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## STAY HOME

### President, governor issue alerts

As the president warned of "very rough days ahead", Maine's governor issued a new "Stay at Home" edict that took effect today (4/2).

Both urged the public to self-quarantine as much as possible to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

President Donald J. Trump spoke this week as his medical advisors warned of a "worst case" scenario of up to 240,000 COVID-19 deaths in this country. That estimate could be cut through the public's compliance with all of the safety precautions, they said.

There were less than 3,000 COVID-19 deaths in the United States when Trump spoke.

All of the federal medical advisors suggested the strongest deterrent to a worst case scenario would be for Americans to shelter in their homes whenever possible. They advised people to only travel short distances for essential purposes such as gathering groceries and medications.

On Tuesday, Maine Gov. Janet T. Mills issued directives tightening up ones she posted last week, seeking to promote "social distancing" and unnecessary personal contacts.

#### STAY HOME

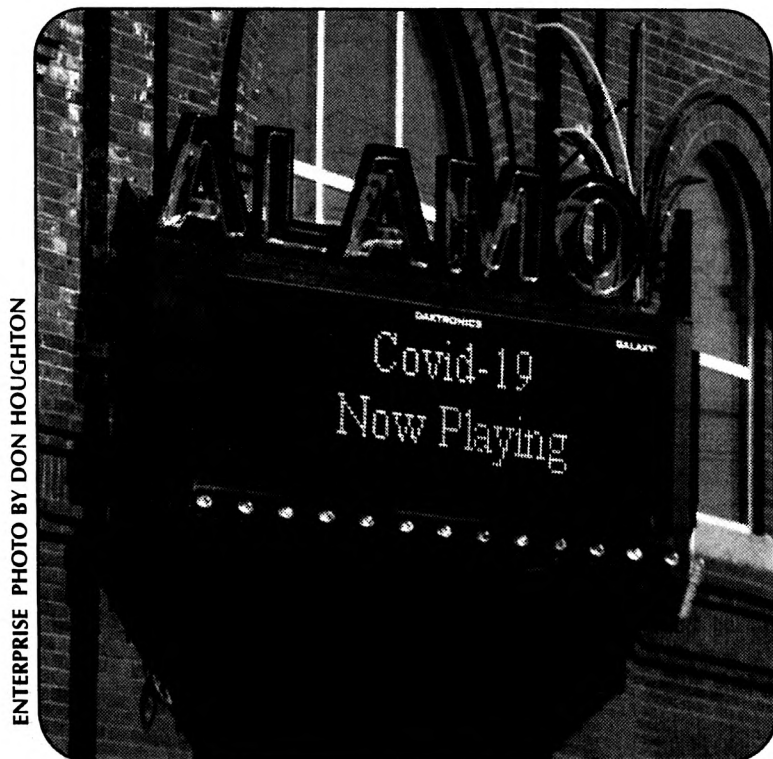
Mills latest order requires everyone living in Maine to stay home at all times unless they must leave for an essential job or personal reason, such as obtaining food, medicine, health care or are out for other necessary purposes.

Here's a summary of the rest of Mill's latest directives:

#### LIMIT ACCESS

For essential businesses and operations that remain open, limit the number of customers in their buildings at any one time, offer curb-side pick-up and delivery options and enforce the federally recommended physical distancing requirements for customers and employees in and around their locations.

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### Plaguing everywhere!

The folks at The Alamo Theater want the world to know they, (although closed) are keeping their distance, but still attending to some of the duties of the Northeast Historic Film, the not-for-profit group that also operates the movie house.

## Whole Oceans offers update on its plans

BUCKSPORT – Whole Oceans L.L.C., the Portland-based outfit planning to build a technically sophisticated Atlantic salmon rearing plant here, have offered reassurances that despite the pandemic they are doing what they can to move ahead with the initial construction this summer.

The company's management also said they plan to open an office in downtown Bucksport later this year.

"While all businesses face a tremendous amount of uncertainty related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, assuming we are able to proceed as planned, it is still our intention to break ground on our RAS (recirculating aquaculture system) facility in Bucksport this summer and open an office in downtown Bucksport later this year.

The company, however, also suggested no dramatic breakthroughs are in the offing. The firm will update the public as the year progresses, but "as we quiet our presence on social media and in your in-box just now, just know, we are still here and our support for the community continues to be strong."

The building activity originally was to have been underway by now.

– The full text of the firm's message is on Page 5 –

## Bucksport playgrounds shut down

BUCKSPORT – All of the town's playgrounds have been closed until further notice because of concerns the COVID-19 virus might be spread by coming in contact with hard surfaces touched by others.

The town does not have the ability to assure the playground surfaces can be sufficiently cleaned after every use.

According to the announcement, health experts say the corona virus can be transmitted when mucus

droplets from a sneeze or cough go airborne and from droplets that land on surfaces. Studies show that without disinfection, the virus persists on some surfaces for days, meaning the neighborhood jungle gym or basketball hoop is a potential source of infection.

Corona virus in the air remains viable for up to three hours, according to researchers. Another source indicates the virus can live on plastic and stainless steel for up to three

days, and it lingers on wood, glass and paper for four to five days.

The town's announcement notes, "This does not mean to stay inside. Walking and playing outside in the fresh air is good... just practice social distancing, lots of hand washing and don't touch your face! Keep in mind how long the virus can live on hard surfaces and avoid those in public places to the greatest extent possible."

The walking trails off Miles

Lane and behind the Town Garage on Central Street remain open.

Recreational boating also has resumed on Silver Lake, which also serves as the town's water supply. However, social distancing in a small boat could prove tricky.

Still, several railers were seen in the parking area over the weekend, indicating that some have taken to their watercraft to get some fresh air while basking in the sunshine.

## Town ponders aid to residents and businesses

### Total cost estimate: \$115,000

BUCKSPORT – The Town Council tonight (4/2) will take up an unprecedented proposal to provide direct aid to local residents and businesses in need.

The estimated \$115,000 package, targeted to aid "the most-vulnerable" would involve cash and voucher payments from what some long have termed the town's "rainy day fund." It would not impact the tax rate, the town manager said.

The memo detailing the program responding to the virus pandemic, says, "for many in this community it is raining very hard."

Here's a summary:

\$100 vouchers would be issued for redemption at two local stores - Hannaford Bros. and Tozier's Variety - to those who have lost their jobs. This is an attempt to help tide these individuals and families over until the new unemployment

assistance payments kick in.

It suggested 200 might apply, costing the town \$20,000 the first month. More vouchers could be extended later if necessary.

• Provide \$500-a-month to some local businesses in April and again in May. These sums would be offered to those with "significant declines" as a result of the closings forced by the pandemic.

An estimated 50 businesses would qualify, costing the town \$50,000. The help would be given while federal and state relief payments are processed.

• The councilors will be asked to waive the \$6-a-meal fee for meals delivered from the Senior Center.

The memo, prepared by Town Manager Susan M. Lessard, also proposes using a van recently 'retired' by the RSU for deliveries.

PLEASE SEE AID, PAGE 8.

## Live from Bucksport! It's Thursday Night

BUCKSPORT – It's time to pop some corn, crack open a favorite beverage, "adult or otherwise", and watch the Bucksport Town Council as you've never seen the councilors before.

In a format reminiscent of the old "Hollywood Squares" TV show, the councilors tonight (4/2) will be arrayed, on a huge screen the Council chamber borrowed from the school district. Each will be there via internet from their home.

The town manager will juggle the four phone lines and her laptop computer, receiving e-mails from viewers watching on the

public access slot - Channel 1303 on the Spectrum cable system - or by live streaming on the internet.

**Want to participate?**  
Call 469-7368 or e-mail [slessard@bucksportmaine.gov](mailto:slessard@bucksportmaine.gov) after 7 tonight (4/2).

The pandemic-spawned production will begin at 7 p.m. Town Manager Susan M. Lessard will be in the council chamber, fielding any questions but the building will be locked to assure "social distancing" is enforced during the pandemic.

