a new \_\_\_\_ was adopted and March 21st was no longer the beginning of the New Year. This meant that April 1st was no longer the day to visit others and exchange gifts.
7. \_\_\_\_ traveled slowly and some people still celebrated on April 1st.
8. Some people didn't like \_\_\_\_ and they refused to follow the new calendar.
9. People who clung to the old ways were called "April \_\_\_\_" by others.
10. In some areas, on April 1st, you might hear people call "Poisson d'Avril"! They have fooled someone and are calling that person an "April \_\_\_\_."
11. This means that the person who was fooled "took the bait" and was easily \_\_\_\_, like a fish.
12. April Fools' Day is for fun and small tricks that hurt no one. It is a time to share \_\_\_\_.

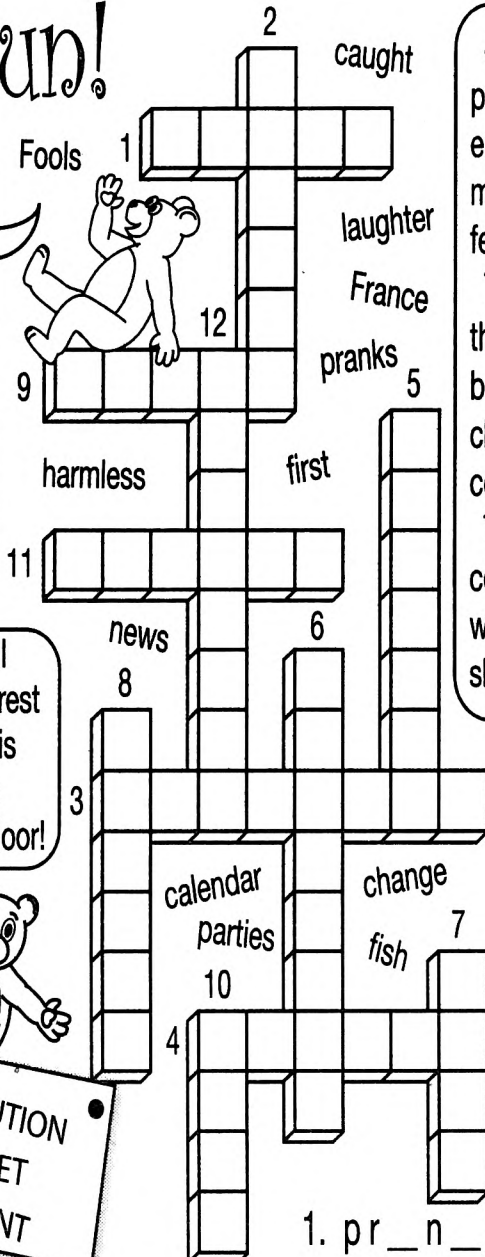
I love to make people laugh!

But, I never laugh at people.

My playful trick on Forest is to put this sign on his bedroom door!



Only 2 letters are needed to finish spelling these fun words. Can you figure out which 2?



Jesters were people who would entertain crowds at marketplaces or festivals. They wore pointed, three-colored caps, brightly colored clothing, floppy collars and bells. Today, we have costumed clowns who learn many skills to entertain us!



Pssst...a harmless prank – put googly eyes on the fruit!



1. pr\_n\_s
2. tric\_
3. g\_g
4. jo\_e
5. \_ntic



# Staying vigilant, staying rational

Regular readers may recognize that the headline on this editorial is the same as the one on last week's message. Quite simply, the message has not changed.

We all must remain vigilant, and in many cases act as if we were carrying the COVID-19 virus and take all of the well-publicized precautions to avoid infecting others.

Still, we cannot live in fear. We must evaluate the often confusing information and sift out the rumors and the biases and make our own informed judgments.

We will in no way diminish the value of any death anywhere. We feel compassion for each victim and each victim's family. Still, as a nation we

**EDITORIALS** also need to proceed with some perspective. As this is written, there have been over 900 who have succumbed to the virus in this country. Over 60,000 have tested positive for the virus. Fortunately, the survival rate is trending higher each day in the United States.

Still, the number of deaths is likely to increase - sharply, especially among the eldest among us and especially among those with compromised immune systems.

We are a nation of 340,000,000 people, part of a global population of 7,700,000,000 - each of them a person just like us. It would be wonderful if there were no more deaths while an effective treatment protocol - and, eventually, a vaccine - are developed. But that is wishful thinking.

Until then, we each should take personal responsibility to be vigilant, and to act prudently. Hunker down. As we plan for ourselves, we should think of all of the others.

## The time is now!

If ever there was a time to shop locally, it is now.

But most of the stores are closed, you say. Yes, but the people who own those stores and employ local people usually are but a telephone call away. And, surprise, surprise, some of those businesses are open during limited hours or for take-out meals, and many will even bring what you need out to your car or truck. Where have you seen that sort of service lately?