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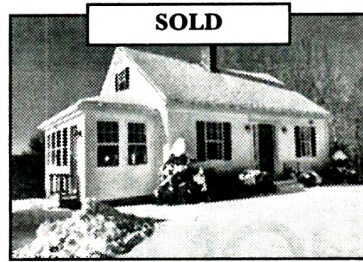
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**Recent Updates**  
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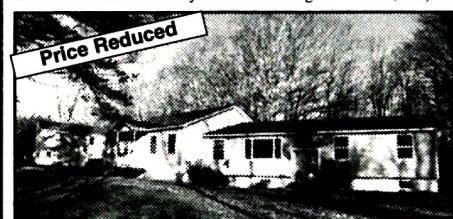
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**Holden:** Spectacular views at this 4 bedroom colonial situated on 5.03 country acres. Spacious and fully appointed kitchen with open floor plan to dining room and living room. Wander out on your back deck to enjoy the wildlife, garden and the views. Full walk-out basement ready for you to finish! 2-car attached garage. Call to see today! **\$334,500**



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**Orland:** Contemporary with 3-4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open floor, plan great for entertaining, 28x29 huge family room with wood stove, sliding door to 3 season glassed in sun room. Pool room is 48x26 heated indoor, inground pool, hot tub & full bath for added fun! Beautifully landscaped yard, 2 car attached garage! Take note Workshop 24x18 has an electric subpanel! Call for showing today! **\$235,000**



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## Two Rivers agent gains associate status

BUCKSPORT – Two Rivers Realty has reported that Crystal Harlan has achieved the level of associate broker.

For the past two years, Harlan has been working with both buyers and sellers, connecting people with properties that will become their home and successfully finding buyers for those who want to sell.

Harlan, a resident of Bucksport, is a graduate of Bucksport High School and



**Crystal Harlan**

she and her husband Dan, a Hancock County sheriff's deputy, have three sons.

Harlan can be contacted by calling 299-4642, or on-line at

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## – 'Live from Bucksport'

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While there are no Nielsen ratings for public access TV cablecasts, the councilors will be competing with ten-year-old re-runs of basketball games and long-since decided wrestling matches. Each councilor is responsible for her or his own make-up and lighting.

Supt. of Schools James Boothby will be monitoring the council, for possible changes may be in the offing in the RSU 25 School Board meeting formats during the pandemic.

While each meeting now is videotaped, and the public has been welcome at any of the sessions, the tapes are not cablecast. The RSU may explore introducing a similar format to the one the council will use tonight,

allowing school board members and administrators to keep their physical distance but come together electronically to transact RSU business.

Tonight, the usual council subcommittee sessions have been scrapped so the councilors can focus on the most-immediate concerns the town is facing. There will be a condensed agenda.

Ordinarily Maine law doesn't allow elected officials to participate electronically rather than in-person, but the governor's declaration of a state of emergency last month eliminated that during the period when her edict is in effect.

The town's temporary policy meets all of the state's requirements, including providing both advance public notice and public access to the proceedings.

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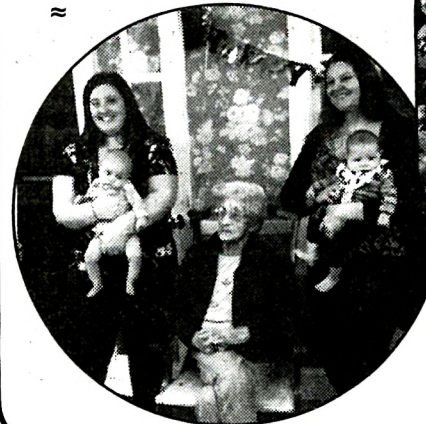
99 YEARS LATER! – Five generations gathered on February 29 to celebrate the 99th birthday of **Phyllis Soper Wardwell**, a life-long resident of Bucksport.

Visitors came from Florida, Missouri, Massachusetts and all over Maine to join in a great party.

**CANCER CONCERNS** – Although the **Beth C. Wright Cancer Resource Center** in Ellsworth will remain closed until April 30, there's someone answering the telephone there



AT LEFT are the newest members of the fifth generation of Phyllis Wardwell's family: Mykala Lamb with daughter Avee, at left, and Page Chambers with son Cedric. Above, the family celebrates Wardwell's 99th birthday.



during regular business hours.

Just call 664-0339 or e-mail [info@bethwrightcancercenter.org](mailto:info@bethwrightcancercenter.org), and the staff will respond to the caller's needs.

**SKIPPING A YEAR** – The **Castine Historical Society** has been holding an annual house and garden tour since 1924, but not this year.

Because of the virus, the popular event scheduled for July 23 is being postponed until July 23, 2020 or until July of next year.

**ALSO POSTPONED** – The planned exhibition of Bucksport-area artwork done by **Edward Des Jardin** scheduled April 18 is being postponed.

The event was to have been held at the **Lighthouse Arts & Education Center** on Main Street.

The Merrimac, MA artist and architect plans to turn over his remaining artwork to area not-for-profit groups.

A new date might be set in July or August.

The late **Helen DesJardin** raised her family in Bucksport, and her con-

cerns for others has fueled community support programs here for years.

**SAY IT AIN'T SO, PART II** . . . As reported in last week's *Bucksport Enterprise* someone took a wheelchair off the lawn at the East Orland home of **Sheldon Heath**.

At mid-week, the chair still was missing, and Heath needs it returned. In fact, he's even offering a \$100 reward for its return.

"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.

**GALLERY CLOSED, BUT . . .**

Everyone is as anxious as ever to get their hours back to normal, and that includes the folks at the **Lighthouse Arts & Education Center** on Main Street. In the meantime, there's art all around if you just look for it.

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# – Stay home, Mainers!

## PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Using public transportation is prohibited except for an essential reason or job that cannot be done from home.

The number of people in private vehicles is limited to those persons within the immediate household unless transporting someone for an essential activity.

## SCHOOLS

The closing of all school classrooms and other in-person instruction continues until at least May 1.

All public and private schools and places offering higher education will remain closed across the state.

## PERSONAL CONTACT

When out of the home or working at an essential business, individuals shall maintain a minimum distance of six feet from others.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The latest state order took effect at 12:01 a.m. today (4/2), and will last until at least April 30, 2020.

The governor may amend, rescind, or renew that deadline at her discretion.

## EATING OUT

The Governor extended the closure of restaurants and bars statewide for dine-in customers until at least April 30.

## WHAT IS 'ESSENTIAL'?

The governor "Stay Healthy at Home Directive" requires Maine residents to remain at home unless going to or from an essential job or task.

Essential jobs are defined for an individual, their family, household members and their pets or livestock.

People can obtain necessary supplies for household consumption or use, such as groceries, and supplies and equipment needed to work from home, laundry, and products needed to maintain safety, sanitation, and essential maintenance of the home or residence.

They can obtain medication or medical supplies and seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services.

They can provide care, including transportation, of themselves, a family member, friend, pet or livestock in another household or location for essential

## The governor's statement . . .

Maine Gov. Janet T. Mills has offered this statement as part of her latest state-wide mandate urging precautions to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

"We are in the midst of one of the greatest public health crises this world has seen in more than a century.

"This virus will continue to sicken people across our state; our cases will only grow, and more people will die. I say this to be direct, to be as honest with you as I can. Because saving lives will depend on us.

"I implore you – look to yourself, your family, your friends, your loved ones, your neighbors on the front lines, first responders and health care workers fighting the virus, those who can't stay home; the children who live around the corner, the farmer who grows your food, the grocer and the pharmacist who sell you goods, the teachers who are missing their kids; the fisherman, the sailor, the truck driver, the janitor, the waitress at your favorite diner.

"These are the people you are protecting by staying home. This is who you are saving."



Gov. Janet T. Mills

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health and safety activities and to obtain necessary supplies and services.

They can go to and from an educational institution to receive meals or instructional materials for distance learning.

People can do outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, or biking, but only in compliance with the social gathering restrictions. All applicable social distancing guidelines should be followed.

They can travel when required by a law enforcement officer or court order; and go to and from a federal, state, or local government building for a necessary purpose.

They cannot use public transportation unless for an essential reason or job that cannot be done from home.

## PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

In addition to limiting the number of visitors, essential store operators are to

prominently post signs at public entrances and on the floor to notify customers to stay six-feet apart.

The state order also requires that they disinfect the handles of every cart and basket between uses, minimize their customers handling of unpurchased merchandise, and offer separate operating hours for Maine people over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions.

Sites with less than 7,500 square feet must limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 5. Examples of such stores include gas stations and convenience and specialty food stores.

Locations of more than 7,500 and less than 25,000 square feet are to limit the number of customers in the store at one time to 15. Such places include stand-alone pharmacies and some hardware stores.

Those with locations of more than 25,000 and less than 50,000 square feet are to limit the number of customers in

the store at one time to 50. This category includes mid-sized and locally owned grocery stores.

When there is more than 50,000 and less than 75,000 square feet, the limit on customers in the store at one time is 75. That includes large chain grocery stores.

If there is more than 75,000 square feet the number of customers in the store is limited to 100 and protective shields between customers and checkout clerks should be installed as soon as possible. (Many smaller stores already have begun doing that as well.) Examples of such stores include Lowe's, Wal-Mart, Target and Home Depot.

Retailers must enforce these limits and a six-foot separation between any customers waiting in lines.

Any essential business which violates the order will be subject to further on-site restrictions or closure until those violations are addressed.

## ENFORCEMENT

The state order will be enforced by law enforcement as necessary and violations are a class E crime.

Violators are subject to up to six months in jail and a \$1000 fine.

In addition, compliance with the latest order also may be enforced by government officials who regulate licenses, permits or any other authorizations to operate a business or occupy a building.

## You can . . .

- Gather necessary supplies for household consumption.

- Obtain medication or medical supplies and seeking medical or behavioral health or emergency services.

- Provide care, including transportation, of yourself, a family member, friend, pet or livestock for essential health and safety activities.

- Go to and from an educational institution for meals or instructional materials for distance learning.

- Exercise outdoors, including hiking, running and biking, but keep your distance from others.

- Go out when required by a law enforcement officer or court order; and to and from a federal, state, or local government building when that is absolutely necessary.

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**NO WALK UPS, but the drive-through lanes are open for routine business at all of the local financial institutions.**

**No shortages reported**

## Money in good supply

BUCKSPORT – Not to worry, it's the first of the month and financial institutions always find that a busy time.

With the growth in direct deposit and the distribution of federal checks, the money is flowing as usual, local officials report.

The longer lines at some drive-up

window simply are the result of customers unable to access the tellers in the lobby as a COVID-19 virus health precaution.

"Yup, it's the first of the month, and we're always especially busy on the first of the month," observed one of those long familiar with the local banking and credit.



## No quick solutions

My space ends at your space. What a remarkable but simple truth about mutual respect. One driven home by an invisible foe that totally has disrupted life as we have known it. Still, as social creatures, we have come to recognize that a wave, a smile, a compliment, compassion and understanding have no bounds. These qualities, unlike those terse, frigid text messages, are permanent statements of who we are, and examples of what we can be.

Too many in the news business are breathlessly trying to pin blame on something or someone. This is a time for exercising judgment and restraint, not personal egos. Attn: reporters and editors: Stop asking questions that have no answers at this time, and, definitely, stop the questions that are just plain dumb, as in, "How many deaths are acceptable?"

Much of the mass media are not serving us well. The public is anxious for clear, accurate, concise information.

**EDITORIALS** Too many news operations are cutting back on their space and staffs, stuffing what's left with chatter and conjecture, the scarier the better. What happened to asking the right people the right questions, and delivering the responses?

Meanwhile, most on this planet simply cope as best they can, trying to do prudent things while reveling in the simplest of joys.

A growing number of those who lead - or who want to - are coming closer to root out and promote better solutions. More has been accomplished in this nation in the past three weeks than in years of idle posturing. Many of these chattering "leaders" should have learned years ago from the contributions of those whose statues now grace the halls of government they so regularly stride.

Let's stick with compassion and civility, for mean spirited character assassins and those unwilling to find common ground drag us from our goals. Those who don't heed the underlying messages will pay a price, and not just at the ballot box.

## Yes, Virginia . . .

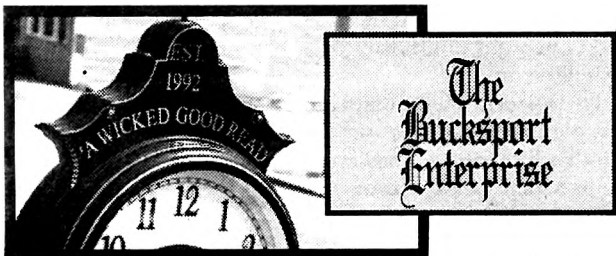
Yes, Virginia, there is toilet paper, albeit \$10 for a few rolls. And yes, Virginia, there is hamburger, albeit sometimes at \$8-or-so a pound. Once again we are reminded Campbell makes more than one kind of soup.

The replenishment of our grocery stores and the mobilization of our nation's manufacturing might - both large and small - to churn out the true necessities - hospital masks, gowns, ventilators and the like - is heartening. From truck drivers to surgeons, nurses to shelf-stockers, the nation is plunging forward each day to meet an unprecedented world-wide viral challenge.

Yes, there is the inevitable price-gouging and scamming, leading us to suggest that, once proven guilty, those scoundrels should face a modern version of public flogging. Such deeds merit humiliation and scorn in a civilized world.

That said, it's time for an important reminder.

Yes, Virginia, Santa Claus will be with us this year, just as in the past. He will be spreading happiness, joy and the pixie dust of vibrant life among all of us who believe. It may be a very tough year for many, both here and around the world, but as sure as the tides churn up and down the Penobscot each day, the spirit of Santa will be with us again this year. *(Wouldn't it be nice if he came early!)*



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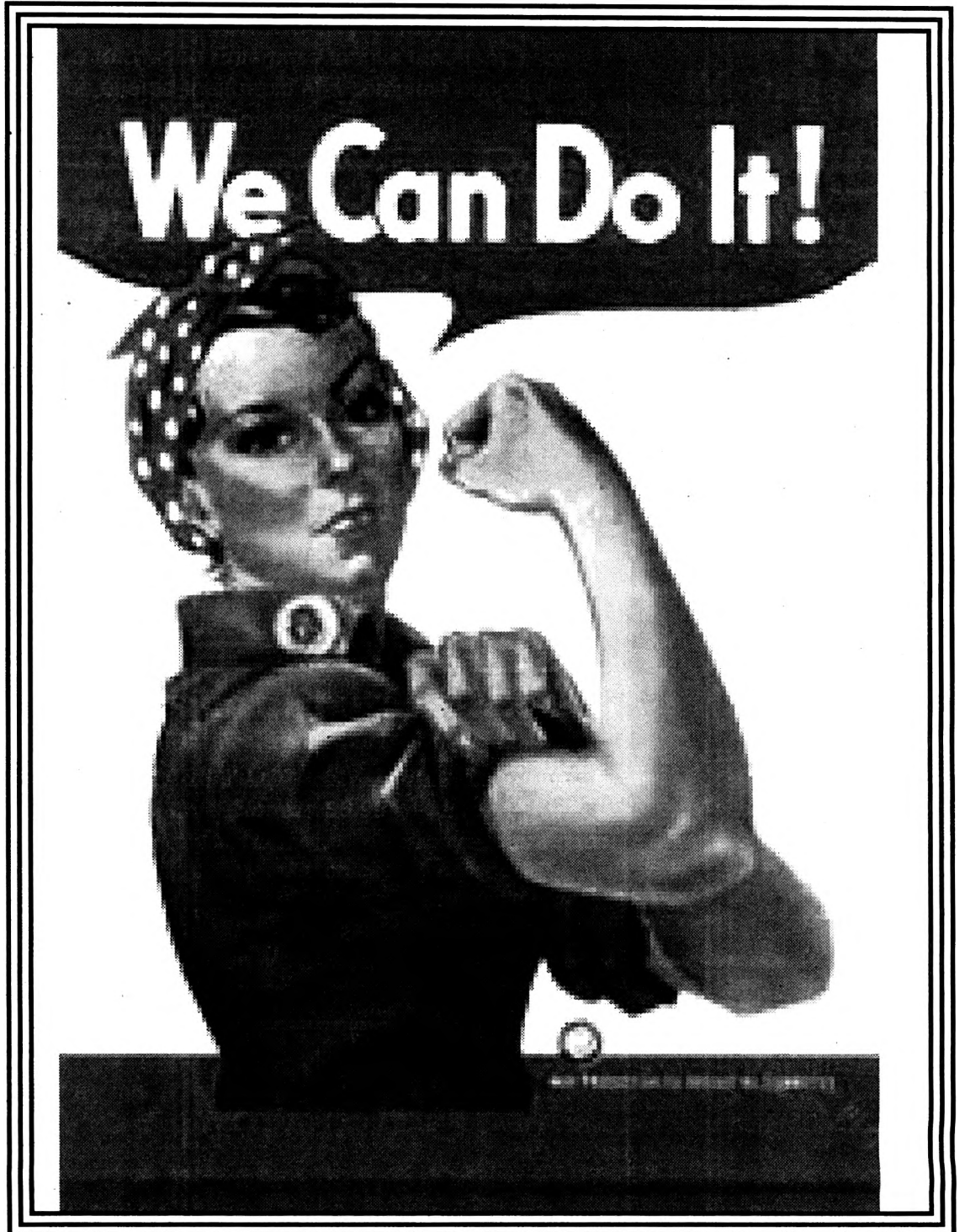
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— 'Rosie, the Riveter' —