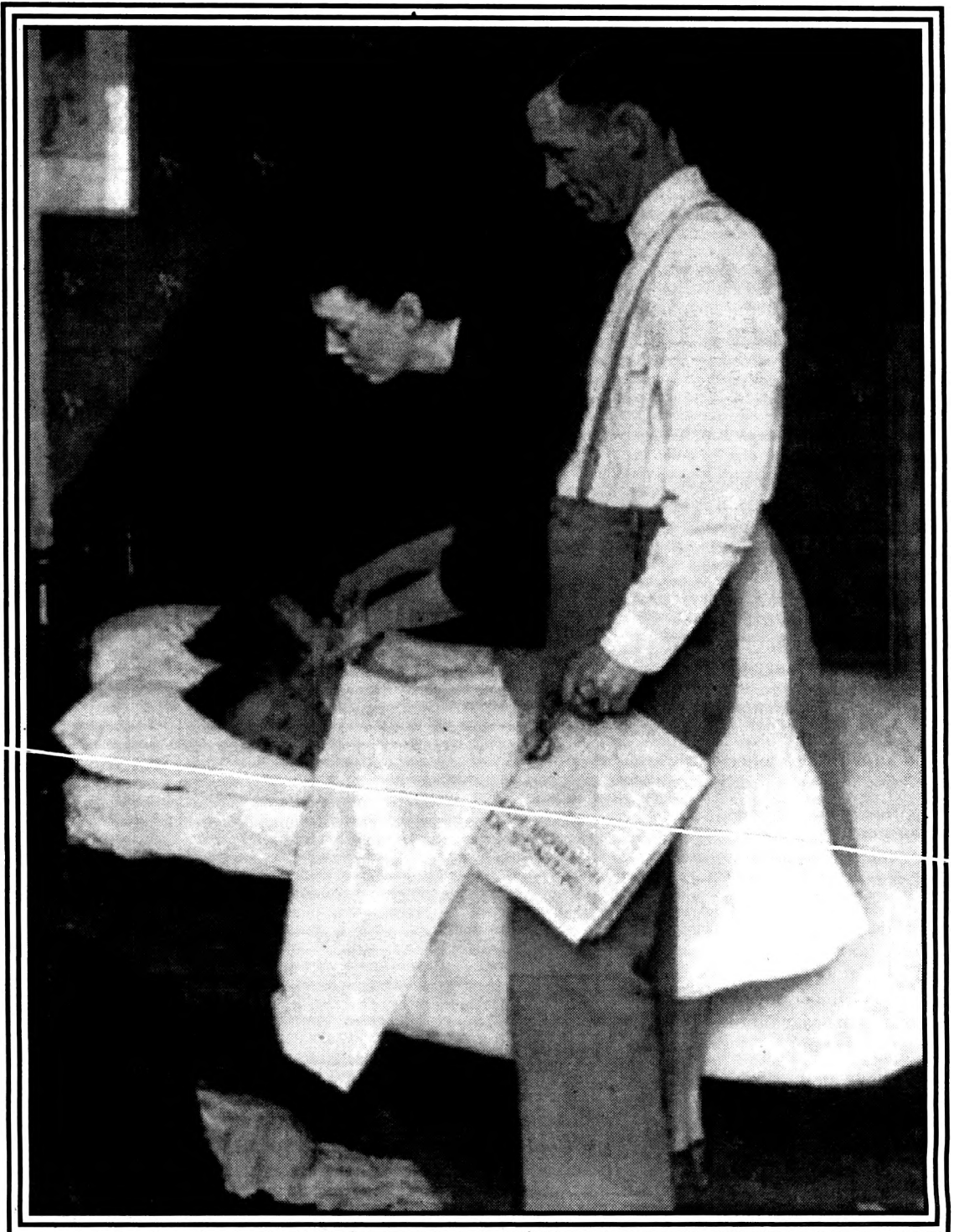
Even dentists, with much of their income also cut off and their expenses compounding, are there at the end of the phone line should a painful dental emergency arise.

At least one local law firm offers curbside service on some legal matters, and service people, be they plumbers or electricians, will come if an emergency arises. Each firm has set its own rules to help you and then work through this virus pandemic. Just call.

Remember these businesses pay taxes, also hire your neighbors or relatives, and are there when someone comes in raising money for a good cause. You will find most - indeed, virtually all, standing ready to serve you.

It's critical that these small businesses survive - for themselves and for our community.

While you're at it: smile and say thanks. Just don't shake their hand or pat them on the back, at least not yet!



- Norman Rockwell's "Freedom from fear" -

## - VIRUS PANDEMIC -

# Life goes on despite concerns

*The Bucksport Enterprise* always has been committed to chronicling life in western Hancock County for nearly three decades. We surely aren't stopping now.

That's where you come in.

While this area obviously is not immune to the ravages that the COVID-19 virus is wreaking on this planet, we see little to be gained by wringing our hands or trying to point fingers at how all of this has come to be. Instead, we invite you, our readers, to join us in reveling in how small communities react in troubled times.

Instead of us poking our lenses into your spaces and faces, we respect that you are helping us protect our own space. That's why your thoughts and your photos or "selfies" can be very valuable to all of us.

You can show the world that life goes on as best as we can make it, whether sharing a scene of your youngster setting flight to his first kite or telling us about

how some older person's life was enhanced by the thoughtfulness of another.

You need not worry about being a polished writer or photographer - although some of you clearly are. Instead, we're asking to share briefly what you are seeing, thinking and doing.

Don't consider us a bulletin board. Instead see the *Enterprise* as a voice for everyday people meeting challenges.

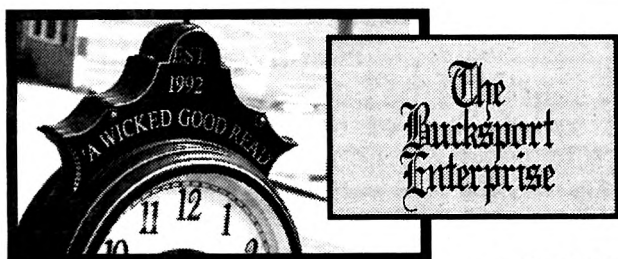
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## – VIRUS PANDEMIC: Working our way through it –

## Senior Center

### Luncheons available for delivery

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Senior Center is continuing to offer its \$5 luncheons three times each week, but only by home deliveries or pick-ups at the center at the door on Outer Broadway.