*If this poster means nothing to you, ask someone older!*

## — VIRUS PANDEMIC —

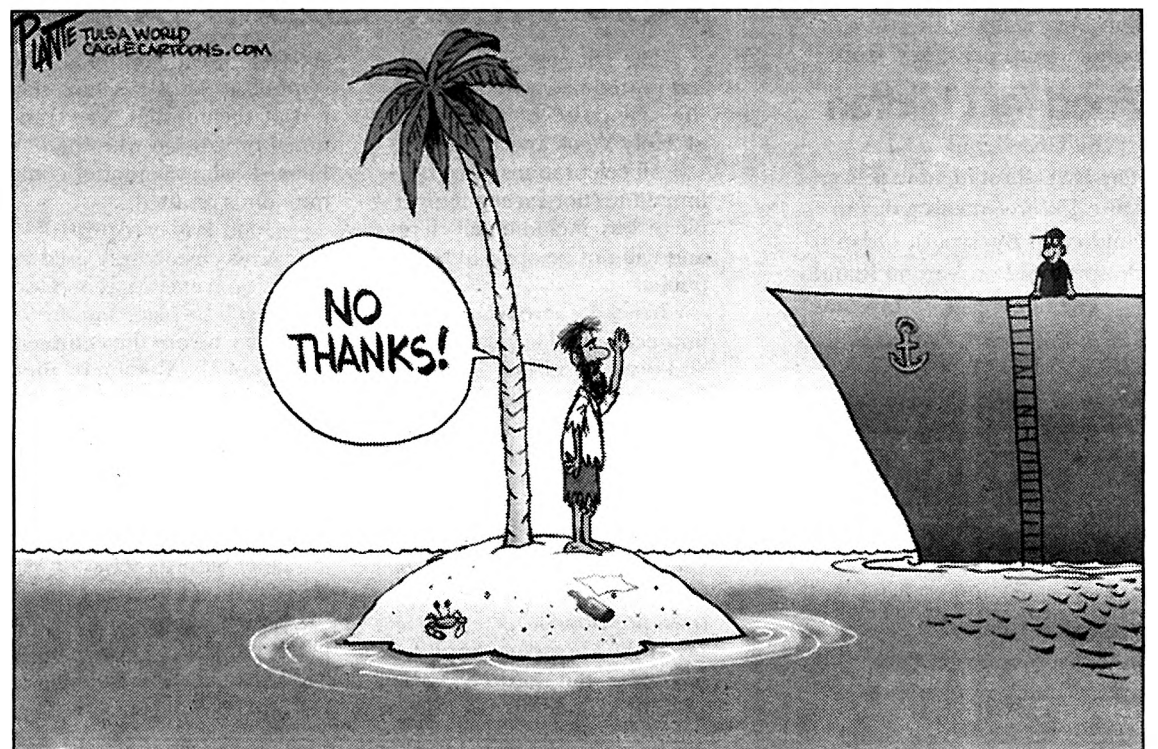
Some things - like pandemics - are not in any way funny. Still, the spirit under stress craves relief, and a shared laugh is needed now and then. Otherwise, the world becomes reduced to hopelessness and a fear of something so small few ever will see it.

Among the options are spiritual exploration, and apparently many who have ignored that sort of thing now are giving it a fresh look, according to lots of articles

published recently.

Another is outright humor, a viewing or re-viewing of an old movie, be it Monty Python, Saturday Night Live re-runs or even for the older among us Marx Brothers nonsense. Funny stories. Funny books.

Explore what works for you. Stay alert, but never lose the redeeming power of your spirit life, as well as a sense of humor. Dark times call for enlightened measures.





– VIRUS PANDEMIC: *Working our way through it* –**Senior Center luncheons**

BUCKSPORT — The Bucksport Senior Center is continuing to offer its \$6 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 offered to those of any age. To order one or more of the \$6 meals the public 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.

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

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

Here are the Senior Center luncheon menus:

**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 pudding.

**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, potato, snap peas, and fruit.

**Food for children**

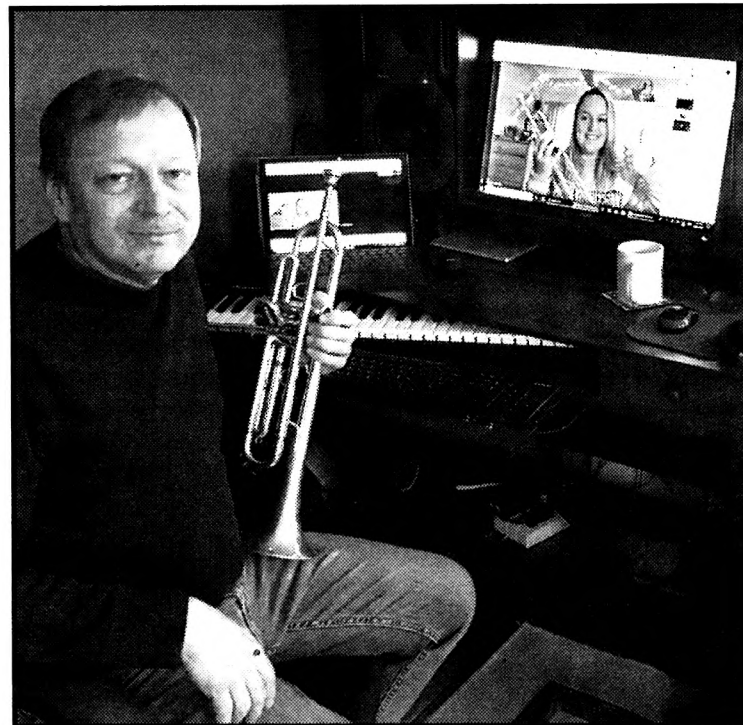
BUCKSPORT AREA – The RSU 25 staff now deliver some 450 free meals a day to children in Bucksport, Orland, Prospect and on Verona Island.

The free meals - a breakfast and a lunch - are delivered daily by school bus to anyone requesting them the day before.

They are distributed to all, regardless of a the family's income, and there's more food available. Anyone interested in signing up can call the meal hotline at 307-8008 between 8 a.m and 2 p.m. to order a meal for delivery the next day.



**THE TEACHER** and his students. Clockwise from top, Mark Neslusan is seen with, on screen, Brookelyn Knowles and Zoe Hosford. The sign is used to alert students their teacher is in residence.



MARK NESLUSAN

**BUCKSPORT AREA** – As COVID-19 has forced us all to grapple with adjusting to the new "normal", schools everywhere were compelled to switch to "remote learning." I wasn't quite sure what to expect as I began to teach remotely. What would it look like? How would it be implemented? Could it actually work? This certainly has been enlightening.

I considered myself reasonably comfortable using technology for instruction, but our "current reality has necessitated that I severely "up my game." While video conferencing may work well for conversing, it provides significant logistical challenges for making music.

The biggest obstacle is "lag time" or delay. When speaking via video conferencing, people take turns communicating, and the unavoidable half-second delay is barely noticeable. When musicians try to play music together, that half-second delay makes staying synchronized impossible. I have had to completely re-think the way I teach to accommodate for "lag time." I have found acceptable workarounds. Because each student's access to technology is different, even those workarounds have to be individualized.

After the initially awkward transition to remote learning, I have found most students have adapted well, are making good progress, and having fun. I have learned much more about what is possible with music technology than I ever thought possible. Perhaps best of all, it is affirmational to connect daily with my resilient students. Despite the current dystopia, this gives me hope.

Brookelyn Knowles, senior clarinetist, said, "When I first started this remote learning, I was worried I wouldn't make any progress with my music. But now that I have been doing it for a few weeks, I can see way more progress being made in my musical abilities."

# Making music remotely

**Mark Neslusan has been making music and honing Bucksport High School musicians for years. In the past couple of weeks, he and his students took on fresh challenges. Together, they unlocked new skills**

## Holy Week. Easter policies for Catholics

The Diocese of Portland has posted new protocols for the celebration of the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter.

All celebrations must be limited to/not exceed ten people or less, including all clergy, and will not be open to the public.

Instead, there will be unprecedented live-streaming and broadcasting of liturgies from parishes across Maine (

**Palm Sunday (April 5)** – There will be no distributions of palms to the faithful.

**Chrism Mass (April 7)** – The Chrism Mass, scheduled for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, has been postponed.

**Holy Thursday (April 9)** Masses of the Lord's Supper will not include the washing of

the feet (already optional) that symbolizes Jesus' washing the feet of the apostles. The traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament after communion is omitted.

**Good Friday (April 10)** – The cross customarily used for adoration/veneration on Good Friday will be placed in the sanctuary before the commemoration of the Passion of the Lord begins with the traditional processions customarily held eliminated for this year. The priest/celebrant alone will be permitted to kiss the cross as an act of adoration.

**Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil (April 11)** – The celebration of the Easter Vigil is only permitted in parishes where it can be live-streamed. The initiation sacraments (baptisms, recep-

tions into full communion, confirmations and first Communion) will not be celebrated at this year's Easter Vigils. The lighting and blessing of the Lucernarium (Easter fire) also will be omitted.

The Diocese of Portland has a coronavirus Response page that lists ways to participate in Maine Masses from home through livestreams, television, and radio; "drive-through" confessions and other faith opportunities; prayer resources; announcements and more.

To access the section, visit [www.portlanddiocese.org/content/response-coronavirus](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/content/response-coronavirus).

A special Lent section also is available at [www.portlanddiocese.org/lent-resources](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/lent-resources).

## Blood donations scheduled to maintain supply

There is a critical need for blood so beginning today (4/2) and continuing on the next four Thursdays people are going to the Anah Shrine Center at 1404 Broadway in Bangor to donate.

The American Red Cross say the hours are noon to 5, and visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) to schedule an appointment to minimize risk, and to assist in meeting the social distancing requirements.

Those donating blood should arrive no more than 10 minutes before their scheduled appointment time.

[anahshriners.org/blood-drive](http://anahshriners.org/blood-drive)



– VIRUS PANDEMIC: Working our way through it!

# Just some neighbors being neighborly .

**BUCKSPORT AREA** – Life goes on so here's a few capsule summaries about how lives are being lived in your neighborhood:

**MORE THAN MASKS** – **Keith Bires** of Bucksport donated a box of N-95 protective masks to the town's public safety personnel the other day.

When Town Manager **Susan M. Lessard** called to thank him Bires replied, "anything for the community".

To which Lessard added, "This is our community. We are blessed. Be safe."

**FOOD PANTRY** – The **Bucksport Community Concerns Food Pantry** is open during its regular hours, but with one simple request: Please stay in your vehicles in the parking lot until the person being served emerges from the pantry.

Do not line up at the door, as "social distancing" remains the norm.

This week, the pantry resumed inside service, but for everyone's health and safety only one person is being served at a time. The previous week the volunteers had to do all of the lifting as people waited outside.

The pantry in the basement of the Elm Street Congregational Church remains well-stocked and available to all. No special items are in short supply, but financial support always is welcome to support the efforts of the all-volunteer group serving the Bucksport-area community.

Care to help? The address is Bucksport Community Concerns, Post Office Box 603, Bucksport, ME 01060.

**CLOSET-CLEARERS** – There's a lot of anecdotal evidence that many people are clearing out the recesses of their homes, including the closets.

However, when it comes to recycling some of the clothing you no longer need, the **Talk 'n' Shop** thrift store is closed for a while.

The volunteers at the Bucksport Community Concerns operation ask that you not leave clothing outside as there is no space and no volunteers to process them.

Some agencies in Bangor are accepting donated items at curbside.

**SPREADING FOOD AROUND** – Some members are cooking and baking, and then taking the items to the **Orland United Methodist Church** for storage in the freezer there.

The food then is driven by Charlotte Eastman to those unable to get out, especially older residents. She leaves the food outside, but always tries to share a wave and a smile through the window with the person receiving the food.

She just gets the opportunity to visit, even if it is at a distance.

(Eastman is quick to say the food gathering and delivery effort is a group project, one that depends on lots of busy cooks, bakers and coordinators.)

**THE MESSAGE** – On the door at the **Bucksport recycling center** is a small poster, clipped from a recent Bucksport Enterprise. It reads: "Uncle Sam wants you . . . to wash your hands."

**PLASTIC BACK?** More retailers are discouraging the use of recyclable cloth bags for foodstuffs . . . at least for a while. Some health officials contend the bags may become contaminated over time, and often go unsanitized between uses.

**CANCELLED** – The **Prospect Community Club** "with regret" has pulled the plug on all of its public suppers until the concern over the COVID-19 virus has passed.

The situation will be reevaluated in time to decide whether the meals can be resumed in May.



**NANCY MINOTT, left, makes house calls to videotape local residents on "what matters most." Here, she interviews John-Paul and Milissa LaLonde outside the LaLonde's home, so everyone could safely "socially distance."**

**AT THE HEART OF THINGS** – **Nancy Minott** is one of the **Bucksport Heart & Soul** volunteers, making her part of a group that for the past couple of years has been seeking ways to make this area an even better place to live.

These days, Minott is videotaping members of the community, asking each of them "what matters most" during stressful times like these. She's also asking others to share their videotaped experiences on Heart & Soul's Facebook page entitled, *Voices of Bucksport*.

**KEEPING FAITH** – The **Bucksport Bible Church and Christian School** is circulating, "messages of hope, comfort and peace" on Wednesday night at 7 p.m., Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6 p.m. All are invited to watch these messages via the church's Facebook page.

**Michael Donato**, the pastor, said that, "as a church we are holding up well through this crisis because we have the Lord and we also have one another."

The school has suspended in-house training, and the students are "attending" their classes online.

"Where our school is primarily an online video school we were set up for this at the beginning of the school year. . . The students are not falling behind. They are doing their studies."

The **Elm Street Congregational Church** also is offering weekly on-line services on Sunday and on-line Bible study sessions on **Tuesdays**.

**Rev. Stephen York**, the minister at the Elm Street Church, has added some Friday words of reflection and hope to his on-line offerings.

Those attending or considering attending others houses of worship can check by telephone on what on-line services are being offered.

**ENTIRE SEASONS LOST** – The **Haystack Mountain School of Aarts and Crafts** on Deer Isle has decided to call this season, a major blow to the Deer Isle-Stonington economy as the internationally known center annually brings hundreds of visitors and staffers to the region.