The meals are being offered to those of any age. To order one or more of the \$6 meals the public first must call 469-3632 before 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to arrange for the delivery or pick-up.

Meanwhile the center on Outer Broadway remains closed until further notice as a precaution amid the growing concern about the spread of the coronavirus.

A volunteer will bring a meal or meals to the front door for anyone who places an order in advance.

Telephone messages also can be left at 469-3631 — any time of day. If nobody answers, just leave a message on the answering machine.

Here are the Senior Center luncheon menus:

**Friday, March 27 —**

**Monday —**

**Wednesday, April 1 —**

Haddock, sweet potato, green beans and pudding.

**Friday, April 3 —** Pot roast with apples and herbs, mashed potato, corn, chocolate tart.

**Monday - April 6 —** Baked stuffed haddock, with lobster sauce, rice pilaf, carrots, raspberry cookie.

**Wednesday, April 8 —**

Roast pork tenderloin, wild rice, broccoli and blueberry cake.

**Friday, April 10 —**

Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables, "birthday cake"

**Monday, April 13 —**

Chicken pot pie, with stuffing, roll and fruit.

**Wednesday, April 15 —**

Seafood casserole, rice pilaf, salad, butterscotch pouding.

**Friday, April 17 —** Baked ham, mashed potatoes, carrots and whoopie pie.

**Monday - April 20 —** No meals Patriots' Day.

**Wednesday, April 22 —**

Shepherd's pie with gravy, hamburger, carrots, mushrooms, mashed potatoes and lemon tart.

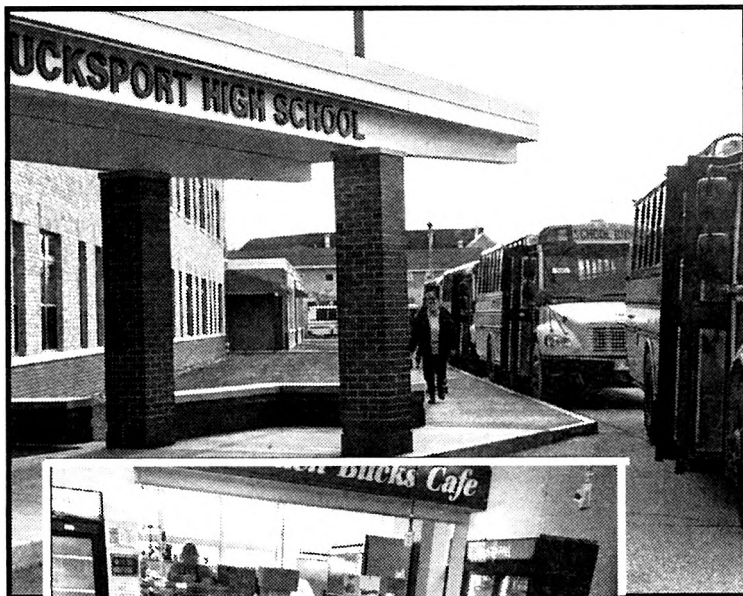
**Friday, April 24 —** Turkey with gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce, salad, brownie.

**Monday, April 27 —** Spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, salad, cranberry and white chocolate cookie

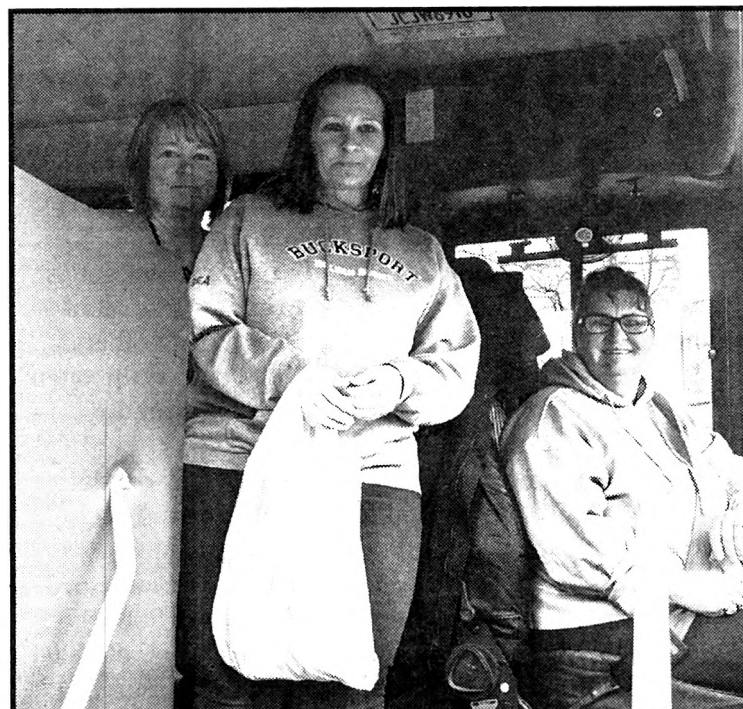
**Wednesday, April 29 —**

Salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoe, snap peas, fruit.

Call 469-3632 by 9 a.m. on the day of the meal to reserve your meal. The meals, can be picked up or delivered until further notice, are available to all ages and incomes for \$6 -meal.



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## Leaving no child unfed

BUCKSPORT AREA - The school busses began rolling again last week, this time bringing food to the young people - and not the young people to their classrooms. The opening day for the weekday home delivery of two free meals - a breakfast and a lunch - for any child that wanted them, regardless of family income, began with over 300 deliveries. That's more than a quarter of those enrolled in the RSU 25 system, and apparently the daily number grew this week. School officials are encouraging people to use the food to supplement what they have at home for their children. The details are on the RSU 25 website, and as the expression goes, operators truly are "standing by", ready to take the orders for the next day's deliveries.