Similar shutdowns apparently in the offing for other Hancock County cultural and arts organizations, force them to seek new ways to raise money to sustain the groups

through the pandemic.

**NOT A KNOCK-KNOCK JOKE** – Even the politicians and would-be politicians are encountering special pandemic problems at this time of year.

They can't go out and knock on doors to gather the signatures required for their

nomination papers to qualify them for a listing on the next election ballot.

One local politician is hoping there will be a special dispensation, not from gathering the signatures but for a way to do it without invading anyone's personal space.

In the meantime, add political candidates to the list of people who will not be knocking on your door.

**SIGNS OF SPRING** – While Mainers are used to the perils of mud season and the arrival of spring long after the cherry blossoms have blossomed in the nation's capital, *The Bucksport Enterprise* will welcome your photos of robins, jonquils and the like, and if you can't wait that long, perhaps you've been to a sugar shack before those, too, were placed off limits to the public.

Buying Maine syrup is like buying Maine lobsters; it fosters our economy for each dollar circulates through many hands.

P.S. We've already got a recipe for a concoction the developer of which swears will keep deer out of bulb blossoms in the spring and the expected many new home gardens this summer. Watch for it.

If you would like to contribute to this column in future weeks, e-mail us at [theenterpr@aol.com](mailto:theenterpr@aol.com) or drop us a note at:

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**We hope everyone will be patient while we all try to get through this very difficult time together.**

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## – VIRUS PANDEMIC – Working our way through it

### Positive COVID cases found in area

HANCOCK COUNTY - More than a dozen and-a-half people in Hancock County have tested positive for COVID-19.

Each was tested at either the Bar Harbor or Blue Hill hospitals affiliated with the Northern Light health care system. At least one was admitted to the Bar Harbor hospital, officials confirm.

An earlier positive test of a Penobscot County resident was incorrectly attributed to the Hancock County count, but that since has been corrected.

At midweek, positive tests were reported in 13 of Maine's 16 counties, most of them in the Cumberland County area.

### Yes, you still can revel in the outdoors

OUT & ABOUT – Self-quarantining does not mean you can't go outside to get re-emergized, even under the latest state COVID-19 safety requirements.

Here are some tips for maintaining your safety and the safety of those around you:

- Go where they aren't. That means: no large crowds. (Visit a lesser-known spot and explore places close to home. Consider visiting a nearby management area, including the Wildlands in East Orland.

- (Remember, however, that some state areas and beaches are closed or have special restrictions. Call ahead to be certain the spot you're planning to visit is open. Also, be aware, restrooms may be in limited supply or even non-existent, as at the Acadia National Park.)

- Have a plan B (and C). If your first destination has a busy parking lot, go to the next spot on your list. Maine Trail Finder is a great resource.

- Get outside earlier or later in the day to avoid peak times, and keep your visits brief.

- Recharge in your backyard and neighborhood! Backyard adventures in the time of coronavirus are an excellent idea. Remind friends and neighbors to stay safe by tagging Instagram pics with #backyardpark.

- If you are exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, or if you have recently been exposed to COVID-19, please stay home.


- Stay at least six feet away from other people.

- If you do decide to go for hike, remember trails are likely to be slippery from ice and mud, which can increase the difficulty level. Stick to easy trails to avoid injuries and further stress on health care resources.

- Help stop ticks by wearing light-colored pants and closed-toe shoes, and also applying EPA-approved bug repellent.

#### – A community effort! –

The Bucksport Enterprise thanks the many people who offered their rapid and complete cooperation in preparing this section.



**Bucksport Regional Health Center**


469-7371

### Change to BRHC Walk-In Care

BRHC is Phone Screening for Walk-In Care services due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Until further notice, please call to schedule an appointment for walk-in care.

If you think you may have symptoms, call our office to speak with someone on the phone for further instruction. Please, do not come to the clinic without calling.

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#### Let's spread the news . . .

Most of the retailers who stock *The Bucksport Enterprise* each week remain in business. Why not buy an extra copy or two for those friends or neighbors who can't leave their homes safely and who don't already have subscriptions.

*The Enterprise* makes a great front doorknob stuffer, a reminder that you care!

Traditionally, many local *Enterprise* readers have purchased their papers from our valued vendors. They have wanted to get the paper on Thursday instead of waiting for the paper to be delivered in the mail each Friday. We - and our vendors - appreciate that.

Seeing that everyone who wants a copy of *The Bucksport Enterprise* gets one during this difficult period is vital. We're all committed to the effort to serve the community by keeping everyone informed.

#### Did-ja-know?

Ed Wood, who's been selling seafood at **Wood's Seafood** for decades, says the "Open" flag still is flapping outside his Central Street business. He (or an employee) even will deliver your order to your vehicle. Just call ahead: 469-7181.

... The folks at **Bucksport Community Concerns** are working on a program to distribute local grocery and take-out vouchers, using cash contributed in a recent Go Fund Me online campaign.

... **Tozier's Market** in Searsport is offering limited grocery deliveries to Bucksport. Deliveries require advance ordering.

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### Fellows, Kee, Tymoczko and Lewis Lawyers

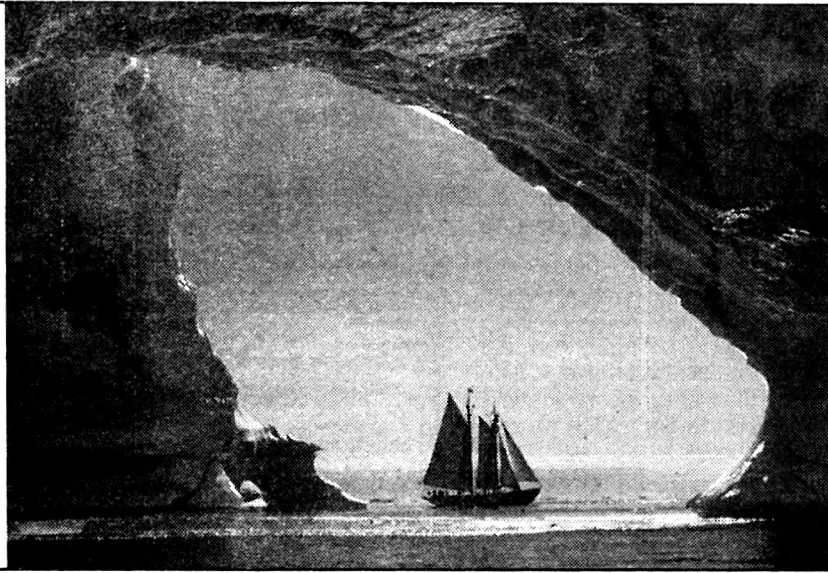
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The Maine Maritime Academy ship *Bowdoin*, seen here on one of its voyages north into iceberg territory, is scheduled to be at Bucksport's dock this summer as part of Maine's Bicentennial celebration.

Photo courtesy of  
Maine Maritime  
Academy



## Sailing ships event has NOT been scuttled

BUCKSPORT — The plans to bring a number of sailing ships to ports up and down the Penobscot in July continues to be an all-hands-man-your-telephones event as the planners scurry to make adjustments.

While it remains uncertain what the final plan will be, state Rep. Richard Campbell, R-Orrington, the chair of the regional planning effort, said the group still is very much under full sail.

Indeed, he reported a U.S. Navy commitment for a five-day visit by a 179-foot patrol craft with a crew of 28. The vessel will visit ports along the river, including Bucksport Bay.

Also promised is a visit from the explorer ship *Bowdoin*, one of the signature crafts maintained by the Maine Maritime Academy in Castine.

That visit will call attention to the international mariners' training center to be recently opened by the academy at the former paper mill here. The Bucksport Town Council also is slated to donate \$2,500 to the project tonight (4/2). Campbell's group recently garnered three grants totalling \$20,000, and is seeking to raise more.

If shoreside gatherings or shipboard tours are not possible, some forms of electronic communication will be considered to keep the long-planned Bicentennial event alive. The original plan was to combine it with the Bucksport Bay Festival and the Civil War encampment at Fort Knox in Prospect. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has put a lot of the initial planning into the we'll-do-what-we-can-how-we-can mode.