The reaction to the meals-on-bus-wheels program was "very positive," according to Supt. of Schools James Boothby. He said a lot of the school staff came together quickly to get the program up and running. The effort provides free meals to all children up to 18-years of age, regardless of whether they attend RSU 25 schools. The only requirement is that those receiving the meals live in Bucksport, Orland or Prospect, or on Verona Island. Now, the effort is being refined, he added.

To order on meal on a weekday, a call must be placed the day before, and meals to be delivered on Monday must be ordered on Friday. Parents who would like to participate should contact the RSU 25 Food Service by calling 307-8008 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Orders must be placed the day prior to the delivery of food.

Parents will be asked to provide:

- The address where the food will be delivered.
- The number of children at the address
- The ages and names of the children
- A contact telephone phone number

Parents are asked to call daily for delivery on the next day. The program will run Monday through Friday for the duration of our school closure with the exception of any recognized holidays.

The weekday deliveries by school bus drivers, backed by an RSU employee, generally begin about 10 a.m., and each bus follows the route the driver normally takes when taking students home so they are aware of who lives where.

## RSU25 education continues

BUCKSPORT — RSU 25 administrators are trying to make the best of a tough situation. They don't want to lose momentum on the effort to give students what they need to move along, and for seniors to graduate. "We've got to have Bucksport High School seniors graduate," said Josh Tripp, the principal of the school.

As a result, homework is

being assigned and each teacher is holding office hours on-line or by telephone. Those who have the equipment can have electronic face-to-face sessions with their child's teachers on-line.

Tripp said teachers throughout the system are quickly developing innovative ways to try to keep students active in learning and motivate them to put in the effort.

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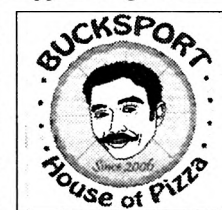
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**Please Note:**  
We will see you for issues other than respiratory illness, but please call first before coming in.



## Notice

Not sure what the qualifications were to make the town's list of businesses that are still here to serve the community, but want you all to know that The Bucksport Motor Inn is also still here and willing to support our community as we always have, and will continue to do so. Wishing you all good health and please stay safe.

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— VIRUS PANDEMIC: Working our way through it —

# What's going on in your neighborhood?

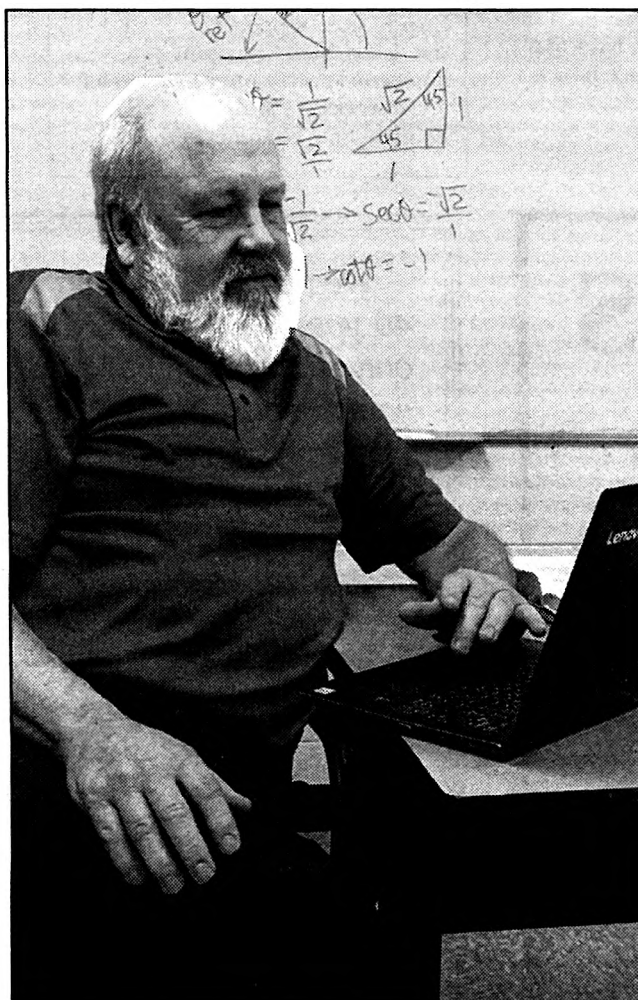
BUCKSPORT AREA — Things always move on, and this, too, shall pass. Here's what some of your neighbors are up to . . .

• **BookStacks** wants customers to know he is now only accepting phone calls and email until further notice. **Andy Lacher**, the proprietor of the downtown book and wine shop encourages all, "Shoulders back, chin up!"

• **MUSIC HATH CHARMS:** **Mark Neslusan** and **Nathan Spranger**, the music men" on the faculty at Bucksport High School, revel in the joys of music. As a result, they're conducting one-on-one on-line music lessons with some of their students. They're encouraging the students to record their work for possible mixing so that a larger group of musicians can electronically have their work combined in what could become a memorable collaboration.

• **HELP NOW**, not later — At the **Seaboard Federal Credit Union** this week, checks were being cut for a round of financial aid to the nine food banks in the region that Seaboard regularly supports each holiday season. The checks being given to the groups of volunteers are in addition to the sums Seaboard plans to distribute during this year's holiday season.

• **ART ON LINE?** — One of the sure signs of spring has been the annual art show at Bucksport High School. This year, an attempt is being made to share the fun experience with the entire community on-line. The plan is to mount the



**MIKE COWING** understands distance learning, for the Bucksport High School teacher and baseball coach has been teaching advanced math courses regionally for years.

— Photo by Jared Foster

show in the traditional location, the school library, and then offer a camera that will allow viewers to gain a panoramic, three-dimensional view of the entire exhibition. The only thing missing will be the school's equally talented jazz quartet, and home art patrons will have to supply their own snacks. Watch the *Enterprise* for details.

• **CANCER?** The **Safe Harbor Cancer Support Group** is offering "interactive zoom sessions" because of the virus concerns. The free, on-line Zoom sessions let people find and give support during this time of social distancing. Anyone with a computer, tablet, cell phone or even a traditional telephone can join in. Advance registration is required by calling the Center at 664-0339 or emailing info@beth-wrightcancercenter.org.

• **ELM STREET** — The **Elm Street Congregational Church** has suspended its Sunday service, but

its ministry continues unabated. **Rev. Stephen York** is conducting his weekly services via live-streaming from his study at 10 a.m. each Sunday. He also conducts the Tuesday Bible study group the same way at 1 p.m.

• **The Catholic Diocese of Maine** has suspended all of its inside programming, and relaxed its obligation to attend Masses in the interim. Masses for funerals and weddings still are being held, but are being limited to immediate family members. Several churches have begun offering some innovative ways for carrying on the traditional rites, including a church in Falmouth offering drive-up confessions in the parking lot and others offering the Blessed Sacrament, also in their parking lots.

• **The Bucksport Enterprise** will report on other regional and local responses to the pandemic as they are received. Items for possible publication should be submitted to: **theenterpr@aol.com** or mailed to the

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Post Office Box 829,  
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or delivered to the mailbox on the porch of the newspaper's office at 105 Main Street in Bucksport.

The *Enterprise* staff is continuing to work though the office is closed to the public. All news/changes must be received by Wednesday to be in the current week's edition. Ad deadline is still Monday. The telephone number for both news and advertising is **469-6722**.



## – VIRUS PANDEMIC:

*Working our way through it***Birds and fish are out there - waiting for you**

**OUT & ABOUT** — Looking for somewhere to run to and still be safe, and not a Bucksport-based potential or danger to others?

As the latest snow quickly melts away, The Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust invites everyone to try “birding”, or at least get out to places like the Wildlands, the conservation area the trust owns off U.S. Route 1 in East Orland.

You don’t need a license. You just need to keep your distance - at least six and, preferably more feet from others.

The trust even is offering a free checklist of all the bird species spotted in northwestern Hancock County, a guide and web page advice for birders and would-be birders.

The Birds of Great Pond Mountain Wildlands and Environs checklist covers the 4,500-acre Wildlands area, as well as adjacent lakes, rivers, and the 135-acre Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery in East Orland.

“These are easily-accessible areas with a wide variety of habitats that attract birds during all four seasons,” according to Landon Fake, executive director of the trust. “Birding is a perfect activity while practicing social distancing; the bugs aren’t out yet and a lot of birds are returning in April.”

The checklist includes birds from iconic common loons and bald eagles, to 23 species of colorful wood warblers, to mysterious nightjars like eastern whip-poor-wills and common nighthawks. The Wildlands even hosted a Chuck-wills-widow for the past two summers—a bird rarely documented in Maine, and normally found only south of New Jersey.

The checklist can be downloaded “Birding in the Wildlands” webpage at (<https://greatpondtrust.org/birding-in-the-wildlands-environs/>), alone.

There’s also Wildlands Birding Adventures, a one-page guide offering a selection of the “birdiest” trails to hike, bike or ski (or even paddle). You’ll find tips on when to go birding, what to bring, local bird links, and how to get more involved in citizen science by posting sightings to eBird, or participating in the Maine Bird Atlas. Even novice birders can contribute data to these projects.

There’s also a list of ways to volunteer in the Wildlands to help bird conserva-

tion.

All in all, fun for the whole family, and educational, too.

“The checklist is a work in progress,” said Cheri Domina, the checklist author and former Director of the trust. “It was a compilation of my own bird sightings over 25 years, plus sightings posted on eBird. But it will never be finished; birds always are on the move.”

Domina spent the spring of 2018 “birding” every trail in the Wildlands area for the Maine Bird Atlas, then put together a spreadsheet that lists all of the bird species known in the Wildlands, plus their occurrence, habitats and conservation status. The spreadsheet helps the trust foresters and stewards to manage the Wildlands area with birds in mind.

To get a copy of the checklist and/or Wildlands Birding Adventures page, visit GPMCT’s website or send a SASE to P.O. Box 266, Orland, ME 04472, or request a copy by email at [info@greatpondtrust.org](mailto:info@greatpondtrust.org).

***Fish - if you can get one!***

**HERE & THERE** – Did you know that any Mainer now can go fishing immediately and without a license, and still be able to wave cordially at the passing game warden?

Any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license through April 30.

State government officials want people to enjoy the great outdoors without endangering themselves or others during the height of the virus pandemic.

(Note: This change does not apply to activities which require a commercial freshwater fishing license or permit.)

All inland waters that traditionally are open water fishing on April 1 are now open to open water fishing. This change does not open any body of water to ice fishing that is currently closed to ice fishing. Indeed, anyone considering ice fishing ought to recognize that much of the ice out there is not safe, and that even the ponds and lakes with ice often have many dangerous areas in which the ice now is melted thin.

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The **Hannaford Bros.** supermarket offers hours for seniors-only: 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. . . . Walgreen’s has seniors-only hours from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesdays. . . . **Leadbetter’s Super** store is open 7 to 7, and the deli is open 7 to 2pm, but luncheon specials are cancelled for a few weeks. . . . **Bob’s Small Engine** now is closing at 4 p.m.