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

## Letters to the editor

### Sharing thoughts

Hello everyone. This is a chaotic and troubling time for our community, state, country and world. We hope you are staying safe with those you love.

At Whole Oceans, we want you to know that we are continuing to work from our home offices to bring the business of land-based Atlantic salmon production to Bucksport.

While all businesses face a tremendous amount of uncertainty related to the current COVID-19 pandemic, assuming we are able to proceed as planned, it is still our intention to break ground on our RAS (recirculating aquaculture system) facility in Bucksport this summer and open an office in downtown Bucksport after this year.

Given these unprecedented times we believe it is important for people to focus on staying healthy and safe. We plan to provide timely and relevant news when it makes sense. So, as we quiet our presence on social media and in your in-box just now, we are still here and our support for the community continues to be strong.

We will all get through this together in a virtually safe way and we look forward to the future when we can see you all in person on the sidewalks of Bucksport, shake your hands and stay connected!

The Whole Oceans Team  
Portland -

### Shopping

This morning at 6:15 a.m., I went grocery shopping in Bucksport at Hannaford's. The company advertised that from 6 to 7 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays the store would be open only for

customers 60 years and older.

I was surprised to see the parking lot very full and a police car parked beside the building. An employee told me the officer was in the store to make sure "young people wouldn't push aside" the seniors.

Shoppers ranged from familiar faces to those whose identity totally was obscured by simple or extraordinary masks.

One tall man, dressed in bright "hazmat" yellow, wore a high-tech, double-muzzled, breathing apparatus.

Staff and customers politely avoided being too close — except sometimes we had to pass each other in an aisle between the crackers and juices.

Early Tuesday morning seemed like a good time to find well-stocked shelves. A few advertised items were not available.

Those organic raspberries shown in weekly flyers recently still were not in the store. The egg section was bare.

But a staff woman said the eggs had not yet been unpacked and shelved. She asked what kind I was looking for ("just about anything, but least expensive is best") and she brought from out back exactly what I wanted.

And, yes, they have toilet paper!

Check-out lines were controlled by a rope lane and red bars on the floor with helpful direction by two Hannaford staffers.

Other than the uncivilized early hour, Bucksport shopping for the over-60 crowd was really nice.

### Finding the words

Thank you for publishing our community call for "Poems of Comfort" to be exhibited at

the window of the BookStacks shop on Main Street. We have received six so far, and commitments for more.

Please send poems inspired by the pandemic or other "hard times" to pranzoni@aol.com throughout April, which has been designated as, "National Poetry Month."

Pat Ranzoni  
Poet Laureate  
Bucksport

### Sing it LOUD!

*'Life is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats.'*

— Peter Gay

That quote has been attributed to Voltaire, William Bottiglia, and Peter Gay. However, the on-line website Quote Investigator asserts the correct attribution is Peter Gay.

Griffin, GA is under curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Otherwise, the populace is under a "stay-at-home" advisory, unless scavenging for necessities such as food, pharmacy — toilet paper!

The elderly (*I prefer the word "seasoned"*) people are admitted one hour early to certain stores on certain days. (Note: I am never in an ambulatory state at that hour!)

According to my husband "Sam" "gotta watch out for careening buggies!"

Viola (Mercer) Middleton  
Mainer-in-Exile  
Griffin, GA

**The Bucksport Enterprise welcomes letters from all of our readers, wherever you may be -- in those 30-plus very scattered 'united states'!**



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## Who's on duty, and where?

BUCKSPORT AREA – Even a pandemic won't keep folks from hauling out the trash. Indeed, with more time at home many residents of this area are tidying up their homes, closets, and garages, resulting in a steady flow of rubbish to the recycling centers in Bucksport and Orland.

Bucksport's refuse transfer station is open its normal hours, but the attendants - Daniel Robinson and Misty Young - are alternating their days on duty.

The Bucksport Town Office is open during its normal hours, but all transactions are being done by phone, mail or email and there's an outside drop box.

Each office worker is in the building one day each week and the town manager said she is there each day from Monday through Thursday.

On the days they are not in the office the staff is working remotely, according to Town Manager Susan M. Lessard.

(She reported the public works employees are on duty or on call, but there are no more than two people on duty at the same time unless there is a weather situation or a major road issue)

The code enforcement officer, assessor and economic development director, are also working remotely.

On the public safety front, the building on Franklin Street is closed to the public and employees not on duty unless the person is responding to a call.

The police officers have been given increased discretion in carrying out their duties in an effort to minimize public contact in the interest of the health of both the officers and the public.

The sewage treatment plant also is locked to visitors, but is staffed to keep the plant running 24/7.

### In Orland

ORLAND – Anyone can call the Town Office Building at 469-3158 during normal business hours, and the phone will be answered.

Personnel have shifted their own work hours but the office hours are unchanged.

No more than one person is on duty in each office at a time, and while the lobby is closed, there's a drop box outside that is checked regularly for messages or paperwork.

The recycling center is open during its regularly posted hours, but the thrift shop there has been closed.

### On the island

VERONA ISLAND – As always just call the town clerk's office at 469-7965 during normal business hours, or leave a message.

The town clerk is monitoring the machine's messages from time-to-time throughout the week.

### Christopher Newcomb dies

BUCKSPORT – Christopher S. Newcomb, 44, died unexpectedly at his home here on March 19.

The former owner of the Newcomb Auto Body shop on Verona Island is survived by numerous relatives in the area.

A celebration of his life will be held later.

### Pool mired

BUCKSPORT – Town councilors this week were inundated with 137 pages of background documents for tonight's (4/2) on-line meeting to deal with COVID-19 virus response issues.

Most of the pages were the swimming pool consultant's report, which as of yesterday hadn't been updated with the critical information some councilors asked he submit.

(Some of the report's pages were empty, labeled they intentionally were submitted that way. Most of the other pages the councilors got detailed another consulting engineer's bill on another project.)

Specifically, some councilors want the pool consultant's best estimates on how much it will cost to repair the closed municipal pool and how much to replace it. They also want to know if the proposed repairs could cut the \$1 million or more they've been told it will cost to replace the pool. At mid-week, those questions apparently remained unanswered.

Fortunately for the council but not the children, the issue may be postponed anyway. The pool probably won't be used this summer.

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# POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY LOGS

## At the jail

ELLSWORTH – The Hancock County Jail booking reports have resumed. Among those involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents:

- April Rose Allison of 16 Mercer Lane, Bucksport, who was booked into the jail after 11 p.m. on Friday (3/27). She was charged with violating the conditions of her bail in an earlier case. She was arrested about 10 p.m. at her home by a Bucksport police officer.

- Michael Paul Larrabee Jr., 28, of 1527 River Road, Bucksport, was booked about 8:30 p.m. on March 19. He was charged in Surry with domestic violence terrorizing.

## Dispute ended

BUCKSPORT – A verbal dispute at a River Road address about 1 p.m. Saturday in which a person claimed a gun was threatened, ended without incident.

The police said no charges were filed against either person, given the conflicting responses.

## Summonses

BUCKSPORT – These court summonses were issued here recently:

- Nicholas Harvey of Stockton Springs was given a summons for allegedly filing a false police report and engaging in harassment. According to police he reportedly posed as someone else in reporting what supposedly was a domestic incident in Bucksport that could not be corroborated. The probe led back to Harvey, the police said.

- Lisa Bas, 48, of Bucksport was issued a summons after being stopped on Nicholson Avenue about 2 p.m. on March 24 for allegedly driving after her license was either suspended or revoked.

## Dispute ended

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.

## Recreation sites

BUCKSPORT – Police patrols are monitoring playgrounds and recreation areas, including the basketball courts and tennis courts near the high school, to be sure that they are not being used in ways that violate the general anti-virus ban.

Most of these sites are closed because they have hard surfaces like play gear and basketball hoops that cannot be adequately cleaned during the pandemic.

## Weekly stats

BUCKSPORT – The weekly tally of fire, ambulance and police calls was not issued on the daily incident reports, this week.