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# RSU 25 school staff coping

BUCKSPORT — Like most other school districts in the state the closure of the RSU 25 schools will continue at least until the end of the traditional April vacation period.

The situation will be evaluated as the current date for reopening - April 27 - approaches, and the closure could be extended.

In the meantime, all school meetings, including the School Board 25 sessions, have been canceled. Even the annual 2021-2022 school budget workshops also are on hold, although administrators are working on the budget now.

It appears likely the sometimes lengthy review of the preliminary budget prepared by the superintendent probably will be somewhat condensed this year.

The opening of the spring sports season was scheduled at the end of this month, but that, too, is on hold.

Going on now are efforts by all of the faculty to come up with ways to keep their students involved in their education. While all of these methods must be done remotely, the technology exists to aid both the students and their parents cope with the challenges.

Supt. of Schools James Boothby said he was specially heartened by the dedication of everyone from the custodians to the faculty - to come up with ways to keep the entire staff safe and productive.

He especially would like to find ways to involve those students who do not have access to computers or other electronic devices.

He encouraged parents to stay in touch and to

monitor the various school websites because changes are occurring daily and, in a few cases, hourly.

The RSU 25's goal is to not waste time simply because the classrooms are off limits. It's important to keep students studying, exploring and innovating, he said.

## For your refrigerator .....

### Help: A phone call away

BUCKSPORT - While all of the schools and the central office at RSU 25 are closed to the public, staff members are doing their best to maintain the educational and nutritional program and they can be reached by telephone.

These numbers are staffed each weekday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All RSU 25 buildings (including Central Office) are closed for public access.

However, the buildings will continue to be staffed for phone access while possible Monday - Friday between 8 am and 3 p.m.

Here are the numbers:

GH Jewett School:	469-6644
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Bucksport High School:	469-6650
Central Office:	469-7311
Meal ordering hotline:	307-8008
(8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)	

## - This week's editorials - See Page A-1 -

### Letter from the editor

#### The Bucksport Enterprise: Still here for you!

For nearly 30 years The Bucksport Enterprise has reported in-depth on the day-to-day happenings in western Hancock County, and that won't change because of the tragic virus pandemic.

While a few newspapers here and abroad, both large and small, have suspended or even ended their operations, the Enterprise staff intends to push it out.

There are problems in circulating newspapers with some outlets open only for limited hours. Some advertisers need to keep their customers or clients up-to-date on how their own enterprises are continuing to serve the public, even if from behind locked doors.

As the staff of this newspaper, we would like to encourage all of our readers to spread the word

that the local paper still is available. If you know of someone who has been unable to locate a copy because of shifting retail hours, you might suggest they obtain a subscription or by calling their local outlet to reserve a copy.

The Enterprise thanks all of our retailers for their yeoman efforts to keep the local news flowing.

We also thank the U.S. Postal Service crew for reminding everyone that neither rain, sleet, snow, gloom of night, nor pandemic slows these couriers from their daily rounds.

Give each of them a welcoming smile, a hearty wave and a sincere "thank you".

Don Houghton, Editor

Sandy Holmes, General manager

### Letter to the editor

#### Finding and posting words for a shared experience

to the editor,

While April usually is bustling with observances of National Poetry Month here, as well as around the country, cancellations rather than poems are making the news this year. Including the community reading at the gazebo on the waterfront I've enjoyed hosting for what would have been 12 years.

Instead of ending the importance of poetry in our lives, the pandemic is causing poetry lovers to draw all the deeper for ways to share the source of strength, health, and joy that poetry has been since humans began uttering, chanting, and singing, expressing our fears, hopes, wonders, and praise.

For proof, research the words "pandemic poetry" online and see what's rising.

Perhaps you, too, heard the renowned cellist Yo Yo Ma introduce what he is calling "Songs of Comfort" on the PBS News Hour recently, playing and

inviting listeners around the world to send videos of themselves singing and playing uplifting and sustaining music for these hard times for him to share with all of us.

So this is our answer. We accept! But our project will be called "Poems of Comfort." A way to keep in touch without touching. Here's how it will go:

Andy Lacher at BookStacks on Main Street will begin by providing space in his storefront window to display poems as they come to me and I prepare them for showing, much the same as our successful *Still Mill* exhibit worked along Main Street.

There may be few or many; either way, it will be our way of respecting the place poetry always has had in our lives as evidenced in memory and old scrapbooks.

Some of us remember such treasure from World War II. And remember the last extreme ice storm we had in Maine shut-

ting the state down for weeks and how one Bangor radio station stayed on non-stop while area residents called in, reading their poems expressing what only they could express, living it, and how those voices became an historic document?

Please send family and friendly poems, any form, yours or someone else's (properly credited), to me at c/o pranzoni@aol.com, and I will prepare and e-mail them to BookStacks where they will be printed off and mounted in the window for the day when it will be safe again to stroll along Main Street to take in the offerings of our blossoming town and once more greet the friends we are missing.

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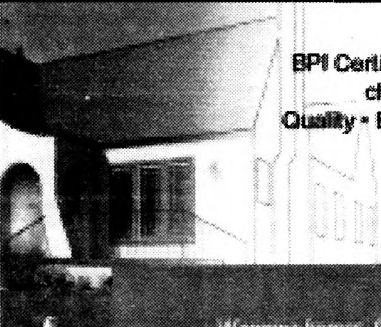
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The Town Office will be closed to the public until March 31, 2020. Marlene and Lisa will check the answering machine for real estate questions, etc. periodically. Please leave us a message and a phone number and we will get back to you.  
The Town Meeting has been cancelled until May 30, 2020.  
03/19 & 26/20

**Town of Orland**  
**25 School House Rd, PO Box 67**  
**Orland, ME 04472 469-3186**  
**PUBLIC HEARING (cancelled)**  
The Orland Planning Board public hearing and meeting scheduled for April 6th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Orland Community Center, has been cancelled. The make-up dates will be determined at a later date.  
03/26/20





## – Calm urged

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### - LOCAL POLICE -

Last week, the police department responded to only 37 incidents officially, about a third of the normal tally. That was the result of a change in policy that allows the officers more discretion when it comes to initiating traffic stops and what otherwise would be normal police practices.

Still, all of the normal patrolling has continued, and the officers have been responding, even at one point helping to assure that three roaming goats found their way home.

The relaxation of the policy also is not preventing the officers from intervening in any potentially serious law violation, including speeding. It simply cuts down on some face-to-face encounters in the interest of protecting both the public and the police officers.

The department also is encouraging the public and the officers to respect one another's personal space during the response to the pandemic.

That, of course, is not possible, however in some situations, such as arrests. There was only one arrest logged by local police last week, a domestic assault charge reported in last week's *Enterprise*. In that situation, the person was taken to the

Hancock County jail in Ellsworth, booked, and later released after putting up bail.

### - REGISTRY -

The state has relaxed the enforcement of some of its regulations until the state of emergency is lifted. However, many routine matters involving the registering of vehicles can be carried out online or by a telephone call to local town clerk's offices.

State police will not be enforcing expired vehicle inspection sticker violations unless it is clear that the motorist is driving a seriously dangerous vehicle. Inspection stations are among the businesses impacted by the emergency orders.

### - TAXES -

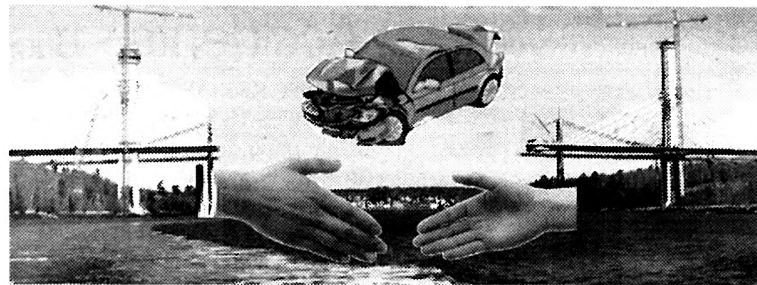
If ever there was a calming factor in tense times, you now can breathe a little easier on taxes – if you must.

While town clerks are accepting local real estate taxes now, some communities like Bucksport are waiving late fees for those who must wait. (There's even a box outside the Bucksport Town Office for those who call ahead.)

And the feds have postponed the filing date on federal taxes now is July 15. Most tax preparers still are but a phone call away to smooth the process because July 15 is not that far away.

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## In Orland

### Planning Board solar farm plan placed on hold

ORLAND – The scheduled April 6 public meeting on a proposed solar farm on 20 acres of the blueberry processing plant property on the Ridge Road has been cancelled.

The new date will be publicized in a future *Bucksport Enterprise* once that date is set.

One of the many outfits competing for government subsidies to build solar energy farms in Maine has filed an application to erect one out behind the Allen blueberry plant here.

The application was filed by Borrego Solar of Lowell, MA.

The same company is backing an almost identical proposal for a solar farm off the Caterpillar Hill Road in Sedgwick. That plan, too, is under local review there.

Both plans would yield 5-megawatt power sources on lots that each are just a hair shy of 20 acres. (Twenty acre or more sites trigger a more exhaustive federal review process.)

The wildcatter-style competition for sites across the state among would-be solar farm developers was triggered by the need to qualify for one or more of the 50 major Maine subsidies that are considered essential to make the initial projects economically viable in this state.

The lack of constant winter sunshine severely impacts the annual productivity of solar farming technology here.

Sites throughout the region, including one in Prospect, also are known to be under active consideration.

There are few economic incentives for the host communities as only the land under these farms will remain on the tax rolls; the power collection, generation and distribution gear has been ruled exempt from taxation by a Legislature that supports the developing alternative power sources in the Maine.



# POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY LOGS

## At the jail

ELLSWORTH – The Hancock County Jail booking reports were not available this week.

## Death probed

BUCKSPORT – Police are awaiting results of an autopsy on a 44-year-old man found in a bathroom of a home on the Turkey Path last Thursday (3/19) afternoon.

A police spokesman offered no details, pending the outcome of the autopsy by the state medical examiner's office.

## Thefts reported

BUCKSPORT – Some tools were reported stolen from a property on the River Road. The investigation continues, and some of the tools have been found along Route 15. The theft was reported on March 15.

The same day, in a separate incident, a vehicle was reported stolen from the State Route 46 area, but it later apparently was returned after being damaged.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Lauren Panaro, 28, of Bucksport was given a citation for allegedly failing to register a vehicle. The summons resulted from a traffic stop on Broadway on March 16.

- Ryan Bushey, 31, of Hermon was cited for reportedly failing to report a change of address after a traffic stop on

the River Road in the afternoon on March 17.

## Accidents - Bucksport

BUCKSPORT – A woman reported on March 18 her vehicle had been struck while parked on Mercer Lane, and the investigation lead to multiple charges against Garbie Cameron, 27, of Bucksport. The charges included driving without a license, violation of bail, leaving the scene of an accident.

- Vehicles being driven by Shawn Allen, 35, and Jeron Adams, 29, both of Bucksport were involved in a collision in the parking lot of the Walgreen's drug store on U.S. Route 1 about 4:15 p.m. on March 18.