Bucksport police activity continued to be way down during the past week, apparently in large part because of the recent traffic stop policy changes made in response to the virus pandemic.



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

## Waggin' tails!

BUCKSPORT – Even the pace of stray and abandoned animals has slowed.

At the **municipal animal shelter** off Central Street there is but one cat and two dogs, although each of them is craving 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.

# Hancock County Court records

ELLSWORTH – These cases involving Bucksport-area residents or incidents were processed in Hancock County Court, according to official records:

- James C. Barto, 33, Sorrento. Operating/permitting operation of unregistered motorboat at Castine, July 28, 2018.

- Jake T. Crowley, 19, Virginia Beach, Va. Minor consuming liquor at Penobscot, April 5, 2019.

- Ryan D. Berry, 20, Lubec. Minor consuming liquor at Penobscot, April 5, 2019.

- Nathaniel Brewer, 38, Orland. Operating/permitting operation no identification/validation displayed at Orland, June 7, 2019. \$100. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, June 7, 2019. \$100.

- Paul C. Mitchell, 32, Hancock. Failure to display ATV registration numbers at Hancock, June 16, 2019. \$100.

- Jeremiah A. Sibley, 40, Lincoln. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, June 15, 2019. \$100.

- Laurissa M. Faulkingham, 38, Sullivan. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, June 15, 2019. \$100.

- Dylan R. Henderson, 18, Bucksport. Marijuana under 21 years of age at Bucksport, May 25, 2019. \$350.

- Ashley J. Andrews, 30, Hancock. Marijuana at Bucksport, May 25, 2019. \$75.

- Zachary J. Little, 22, Bucksport. Littering at Bucksport, May 10, 2019. \$100.

- Cameron M. Wood, 20, Orrington. Marijuana under 21 years of age at Bucksport, June 21, 2019. \$350.

- Shane P. Robert, 46, Frankfort. Operating/permitting operation of unregistered motorboat at Orland, June 24, 2019. \$200.

- Charles A. Pizzarello, 66, Surry. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, June 24, 2019. Dismissed. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, June 24, 2019. \$100.

- Travis Whittlesey, 36, Bucksport. Use of drug paraphernalia at Bucksport, June 18, 2019. \$300.

- Russell M. Goode, 35, Bucksport. Operating/permitting operation no identification/validation displayed at Orland, July 3, 2019. \$100.

- Jared Gove, 32, Stonington. Operating/permitting operation no identification/validation displayed at Penobscot, July 20, 2019. \$100.

- Colleen G. Ginn, 46, Summerfield,

Fla. Operating without safety equipment at Penobscot, July 20, 2019. \$100.

- Susan B. Snipes, 65, Orland.

Operating without safety equipment at Orland, July 20, 2019. \$100.

- Scott J. Mackenzie, 53, Bedford, Mass. Operating without safety equipment at Orland, July 20, 2019. \$100.

- Hunter Green Sechrist, 21, Charleston, S.C. OUI (alcohol) at Castine, April 7, 2018. Dismissed. Operating vehicle without license – conditions/restrictions at Castine, April 7, 2018. Dismissed. Driving to endanger at Castine, April 7, 2018. \$575. License suspended 30 days.

- Scott M. Brown, 48, Bucksport. Unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 27, 2018. \$400.

Department of Corrections eight years, all but nine months suspended, probation three years, restitution \$1,060. Unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs at Verona Island, Aug. 30, 2018. \$400, suspended \$400. Jail nine months.

- Nathaniel Robert Eaton, 26, Blue Hill. Aggravated operation after habitual offender revocation at Bucksport, Oct. 21, 2018. OUI (alcohol), one prior, at Bucksport, Oct. 21, 2018. Operating vehicle without license at Bucksport, Oct. 21, 2018. Dismissed. Violating condition of release at Blue Hill, Nov. 1, 2018. Violating condition of release at Blue Hill, Nov. 29, 2018.

- Randy Jon Bunker, 50, Penobscot. Two counts criminal trespass at Orland, Dec. 29, 2018. Dismissed.

- Megan E. Patten, 29, Bucksport. Operating meth laboratory at Bucksport, Jan. 6, 2019. Jail nine months, restitution \$2,662.02. Assault at Bucksport, Jan. 6, 2019. Dismissed. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Bucksport, Jan. 6, 2019. Dismissed.

- Nicholas J. Jennings, 21, Castine. Molesting or disturbing lobster gear at Castine, Sept. 10, 2018. \$850. Criminal mischief at Castine, Sept. 10, 2018. Dismissed. Littering at Castine, Sept. 10, 2018. \$150.

- Maxwell Field, 27, Ellsworth. Operating while license suspended or revoked at Bucksport, March 26, 2019. Dismissed. Violating condition of release at Bucksport, March 26, 2019. Dismissed.

- Jaime Emerton, 39, Penobscot. Possession of hypodermic apparatuses at Dedham, Jan. 18, 2019.

- Todd J. Hill, 43, Searsport. Disorderly conduct, offensive words, gestures at Bucksport, Jan. 22, 2019. \$250.

- Christopher Cunningham, 32, Penobscot. Theft by unauthorized taking or transfer, April 8, 2019.

- Eric E. Ray, 36, Blue Hill. Motor vehicle speeding: 30+ mph over speed limit at Penobscot, May 21, 2019. \$500. Operating vehicle without license – conditions/restrictions at Penobscot, May 21, 2019. Dismissed.

- Walter J. Harrington, 73, Castine. Failure to register vehicle at Castine, July 12, 2019. Dismissed.

- Margaret A. Souza, 33, Prospect. Operating while license suspended or revoked, prior, at Bucksport, July 29, 2019. \$500.

- Matthew A. Contardi, 35, Brick, N.J. Fishing without valid license at Orland, Aug. 10, 2019. \$100.

- Christian C. Pamatian, 20, Eliot. Minor consuming liquor at Penobscot, April 6, 2019. \$200.

- William L. Jenkins, 19, Cumberland. Minor consuming liquor at Penobscot, April 6, 2019. \$200.

## Budget looms!

BUCKSPORT – The world does not stop when a municipal budget for another year ahead must be formulated, reviewed and approved so the town can operate soundly after July 1.

In Bucksport, that has meant a revision in the scheduling of the annual process.

To meet a self-imposed deadline of June 27 for the required public hearing and subsequent Town Council adoption of the 2020-2021 budget, the review process will begin May 7 with the first draft and the presentation of the highway budget.

The councilors recently called for yet another review of the three-year \$3 million, bond-funded program to improve local roads. Some councilors questioned the initially proposed priorities in each of those years.

The town manager wants to seek a bank line of credit to use as the projects are undertaken, and then possibly pay off the resulting debt by issuing municipal bonds.

While there reportedly are no major changes anticipated that would interfere with the goal of holding the tax rate close to even, the town's recent soaring returns on some of its investments have returned to more traditional levels because of the global economic unease.

## – Town aid

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The manager suggested that the office workers now working at home could drive the van Mondays through Thursdays and that she would do it on Fridays, the day the Town Office Building is closed.

RSU employees now preparing the twice-a-weekday meals for all youngsters in the four-town school district would prepare more for the free program for older adults.

- **AGENCY SUPPORT** - The town manager is advocating that \$5,000 donations be made to two agencies: Bucksport Community Concerns and H.O.M.E., Inc. in Orland. The money would be used to help those most in need of food and/or shelter, Lessard said.

*The cost: \$10,000.*

The total cost of the program is estimated in the memorandum to the council as \$115,000.

“We can afford this,” Lessard said, after reminding the councilors the aid could be done without impacting the tax rate.

“The people of this community who are in crisis as a result of this pandemic need to know that its elected and appointed officials are working to help them,” Lessard wrote.

“In return for participation in these programs, we would be asking who receives to find a way to pay forward, not necessarily by providing funding to others: at some future time, but by doing good works in the community. Whether that is cleaning up areas in their neighborhoods or around their businesses or checking in on neighbors at risk or any number of good works.”

The town manager suggested the recipients send in “photos or other information on those acts that we can share.”

Lessard termed it “a small way we can blunt the impact of this virus on those most affected.”

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