- Vehicles operated by Ryan Zanters, 30, of East Millinocket and Roseanne Honders, 43, of Verona Island collided on U.S. Route 1, in front of the Dunkin' Donuts shop, about 9 a.m. on March 18.

## Dispute end

BUCKSPORT – A police officer was summoned after a loud verbal altercation was reported just before noon on March 17 at the Spring Fountain Inn on U.S. Route 1.

## Drug items found

BUCKSPORT – A quantity of "sharps" - needles used by drug abusers - was found in the afternoon on March 18 near the parking lot next to the canoe launching area at Silver Lake.

## Wall falling

BUCKSPORT – Some juveniles

were seen on Sunday tampering with some of the loose stones near the section of the wall that collapsed recently at the ballfield off Elm Street. A police officer responded.

The planning to repair or replace the town-owned wall has not begun. The project is expected to be costly, especially if more of the wall is found to be under pressure.

## Getting goats!

BUCKSPORT – A police officer who shall remain nameless was called to help corral three meandering goats last Friday (3/20). The operation was successful. No tasers were used and the goats were reported to be unharmed.

## Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT – There were 22 ambulance runs last week, 16 of them in Bucksport, five to Orland addresses and one on Verona Island.

There were no fire calls.

Bucksport police handled only 37 calls for service during the week, apparently in large part because of policy changes made in response to the virus pandemic.

## Waggin' tails!

BUCKSPORT – The **municipal shelter** off Central Street still has both cats and dogs, each of them anxious to find a good home.

Call **Dan Joy**, the animal officer, at 469-7951 for the adoption details or to arrange "a get-acquainted visit" to the shelter off Central Street.



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



## Shootings

BLUE HILL— State Police say the victim of a shooting in Blue Hill on Monday was Joshua Clarke, 31. Clarke was shot outside his home at 646 Ellsworth Road. An autopsy was conducted Tuesday at the State Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta. Detectives say the person who shot him has been interviewed, and they continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding the shooting. No one has been charged.

STONINGTON— State police said the death of a 44-year-old man inside a home in Stonington is being considered a suicide. The man's body was found inside the home about 2 p.m. on Monday afternoon. The man's body was taken to the State Medical Examiner's Office in Augusta for an autopsy.

# – Watch out for any of these scams! –

Here are some warnings about an outbreak of scams and frauds being perpetrated during the COVID-19 pandemic:

These warnings are being offered to increase awareness and keep people from falling prey.

Scammers are setting up websites, contacting people by phone and email, and posting disinformation on social media.

Some examples:

- Treatment scams: Scammers are offering to sell fake cures, vaccines, and advice on unproven treatments for COVID-19.

- Supply scams: Scammers are creating fake shops, websites, social media accounts, and email addresses claiming to sell medical supplies currently in high

**Report any scams or fraud situations to the  
Maine state attorney general's office.**

demand, such as surgical masks. When consumers attempt to purchase supplies through these channels, fraudsters pocket the money and never provide the supplies.

- Provider scams: Scammers are contacting people by phone and email, pretending to be doctors and hospitals that have treated a friend or relative for COVID-19, and demanding payment for that treatment.

- Charity scams: Scammers are soliciting donations for individuals, groups, and areas affected by COVID-19.

- Phishing scams: Scammers posing as national and global health authorities, including the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are sending phishing emails designed to trick recipients into downloading malware or providing personal identifying and financial information.

- App scams: Scammers are setting up and manipulating mobile apps designed to track the spread of COVID-19 to insert malware that will compromise users' devices and personal information.

- Investment scams: Scammers are offering online promotions on various platforms, including social media, claiming that the products or services of publicly traded companies can prevent, detect, or cure COVID-19, and that the stock of these companies will dramatically

increase in value as a result. These promotions are often styled as "research reports," make predictions of a specific "target price," and relate to microcap stocks, or low-priced stocks issued by the smallest of companies with limited publicly available information.

## MORE PROBLEMS

Everyone, especially those most at risk of serious illness, should avoid these and similar scams:

- Independently verify the identity of any company, charity, or individual that contacts you regarding COVID-19.

- Check the websites and email addresses offering information, products, or services related to COVID-19. Be aware that scammers often employ addresses that differ only slightly from those belonging to the entities they are impersonating. For example, they might use "cdc.com" or "cdc.org" instead of "cdc.gov."

- Be wary of unsolicited emails offering information, supplies, or treatment for COVID-19 or requesting your personal information for medical purposes. Legitimate health authorities will not contact the general public this way.

- Do not click on links or open email attachments from unknown or unverified sources. Doing so could download a virus onto your computer or device.

- Make sure the anti-malware and anti-virus software on your computer is operating and

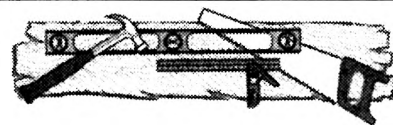
up-to-date.

- Ignore offers for a COVID-19 vaccine, cure, or treatment. Remember, if there is a medical breakthrough, you won't hear about it for the first time through an email, online ad, or unsolicited sales pitch.

- Check online reviews of any company offering COVID-19 products or supplies. Avoid companies whose customers have complained about not receiving items.

- Research any charities or crowdfunding sites soliciting donations in connection with COVID-19 before giving. Remember, an organization may not be legitimate even if it uses words like "CDC" or "government" in its name or has reputable looking seals or logo on its materials. For online resources on donating wisely, visit the Federal Trade Commission website.

- Be wary of any business, charity, or individual requesting payments or donations in cash, by wire transfer, gift card, or through the mail. Don't send money through any of these channels.



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